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ANiC news

ANiC and ACNA events calendar

March 11-13 – [2013 ANiC Clergy Retreat](#) with Canon Phil Ashey at Cedar Springs, Washington

March 13-15 – [Leadership Training Institute, Part 2](#) at Cedar Springs, Washington

March 17 – Dr Robert Cummins will be ordained to the diaconate at [Holy Trinity \(Marlborough, MA\)](#)

April 4-7 – New Wineskins 2013 conference in Ridgecrest, NC

April 12-13 - Men's seminar offered at [Blackburn Hamlet Community Church \(Ottawa, ON\)](#)

April 17-19/20 – [ANiC regional assemblies](#) in both Vancouver and Burlington

May 13-15 – ACNA clergy women's retreat in Woodbridge, Virginia

October 21-27 – GAFCon 2 [planned](#) for Nairobi, Kenya

ANiC regional assemblies, April 17-19/20

Registered yet? These gatherings promise to be highlights in ANiC this year. More information, including agendas, speakers' biographies and topics, and virtually everything else you need to know, is [posted on the ANiC website](#).

Some things you should note:

- **Hotel rate** – For the Vancouver assemblies, please note that the special rate negotiated with the conference hotel is only available until March 18
- **Display tables** – If your ANiC ministry is interested in having a display at one or more of the assemblies, please [contact Marilyn](#) as soon as possible. Priority will be given to displays which directly relate to ANiC and its ministry and are of broad interest to ANiC members. Due to space limitations, we may not be able to accommodate late requests.

Already some of ANiC's newest church plants have confirmed they will send contingents even though they will have quite a distance to travel. For the Asian and Multicultural assembly in Vancouver, Bishop Stephen Leung confirms that [Holy Trinity](#), Edmonton (Filipino) plans to send nine members; [Christ the Redeemer](#) Toronto (multicultural) is sending six; and [Good Shepherd Calgary](#) (Chinese) will send four.

Global bishops to speak in Calgary and Vancouver-area

In connection with his speaking engagements at the Vancouver assemblies, **Bishop Abraham Nhial**, bishop of the new diocese of Aweil in South Sudan, will speak and minister in the South Sudanese communities in both Calgary and the Vancouver area. A service is being organized by St John's, New Westminster on Sunday, April 14 at 3pm at a location to be announced. The Calgary service, which is being organized by forming Sudanese congregations from Calgary and Brooks, will be on Sunday, April 21 at 3pm at Ogden United Church, 7401 - 23 St SE, Calgary.

Dr Saimond Ip, a Hong Kong businessman who is passionate about youth evangelism and discipleship, will speak on youth ministry at Good Shepherd Vancouver, on Sunday April 14 at 2:30-5:30pm. This meeting will be in Cantonese. If you understand Cantonese, do come!

Council sets priorities and confirms committees

Highlights of ANiC's council meeting in Toronto, February 28-March 1 are...

- In response to a resolution passed at the last synod, Bishop Ron Ferris is leading a task force, which includes the Revs Mike Stewart and Brent Stiller, addressing ANiC polity – specifically the relationship between the bishops, council and synod. Meetings with the

bishops, archdeacons and council have already taken place. The next step will be to call for submissions from members and groups within the ANiC community. This input, combined with further research, will shape the report which the task force intends to submit to ANiC's coadjutor Bishop Charlie Masters by the end of August.

- Among the strategic priorities the council identified were:
 - Clergy support, specifically by providing further training in preaching and teaching
 - Child evangelism and discipleship ministries in parishes
- Membership on council committees was confirmed as follows:
 - **Executive:** Bishop Charlie Masters, the Rev George Sinclair, David Gibbs, Victoria Huyer, Claus Lenk
 - **Finance and audit:** Ed Lewis (chair), the Rev Ray David Glenn
 - **Canons:** Victoria Huyer (chair), the Rev George Sinclair, Mike Donison, the Ven Darrell Critch, the Rev Karen Berginsein
 - **Church planting:** the Ven Michael McKinnon (chair), the Rev Sean Love, Marion Karasiuk, the Very Rev Archie Pell, Bishop Ron Ferris, the Rev Dan Endresen, the Rev Denys Scully, the Rev Barclay Mayo
 - **Legal:** Mike Donison (Chancellor)
 - **Nominating:** the Ven Paul Crossland (chair)

Clergy retreat & leadership training

Please remember in prayer our ANiC clergy who are attending the leadership training retreat led by Canon Phil Ashe. The training, offered in two parts, goes from March 11-13 (part 1) and 13-15 (part 2) at Cedar Springs in Sumas, Washington.

