

Church of the Messiah

Reconciliation Service in Selma

Bishops from around the world convened in Selma, Alabama, on Friday evening, April 12, for a special moment in the life of the CEC.

Five and half years ago, Archbishop Randolph Adler, the communion's founding patriarch, stepped down from full-time service to the church after more than fifteen years as its temporal leader, years that saw the CEC's rapid Spirit-driven expansion in the United States, Asia, Africa, Europe and South America. At the time of his retirement, in November of 2007, the church was unable to hold a service in which Archbishop Adler formally blessed his successor as patriarch, Archbishop Craig Bates.

This past December, the two men spent time together at the funeral of Archbishop Adler's wife, Betty. In ongoing conversations this year, Archbishop Adler made clear his desire to bless Archbishop Bates in the leadership role he has held for five years.

While not officially announced or promoted, word of the event spread: a simple Eucharist to be held at Christ the King in Selma. All but two of the American bishops, including five Asian bishops who could make the journey on short notice, with 200 laity and clergy from dioceses in the American Southeast converged on this remote, historic town for a time of worship.



Archbishop Randolph Adler and Archbishop Craig Bates

Archbishop Bates was the celebrant and preacher, speaking a direction-setting word for the CEC that should not be missed. It can be heard here:

http://bit.ly/batesselmasermon

"Tonight's celebration is not a political event (for power cannot save us, only divine love); tonight's Eucharist isn't a church growth strategy to add Continued on page 3

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Catechism Meeting in Kansas City

A special advisory committee to the Patriarch's Council met in Olathe, Kansas, last week to review the ICCEC's Draft Catechism.

The committee finished its fifth all-day session last

Friday, working through an average of ten pages per day, question and answer by question and answer.

The draft document is the product of about five years of effort by many lay and ordained participants and

had been previously reviewed (and commented on) by each international church and the American church's Theology Committee.

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Special points of interest:

- Future Events
- Business Expansion in Africa
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What's Happenin

Bible Study & Future Events Highlights

Next Parish Council

Meeting is June 4th at 7pm in the Church office.

4th Day Ultreya – June 11th, Tuesday at the home of Greg & Diane Looker.

Youth Fellowship – Meets every Wednesday night at 6:30pm. Check out www.mycomjax.com for a complete schedule of events.

Women's Ministry – July 13th EPS Baby Shower, 10am – 1pm, location to be determine.

Southeast Provincial Convocation 2013

Where: Wyndham Orlando Resort, 8100 International Drive, *when:* June 19-21, 2013, Make your reservations now! 407-351-2420

CEC Foundation Day Offering – June 23, 2013

EPS Baby Shower – Saturday July 13th, - Save the date!

COM Founders' Day

<u>Celebration</u> – Save the date August 24th.



Foundation Day Offering

Foundation Day is coming up again this June 23 and each congregation is directed by the Patriarch's Council and their own Bishop to take up a special offering to assist congregations in the purchase or construction of buildings. This offering is to be collected on Sunday closest to June 26th, which is the date of the consecration of the first bishop in the Charismatic Episcopal

Church - Abp. Randolph Adler.

In the United States each parishioner is asked to give \$10 to the Foundation Day Offering. That means a family of two would give \$20 while a family of five would give \$50.

As the money is collected at the Patriarch's Office it is then distributed in three ways. One third of the offering is given out to congregations as gifts, one third is distributed as low interest loans, and one third is invested.

You can find a report of the income and giving for 2012 and previous years on www.iccec.org.



Birthdays

<u>June</u>		6/27	John Kirkpatrick
6/1 6/6 6/6 6/17 6/18 6/23 6/23	Fr. Scott Melanson Alexandra Dent Don Smitha Suzy Kirkpatrick Jesse Dent Silas Black Ben Wooded Orin Abbott	July 7/7 7/7 7/13 7/13 7/14 7/15	Martin Cash Camerin Hunter Casey Harlow Bruce Hunter Kevin Paysinger Alissa Wooded
•		7/17	Sarah Shiell

7/24 Caleb Shiell7/26 John Looker

Reconciliation in Selma continued

thousands to our numbers (for there is only one strategy in the mind of God: "love one another as I have loved you"); tonight is not about seeking another blessing or anointing for fear that God will withhold his blessing from us because we're not good enough, for our God wants to bless us more than we want to be blessed and without condition. This is about a response to God's unconditional love and I'm

here tonight from New York because I love Bishop Adler and I want his blessing," said Bates.

