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Pope Francis will present each of Ireland's two newest archbishops with a pallium, which signifies the power of a metropolitan archbishop, in a ceremony in the Vatican today.

The Holy Father will bless and present the pallium, a white woolen strip worn around the archbishop's neck, to Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh and Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly of Cashel & Emly, in a private ceremony after concelebrated Mass in St Peter's Basilica.

Breaking with tradition this year, the Pope has decided that in order to emphasise the participation of the local Church, the newly appointed metropolitan archbishops will then be formally vested with the pallium by the Apostolic Nuncio in their own archdiocese.

Archbishop Charles Brown will conduct Archbishop Martin's investiture at the 7pm Vigil Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, on Saturday, July 4. Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly's investiture will take place at a date in the early autumn.

## **First African-American elected as Presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church**

The Bishop of North Carolina, Michael Curry was elected by the House of Bishops as the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church on June 27.



***Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry, bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, speaks to a packed House of Deputies hall after deputies confirmed his election as the 27th presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church. Curry's family and others joined him on the dais.***

Curry, 62, was elected by the House of Bishops from a slate of four nominees on the first ballot. He received 121 votes of a total 174 cast. Diocese of Southwest Florida Bishop Dabney Smith received 21, Diocese of Southern Ohio Bishop Thomas Breidenthal, 19, and Diocese of Connecticut Bishop Ian Douglas, 13. The number of votes needed for election was 89.

Curry's election was confirmed an hour later by the House of Deputies, as outlined in the church's canons, by a vote of 800 to 12.

He will serve a nine-year term that officially begins Nov. 1. On that date, Curry will succeed current Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and he will become the first person of colour to hold that position.

A liturgy marking the beginning of Curry's ministry as presiding bishop and primate will be celebrated Nov. 1, All Saints Day at [Washington National Cathedral](#).

The House of Deputies, which was filled with visitors and bishops awaiting Curry, erupted into sustained applause when Jefferts Schori and Curry entered at about 2:30 p.m. His entrance came about 30 minutes after the House of Deputies confirmed his election. Deputies stood on their chairs, holding aloft their phones, tablets and cameras to capture the historic moment.

"Oh, God love ya," Curry said when he got to the microphone on the dais. "I know you haven't had lunch so, no sermons now."



***The Presiding Bishop elect of the Episcopal Church, Bishop Michael Curry preaching during the 77th General Convention Eucharist in 2012.***

The deputies worked past their scheduled 1 p.m. recess to vote on Curry's election and hear him speak.

"It really is a blessing and privilege to serve our church and to serve our Lord in this way," he said. "I treasure this church, this house, the House of Bishops, all of us. We are God's children."

Curry said The Episcopal Church is "the church where I learned about Jesus."

“This is a good and wonderful church and we are good and wonderful people and I thank God to be one of the baptized among you,” Curry said, adding, “My heart is really full.”

“We’ve got a society where there are challenges before us and there are crises all around us. And the church has challenges before it,” he said.

“We got a God and there really is a Jesus, and we are part of the Jesus Movement. Nothing can stop the movement of God’s love in this world” As Curry left the dais, people in the house sang the Doxology.

Curry has been North Carolina’s 11<sup>th</sup> diocesan bishop since he was ordained and consecrated on June 17, 2000. He was the rector of St. James’ Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Maryland, when he was elected to the see on Feb. 11, 2000. He is also the current chair of Episcopal Relief & Development’s Board of Directors.

This makes the second time in a row that the General Convention made history with its election of a presiding bishop. In 2006, Jefferts Schori became the first woman ever **elected** presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church. She was also the first female among the primates, or ordained leaders, of the Anglican Communion’s 38 provinces, a distinction she still holds.

Curry's election also made history by being the first time a presiding bishop was chosen on the first ballot.

Echoing an old spiritual, Curry said during a video interview after his nomination was [announced](#) on May 1 that "our hand must be on the Gospel plow."

"We are followers of Jesus – Jesus of Nazareth – and the truth is we've got a message to proclaim, a life to live and something to share and offer the world," he said. "There's a lot of suffering in this world. There's a lot of heartache, there's a lot of nightmare. We are people who believe that God has a dream and a vision for this world, and that Jesus has shown us how to follow him in the direction of that and how to help this world live into God's dream and vision for us now.

"Our work is actually the work of participating in the Jesus movement, which seeks to realize God's dream and seeks to accomplish God's mission in this world," Curry said.

The church must help form disciples who will live like Jesus, Curry said. Such formation must become a priority so that the church is not just creating members, but disciples of Jesus "who actually live out and struggle to live out the

teachings of Jesus in their lives, and make a tangible difference” in the world. If such churchwide formation combined with Episcopalians’ individual commitments to imitate Jesus, “we would transform this world,” Curry said.

“After formation, there’s evangelism and I know sometimes folks are afraid of that word, but I’m not talking about evangelism like other folk do it,” he said. “I am talking about the kind of evangelism that is as much listening as it is sharing.” Being present with another person and listening to that person is a “transforming possibility” of invitation and welcome.