Ordination in Massachusetts, March 17

On Sunday, March 17, Bishop Don will ordain Robert Cummins, PhD as a Deacon (transitional) in the Church of God at [Holy Trinity Anglican Church](#) in Marlborough, MA. Robert is a Doctor of Psychology with a practice in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. He and his wife Karen are both involved in the life and ministry of Holy Trinity. Bob has a deep desire to serve his Lord and to reach people with the healing message of God's love through the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Important news from Artizo

[Artizo Institute](#), which trains and equips men and women ministry – effectively and faithfully preaching and teaching the Word of God – has been busy.

- It has created a **Curacy Seed Fund** to help ANiC congregations hire ministry-ready Artizo grads. Currently, many Artizo grads struggle to find paid ministry opportunities. The Curacy Seed Fund, which now stands at \$10,000, will provide financial assistance so ANiC congregations can hire Artizo interns as curates for two years (2013-14). Christ said “*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*” (Luke 10:2 ESV) We have willing and ready labourers. Will you help make it possible for these labourers to minister in the “fields”? If you are led to contribute to this Curacy Seed Fund [please email](#) the Rev Eric Thurston, Artizo's director of training. If your congregation would like to hire a curate, [ask Eric+](#) to send you application information. But act fast, completed applications must be received by **April 15**.
- With summer approaching, this is a good time to consider Artizo's program of “**supply preachers and teachers**.” Artizo ministry-equipped students are able to fill in during clergy vacations or at any other time. For more information [see the Artizo website](#).
- Susan Norman has joined staff as the **Women's Trainer**. She will work part-time with Artizo and continue part-time with Intervarsity Christian Ministries. Eric+ says “*I believe Susan will be a great blessing to the furthering of Artizo's objective of identifying, encouraging and equipping dynamic men and women with gifts for Christian ministry.*”

Parish news

[Good Shepherd, Vancouver, BC](#) has a new Associate Priest. The Rev Philip Soh joined Good Shepherd on March 1. Philip+ comes from the Anglican Diocese of Singapore where he was the Vicar of Marine Parade Christian Center, a multicultural church with four congregations – English, Chinese, Indonesian, and Filipino. He will be primarily responsible for Good Shepherd's English congregation.

[Saint Timothy's Anglican Bible Church \(Montréal-area, QC\)](#) now meets Sundays at 2pm in Lakeside Heights Baptist Church, 275 Braebrook Avenue, Pointe Claire QC

[Church of Our Lord \(Victoria, BC\)](#) was featured in [a news article](#) in *The Light*, the local Christian publication. Although the article contained some factual errors, it offers a sense of the blessings experienced through the merging of the two congregations.

[St Matthias and St Luke's \(Vancouver, BC\)](#) invites all fellow Christians to join them for their Passover Seder Supper, held in association with Bethlehem Lutheran Church. It is on Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 6pm in the parish hall, 320 East 15 Avenue, Vancouver. Please register **before March 21, 2013** by emailing info@smslchurch.ca or calling 604-876-4320. Seating is limited. Participation is by donation. Please note that the full Seder Supper will last at least a couple of hours.

Ottawa – A report and photos from the *Time to Build* meeting held at St Peter & St Paul's on March 9 are [posted on The Anglican Gathering of Ottawa website](#). One attendee said it was a “*powerful and inspired presentation by any standards*”. Led by Archdeacon Ron Corcoron, *Time to Build* focuses on building a financially strong ANiC. More information and contact information for booking a visit from Archdeacon Ron is posted [on the ANiC website](#).

St Hilda's (Oakville, ON) has a very attractive new website. [Have a look!](#)

Please email parish news [to Marilyn](#) or call 1-866-351-2642 ext 4020.

Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) news

Church planters conference

The [ACNA reports](#) that more than 700 – primarily church planters, clergy and lay leaders – gathered in Wheaton for the annual [Anglican 1000](#) summit last week. Among the gathered were ten ANiC delegates, including three of our bishops. The theme was: “*The Church: The Pillar and Foundation of the Truth*”. In addition to discussing aspects of planting churches, several speakers emphasized the importance of catechesis (Christian formation or discipleship).