The blessing ceremony came at the end of Communion. Archbishop Adler prayed an extemporaneous prayer over Archbishop Bates as he knelt before the seated Adler, to the side of the altar:

"In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I bless you. May you walk in God's peace all the days of your life. May you fear no enemy. May you always have his peace wherever you go. May you always have a realization that this is not your church but it's his church and that he entrusts us with these things for a short time. And you're going to do what God wants you to do. You're a brave man, you're a courageous man, and you're God's man. And I bless you with all spiritual benedictions in Jesus' Name."

You can listen to the blessing here: http://bit.ly/adlerblessin gbates

Over the long weekend, from Thursday through Sunday, over meals, in fellowship and worship, the two patriarchs spent time together, reflecting on the CEC's journey to this point, their personal friendship, and the wisdom these two men have gained leading this unique communion.

Story from www.cechome.com

Catechism Meeting in Kansas City continued

"The process is a good one, but slow. We want to get this right for the sake of our children and to present a united witness for Jesus Christ," said Patriarch Craig Bates.

Patriarch Bates, Bishop Michael Davidson, Father Terry Hedrick, Father Jeffrey Welsh, who serves as secretary, Father Kenneth Tanner, and Deacon Steve Phelps comprise the advisory committee. They met for two days last November and plan to reconvene in early October for four days in hopes of completing their review.

"Not since the first years of the CEC, have I participated in a meeting where I felt the Holy Spirit so clearly leading the emergence of a document to serve the entire communion. There's a real synergy in the room with this group and the writing and editing process is a joy and wonder," said Father Kenneth Tanner.

Some parts of the Catechism have been fine -tuned by the advisory group while other parts have undergone major revision. Once their work is complete, the Catechism will be presented to the Patriarch's Council for approval and will likely be circulated for trial use in parishes and dioceses around

the globe before being permanently adopted by the communion.

This entry was written by garrett and posted www.cechome.com on May 14, 2013



Africa Micro-Business Expands

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

We are very pleased to thank you so much for us the All Saints Day Development and Mercy Funds in 2012 and 2013. Kindly, we want to send up photos of the current PROJECT TITLE: CARPENTRY &

FURNITURE SUPPLY.

With the \$8000 USD we have received from You last year 2012, we have been able to purchase two machines with some wooden board in value of \$1000, installation and rental place costs, just on the main route or road where

people can reach easily.

On March 20 to 23,2013, We have had our HOB in Kigali and have examined together the progress of our project and we can report project is a success in just a few months.

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Africa Micro-Business Expands continued

In fact this year, we are reinvesting profits of \$1500.00 we have made, to buy a third machine called Wood Designer which costs \$1500 USD. The project is still going on well. (See picture below with Bishop Nitonde of Burundi standing next to it)

The Carpentry & Furniture Supply Project continues to purchase wooden board and other materials related to carpentry in order to supply new orders for pieces of furniture as well chairs, cupboards, doors, windows. This we are expanding with a hulling machine project to be started in Bujumbura, Burundi. This microbusiness project is good for the growth of our Church there.

All these Projects will give the direct report to the Kigali HOB to decide together how the incomes will build our Cathedrals and Dioceses.

We Thank You, Dear Respected Patriarch, and all the generous Christian who gave to the All Saint offering last year, and for thinking of us in Africa .We assure You the projects are making a big change.

We Love and Respect You!
Faithfully Yours in His
Kingdom
Bishop Emmanuel

Ngirumpatse Doctor of Divinity General Secretary of Rwanda, Burundi and Southern Congo for ICCEC Kigali/Rwanda.



OUR MISSION & PRIORITIES



PO Box 8608 Jacksonville, FL 32239 904-721-4199 The mission of our church is to bring the rich sacramental and liturgical heritage of the early church, the power of Pentecost, and the infallible truth of Scripture together in one expression of Christ's church for this generation, providing a home for all Christians who seek a vital, powerful energetic, and yet stable church in which to grow in love with one another and in our knowledge and love of God.

Daily Office							
Date	am	pm	OT	Epistle	Gospel		
Sat 1-Jun	30, 32	42, 43	Deut 5:22-33	2 Cor 4:13-5:10	Luke 16:19-31		
Sun 2 Jun	63, 98	103	Deut 11:1-12	Rev 10:1-11	Matt 13:44-58		
Mon 3-Jun	41, 52	44	Deut 11:13-19	2 Cor 5:11-6:2	Luke 17:1-10		
Tues 4-Jun	45	47, 48	Deut 12:1-12	2 Cor 6:3-7:1	Luke 17:11-19		
Wed 5-Jun	119:49-72	49, 53	Deut 13:1-11	2 Cor 7:2-16	Luke 17:20-37		
Thur 6-Jun	50	59, 60	Deut: 16:18-20, 17:14-20	2 Cor 8:1-16	Luke 18:1-8		
Fri 7-Jun	40, 54	51	Deut 26:1-11	2 Cor 8:16-24	Luke 18:9-14		
Sat 8-Jun	55	138, 139	Deut 29:2-15	2 Cor 9:1-15	Luke 18:15-30		
Sun 9 Jun	24, 29	8, 84	Deut 29:16-29	Rev 12:1-12	Matt 15:29-39		
Mon 10-Jun	56, 57, 58	64, 65	Deut 30:1-10	2 Cor 10:1-18	Luke 18:31-43		
Tues 11-Jun	61, 62	68	Deut 30:11-20	2 Cor 11:1-21	Luke 19:1-10		
Wed 12-Jun	72	119:73-96	Deut 31:30-32:14	2 Cor 11: 21-33	Luke 19:11-27		
Thur 13-Jun	70, 71	74	Song 1:2-7	2 Cor 12:1-10	Luke 19:28-40		
Fri 14-Jun	69	73	Song 1:9-17	2 Cor 12:11-21	Luke 19:41-48		
Sat 15-Jun	75, 76	23, 27	Song 2:8-17	2 Cor 13:1-14	Luke 20:1-8		
Sun 16 Jun	93, 96	34	Song 4:1-7	Rev 15:1-8	Matt 18:1-14		
Mon 17-Jun	80	77, 19	1 Sam 1:1-20	Acts 1:1-4	Luke 20:9-19		
Tue 18-Jun	78:1-39	78:40-72	1 Sam 1:21-2:11	Acts 1:15-26	Luke 20:19-26		
Wed 19-Jun	119:97-120	81, 82	1 Sam 2:12-26	Acts 2:1-21	Luke 20:27-40		
Thur 20-Jun	83	85, 86	1 Sam 2:27-36	Acts 2:22-36	Luke 20:41-21:4		
Fri 21-Jun	87, 90	136	1 Sam 4:1b-11	Acts 4:32-5:11	Luke 21:20-28		
Sat 22-Jun	88	91, 92, 104	1 Sam 3:1-21	Acts 2:37-47	Luke 21:5-19		
Sun 23 Jun	146, 147	111, 112, 113	Gen 1:26-28	Eph 4:1-16	John 1:1-18		
Mon 24-Jun	89:1-18	89:19-52	1 Sam 5:1-12	Acts 5:12-26	Luke 21:29-36		
Tue 25-Jun	97, 99, 100	94, 95	1 Sam 6:1-16	Acts 5:27-42	Luke 21:37-22:13		
Wed 26-Jun	101, 109	119:121-144	1 Sam 7:2-17	Acts 6:1-15	Luke 22:14-23		
Thur 27-Jun	105:1-22	105:23-45	1 Sam 8:1-22	Acts 6:15-7:16	Luke 22:24-30		
Fri 28-Jun	102	107:1-32	1 Sam 9:1-14	Acts 7:17-29	Luke 22:31-38		
Sat 29-Jun	107:33-43, 108	33	1 Sam 9:15-10:1	Acts 7:30-43	Luke 22:39-51		
Sun 30 Jun	118	145	1 Sam 10:1-16	Rom 4:13-25	Matt 21:23-32		