Anglican 1000 leaders presented “[1,2,3 Challenge](#)” which calls every ACNA church to plant “1” church, in the next “2” years, using one of “3” planting strategies: Jurisdictional, Congregational, and Pioneering. You can learn more about the 1,2,3 Challenge by visiting [the website](#).

Regional Anglican 1000 events are planned for Chicago, Atlanta, New England, Seattle, Ottawa, Phoenix and Boston – to encourage, equip and catalyze church planting work in ACNA. Dates and details will be posted on the [Anglican 1000 website](#) once confirmed.

New Wineskins conference 2013 in Ridgecrest, NC

Many ACNA members will attend the 2013 edition of [New Wineskins](#) in Ridgecrest, North Carolina, April 4-7. The missions-focused conference, which is held every three years, is bringing in speakers from around the world, including many Anglican missionaries, to inspire and equip clergy, lay leaders, youth ministers and entire congregations to fulfill our Lord's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. Over 900 participants from the US, Canada and 36 other countries came to the last New Wineskins conference.

Legal action involving an ACNA parishes and dioceses

- **Virginia** – The [Falls Church News Press reports](#) that “*The Virginia Supreme Court in Richmond yesterday [February 26] heard the oral arguments of an appeal by the breakaway Falls Church Anglicans, seeking to reverse a January 2012 ruling by the Fairfax Circuit Court returning the property of the historic Falls Church in downtown City of Falls Church to the Episcopal Church.*” A decision is expected by the end of April.
- **Diocese of San Joaquin (ACNA)** – A court has [tentatively rejected](#) a motion for summary judgement by the Episcopal Church that would have essentially conceded the argument to TEC. At stake is the question of “who is the rightful owner of the diocese’s assets?” The judge indicated that TEC documents failed to demonstrate that a diocese cannot lawfully leave TEC. The court will hear oral arguments on March 13, after which it will either overturn or uphold this decision.

Lawyer Alan Haley [writes](#): “...*the ruling shows that the court grasps the essence of the case, and understands why the plaintiffs have not shown they are entitled to judgment as a matter of law. There simply is no evidence of any provision in any canon or Constitution of ECUSA or the Diocese of San Joaquin which would have prevented the latter from exercising its first amendment right to cease to be associated with the Episcopal Church (USA).*” Do remember this case in your prayers. The [March 11 edition of Anglican Unscripted](#) provides interesting commentary on this and the other current legal actions involving TEC.

Other news in brief

Canada

- Motion 408, which condemns sex-selective abortion but which would have no legislative impact, is slated to be debated in the House of Commons on March 28. Although this private members bill was brought forward by Conservative MP Mark Warawa (Langley, BC), the government is officially opposing the motion on the basis that it raises the abortion debate. If you are concerned about this matter you can get further [information from LifeSiteNews](#).
- [LifeSiteNews reports](#) the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) wants the British Columbia Court of Appeal to reverse an earlier decision which ruled that banning assisted suicide is unconstitutional. The EPC argues that significant errors were made in that decision. ANiC parishioner and EPC-BC chair Dr Will Johnston *expresses his concern that people who are not terminally ill are receiving assisted suicide in countries where it has been legalized. He stated, "Elder abuse is already difficult to detect... Giving legal immunity to those who would provide suicide does not make our loved ones safer."*
- A [recent Supreme Court ruling](#) (Saskatchewan vs Whatcott) makes Canadians vulnerable to jail sentences for making truthful statements if these can be taken as “*detesting or vilifying*” of homosexual behaviour. The ruling said in part, “*Truthful statements can be presented in a manner that would meet the definition of hate speech, and not all truthful statements must be free from restriction.*” The decision is seen as a blow against freedom of speech, opinion and religion. More information is [here](#). Professor John Stackhouse provides an excellent [response here](#).

United States

- **Diocese of South Carolina** – The legal situation in South Carolina continues to evolve. The Episcopal Church (TEC) [has counter-sued](#) Bishop Mark Lawrence, bishop of the now independent Diocese of South Carolina. Although the matter is already before a South Carolina court, TEC’s countersuit is in the federal court system, where some believe TEC has a better chance of success. The suit is over who has the right to the trademarks of the historic diocese.

Alan Haley, aka the “Anglican Curmudgeon”, [comments](#), “[TEC’s] claim is that Bishop Lawrence -- who just last month obtained a State court temporary injunction against ECUSA

and its agents from using any of the marks or insignia of his Diocese -- is actually infringing on his own trademarks!... So ECUSA is attempting, by the back door, to achieve what it has not yet been able to achieve through the state courts of South Carolina: the deposition of Mark Lawrence and the takeover of his entire Diocese, with its 28,000 parishioners in some sixty separate parishes and missions."

He also notes that TEC has engaged three law firms and [points out](#) that TEC's executive council earlier "authorized a \$250,000 line of credit for the Episcopal Church in South Carolina" – the recent designation for the remnant which chose to remain in TEC when Bishop Lawrence and the Diocese of South Carolina severed its ties with TEC.

- The "conciliation" terms agreed to by those TEC bishops threatened with discipline for earlier signing legal affidavits which contradicted TEC's legal arguments in two court cases [have been made public](#). In the "accord", the bishops expressed "regret for any harm", agreed not to do it again, agreed that their view on TEC polity "is likely a minority opinion", and accept a financial penalty to "help defray the costs". The bishops involved are: Bishops Peter Beckwith (Springfield), Bruce MacPherson (Western Louisiana) and Edward Salmon (South Carolina) – in one instance – and Bishops Maurice Benitez (Dallas), John Howe (Central Florida), Paul Lambert (Dallas), William Love (Albany), Daniel Martins (Springfield), Edward Salmon (South Carolina), and James Stanton (Dallas) – in another. The offending documents had contradicted TEC's claim that it is hierarchically structured beyond the diocesan level.

The Anglican Communion Institute has posted an unusually forceful [analysis of and response](#) to this "accord". They believe "...the real purpose of this conciliation was to assist the secular litigation objectives of the Presiding Bishop and her co-litigants" and that the disciplinary action and the specter of bankrupting lawsuits were intended to intimidate the bishops and put them under duress. However, they believe "...that the bishops have not conceded their original position on Church polity." They also reveal that in 2001, the current Presiding Bishop was a signatory to an "amicus brief" supporting the position that the diocesan bishop is the apex of the hierarchical structure of the church. And they conclude by defiantly stating, despite two of the members – Dr Philip Turner and Dr Ephraim Radner – already facing the prospect of discipline, "members of ACI will not be intimidated".

England (& Archbishop of Canterbury)

- Bishop Michael Nazir Ali has written a [nuanced letter](#) to the new Archbishop of Canterbury discussing the need for the Church of England to focus more on equipping members for ministry and outreach and less on bureaucracy and "the 'dead hand' of parliamentary procedure". Bishop Nazir-Ali continues with a brief discussion of women in the Church, saying, "Equality is not sameness... we [are] pushing women into a male pattern of ministry. Whatever the outcome of the debate on the ordination of women, we must discover forms of ministry which respect both equality and distinctiveness." He concludes with a subtle suggestion that the "establishment" of the Church of England might be compromising its ability to be "light" in an increasingly dark society.
- "Reconciliation" is becoming a hallmark of the new Archbishop of Canterbury's term – much as Indaba (or ongoing dialogue) was a hallmark of Dr Williams' tenure. However, some are concerned that his concept of reconciliation may not completely align with Scripture.

The Rev Matt Kennedy [has compiled](#) links to some of Archbishop Justin Welby's teaching and writing on the topic of reconciliation. Matt+ concludes that the Archbishop Welby's views are not consonant with a Biblical understanding of reconciliation. While Archbishop Welby seems to commend seeking the "highest degree of unity possible" with those with whom we disagree on core doctrinal issues, Matt+ [contends](#) that this is not Christian love. He says, "Instead, love refuses to acknowledge the false teacher's authority, refuses to give him credibility, refuses to promote or legitimize his claims to be Christian in any way - both for his sake and the sake of those he leads into the darkness. That is the apostolic model..."

In the March 8 American Anglican Council e-newsletter, Canon Phil Ashey comments, *“It seems that the leadership of the Anglican communion is again defaulting to process rather than getting to the competing values that are driving the conflicts within the Anglican Communion... There comes a time when a leader needs to say, “No, this is not about competing values that are equally Biblical and well within the tradition of apostolic Christianity. This is about a conflict between values that are biblical on the one hand and values that cannot be reconciled with the Bible on the other.” It does no good in this instance to reframe the issue as one needing “assisted and facilitated conversations.” Rather, one needs to recognize the irreconcilable values at work, to frame the issue as it really is, and to begin to ask what we do to maintain the faith and order of the church so that it can continue to proclaim with authority the Lordship of Jesus Christ, who alone has not only the skill, but the authority to help us resolve our competing values in a way that is faithful to both truth and grace.”*

Archbishop Welby’s address to a “Faith in Conflict” conference held at Coventry Cathedral in late February is [posted here](#). [Elsewhere](#), Archbishop Welby says, *“...the way that... I understand reconciliation in the church: not agreement, but conflict transformed from being destructive)”*

- The [Anglican News Service reports](#) that Archbishop Welby’ has appointed *“the Reverend Dr Jo Bailey Wells as his new Chaplain, based at Lambeth Palace. Her primary focus will be for the spiritual life at Lambeth Palace and for supporting the Archbishop’s pastoral and liturgical ministry.”*
- The [Telegraph reports](#) on a new biography of Archbishop Welby, which notes his refreshingly clear “traditional” positions of current issues – at least prior to his elevation to his current position. His positions expressed in the past include, opposition to sex outside of traditional marriage, questioning formality of the Church of England, and concerns about the Church’s financial future. However the article notes, *“But since being named as Archbishop he has hinted at a softening of the Church’s stance, expressing strong support for civil partnerships and attacking homophobia. Some commentators have noted an apparent reluctance on his part to be drawn into issues such as the gay marriage debate since his appointment.”*

Another [Telegraph article](#) draws more tidbits from the Archbishop’s biography including instances when his life was in danger during negotiation trips to troubled areas, and comments he made about the perception of colonialism in the Communion. It says:

“The book also recounts how once [he] openly suggested that the role of the Archbishop of Canterbury - “a white man in Lambeth” - in overseeing the worldwide Anglican Communion was an anachronistic colonial hang-over.

“Speaking in 2006, he said: “If you’re in Nigeria ... and you have 17 million Anglicans in church every Sunday, after a little while, however gracious you are, it does begin to occur to you to ask the question as to why the Anglican Communion should be run by a white man in Lambeth.”

- [A report](#) of Archbishop Welby’s visit to a Vineyard Church in England says, *“Unusually perhaps for a senior Anglican, Justin Welby was very clear on the exact time and date he became a Christian and on the gospel he responded to. In a boost of encouragement for those of us engaged in work among students, he recounted that he gave his life to Christ after a fellow student shared the gospel with him and led him to Christ, having explained to him the cross.”* You can read the full account of his sermon and a non-Anglican’s impressions [here](#).
- [The Times reports](#) that *“The number of young people applying to train as priests hit a 20-year high in the Church of England last year, despite rows within the Church over women bishops and gay marriage. In 2012, 113 people under 30 were accepted for training in the Church of England ministry, 47 per cent up on 2011.”*

Rome – The 115 cardinals gathered in Rome to elect the 266th pontiff will be sequestered beginning March 12. The [Toronto Star offers interesting insight](#) into the process and notes, *“Only one ballot is permitted the first day. Each succeeding day allows for two ballots in the morning and two in the afternoon.”*

You can read a [succinct insight](#) into a possible reason for the pope’s resignation – the powerful homosexual underground operating clandestinely in the Roman Catholic Church – and the potential for good that may come from it. You can read more [here](#) and [here](#).

Russia – In [a statement](#) condemning changes – and contemplated changes – to marriage and family law in England and France, the Russian Orthodox Church concludes:

“The Russian Orthodox Church preserves and defends the primary Christian understanding of marriage and family... [W]e believe it important to develop dialogue with all the public forces, both religious and non-religious, who support the traditional ideas of family values. This criterion is one of the most important ones in the Russian Orthodox Church’s choice of partners in inter-Christian and interreligious dialogues.”

Syria – [CTV News reports](#) that *“Syria’s accelerating humanitarian crisis hit a grim milestone Wednesday: The number of UN-registered refugees topped 1 million -- half of them children -- described by an aid worker as a “human river” of thousands spilling out of the war-ravaged country every day. Nearly 4 million of Syria’s 22 million people have been driven from their homes by the civil war. Of the displaced, 2 million have sought cover in camps and makeshift shelters across Syria, 1 million have registered as refugees in neighboring Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt, and several hundred thousand more fled the country but haven’t signed up with the UN refugee agency.”*

Iran – A Christian Solidarity Worldwide [report posted](#) on VirtueOnline states that five more Christians went on trial March 10. They were arrested last October during a prayer service in a private home.

Pakistan – The National Post reports that, once again, a Muslim mob *“...rampaged through a Christian neighbourhood Saturday, torching dozens of homes after hearing reports that a Christian man had committed blasphemy against Islam’s prophet.”*

Libya – Muslim hostility toward Christians in Libya has grown dramatically since the civil war (so-called “Arab Spring”). [Persecution International Christian Concern reports](#) that four foreign Christian missionaries were arrested last week and face the death penalty for “proselytizing”. Then more that 100 Egyptian Coptic Christians working in the country were also arrested. Churches have been attacked as well.

Zimbabwe – The Supreme Court of Zimbabwe [has issued](#) another ruling in favour of the Anglican church of the Province of Central Africa in its dispute with a renegade bishop. The dispute was over Church property in Manicaland. A similar decision earlier returned Church properties in Harare to the Province.

Tanzania – In the [February 28th edition](#) of the Anglican Unscripted news video, commentators George Conger and Kevin Kallsen discuss the allegation that the recent election of the new Primate of Tanzania was tampered with by forces aligned with the US Episcopal Church (TEC). The allegation is that several members of the House of Bishops changed their vote as a result of financial bribes. The former Primate, who failed in his bid to be reelected, was closely aligned with the GAFCon movement. The Church in Tanzania has long had a minority faction aligned with TEC. In addition, a missionary from Tanzania speaks about the growing violence against Christians by Islamists in that country. However, [Anglican Ink reports](#) that *“The Tanzanian church has long been divided into tribal factions, a split between Anglo-Catholics and Evangelicals, and a regional divide between the coast and the interior. Archbishop Mokiwa has been unable to consolidate his support among the House of Bishops, several of whose members have voiced their unhappiness with his leadership.”* Additional information is [here](#) and [here](#).

Zambia – The [Anglican Communion New Service reports](#) that *“The Government of the Republic of Zambia has praised the Anglican Church in Zambia for being proactive leaders in the fight against gender-based violence and has especially applauded women for choosing to speak out.”*

Eritrea – [Persecution International Christian Concern reports](#) that 125 Christians were beaten and imprisoned in Eritrea two weeks ago. Eritrea is notorious for persecution and is sometimes called the “North Korea of Africa”. An estimated 2000 Christians remain imprisoned in some of the most inhuman conditions in the world.

Kenya – The [Vancouver Sun reports](#) that the election in Kenya has not seen the violence experienced after the election five years ago – despite the challenger refusing to concede, allegations of multiple electoral failures, and the winning presidential candidate facing International Criminal Court charges *“...of helping to orchestrate the vicious violence that marred the nation’s last vote”*. The Primate, Archbishop Eliud Wabukala, and bishops of the [Anglican Church of Kenya](#) have worked tirelessly to promote a peaceful post-election, regardless of the outcome.

Soul food

Board game ministry

A [Sydney Anglican article](#) tells how one church has started a board game ministry in a shopping mall to connect with community youth – specifically those from Middle Eastern backgrounds. Recently Bible reading was added before the games for those who come early. The plan is to soon also offer Bible study. The article offers good insight.

Family and moral matters

- **Marriage** – The Rev John Richardson [has written](#) a three-part series titled *“Toward a Biblical Theology of Marriage”* in which he looks at both Old and New Testament teaching.
- **Euthanasia** – LifeSiteNews has [a review](#) of the movie “Amour” which it describes as *“a dangerously seductive piece of pro-euthanasia propaganda”*. Belgium, which instituted euthanasia some years ago, originally only for adults expressly requesting it, is now looking at amending the law to cover younger people. The rationale is that euthanasia was already being carried out on children, so *“doctors need a legal framework”*. The proposed amendment to the law also covers those with Alzheimer’s disease. [LifeSiteNews reports](#) that a study found that *“32% of all assisted deaths, in the Flanders region of Belgium, were done without consent”* and *“47% of all assisted deaths... were not reported”*.
- **Sexualizing children** – [An article](#) in the *Huffington Post* (UK edition) reports *“It is quite simply staggering that up to one in three sexual assaults on children are committed by other children... easy access to hardcore pornography is warping young people’s views of what is ‘normal’ or acceptable sexual behaviour”*.

Just for laughs

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running to church as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class.

As she ran she prayed, *“Dear Lord, please don’t let me be late! Dear Lord, please don’t let me be late!”*

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again.

As she ran she once again began to pray, *“Dear Lord, please don’t let me be late! But please don’t shove me either!”*

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Thought

Life becomes easier when you learn to accept an apology you never got. ~ Robert Brault

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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:1-11 ESV