Episcopalians must also be willing to “witness in the social sphere, witness in the public sphere, through personal service that helps somebody along the way ... prophesying deliverance ... [and] being a voice for those who have no voice,” Curry said.

To do this, Episcopalians need to partner with Anglicans around the world along with people of other faith traditions, according to Curry.

And “we need to create organizational structures that serve the mission, that help the institution



and the church become a vessel of the Jesus movement,” he concluded.

Presiding Bishop-elect Curry will preach at the convention’s closing Eucharist on July 3, and Jefferts Schori will preside.

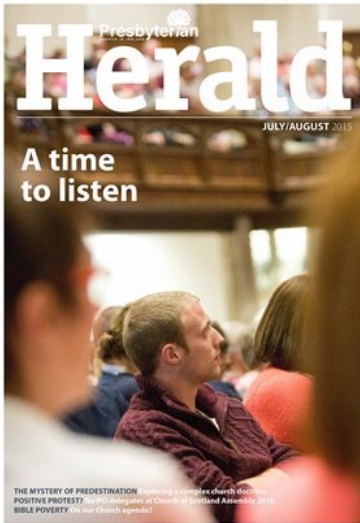
### **The roles of the presiding bishop**

The presiding bishop is primate and chief pastor of the church, chair of the Executive Council, and president of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The canonical outline of the presiding bishop’s election and term can be found in Title I Section 2 of the church’s [Canons](#).

Curry’s election came near the start of a meeting of General Convention that is considering a number of proposals to change some aspects of the governance and management of the church-wide [structure](#) and, hence, the roles and responsibilities of the presiding bishop.

## **Summer Presbyterian Herald now available**

In this double edition is a report on the 2015 General Assembly and the opportunity it provided for church members to come together to discuss and debate a range of issues. The new Councils made their first reports, which are detailed in a



special centre page, pull out supplement. And for a different view on the General Assembly, Kathryn Anderson describes her impressions as she attended each day as ‘a fly on the wall’ – observing but not participating – and what she learned from this experience.

Acknowledging that Presbyterians are hugely generous in their giving, as seen through the World Development Appeal, Tim Magowan of Tearfund provides an update on how this year’s appeal has made such a difference in Myanmar.

“In the past few issues of the Herald the letters pages have highlighted an interest in the area of predestination amongst our readers. So, with that [churchnewsireland@gmail.com](mailto:churchnewsireland@gmail.com)

in mind, I have asked Alfred Thompson to explore this complex and often difficult doctrine”, editor Sarah Harding said.

During the summer break many will begin to plan for the autumn, thinking about what can be studied at home groups or midweek meetings. One option to consider is the new Fit for Purpose resource for 2015/2016. Tom Finnegan introduces this year’s resource, entitled ‘Christ’s heart of compassion’, which accompanies the Fit for Purpose theme of the year, ‘A Caring Fellowship’.

Realizing that in the West are blessed with having access to the Bible in our own language and in any number of translations, we may never have thought about those who do not have this privilege. A challenging article called ‘Bible poverty: on our Church agenda?’ describes the work of those agencies which endeavour to bring the good news to those most in need in our world today.

The issue of same sex relationships and its implications for the Church is explored from an alternative angle, as Noreen Erskine speaks to the Church of Scotland Moderator Right Rev. Dr. Angus Morrison, and measures his reaction to

PCI's decision not to send delegates to the 2016 Church of Scotland Assembly.

A significant anniversary is observed as Professor Laurence Kirkpatrick tells the story of Jan Hus, a Czech Priest who was martyred 600 years ago for being a heretic, yet played a key role in the Protestant Reformation.

For those who want to take their summer reading (and listening) a little further, the review pages offer some ideas. While the reflections of Betsy Cameron, Arthur Clarke, Gavin Norris and Robert Dalzell invite readers to ponder over the holidays.

## Summer Issue of *Search*

The summer issue of the Church of Ireland journal, *Search*, is now available. The introduction of a summer issue is a relatively recent innovation and is principally a vehicle to carry the proceedings of an annual colloquium which the Search Committee organizes. As such, the summer issue, because it has a particular theme often has a special appeal to readers who are not regular subscribers.

This issue is something of a new departure for *Search* as it includes a number of striking colour

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photos of re-ordered church interiors. Sourced for the recent “Re-pitching the Tent” Colloquium on re-ordering liturgical space led by Canon Richard Giles, the photos are from the USA, Australia, England and the Church of Ireland, north and south – illustrating articles on recent re-ordering projects.

Pictures from Richard Giles’ major projects in Philadelphia, Perth diocese and Huddersfield illustrate his keynote article, which urges the necessity of re-ordering in the service of mission. Further photos enhance the story of the re-ordering of St Laserian’s cathedral in Co. Carlow, as seen by architect Margaret Quinlan and the Dean of Leighlin, the Very Revd Tom Gordon, with more general reflections from the Bishop of Cashel, Ferns & Ossory, the Rt Revd Michael Burrows. Additional material from the Revd Ian Gamble on renewal and re-ordering in Donaghadee parish church and from the Dean of Down, the Very Revd Henry Hull, on the renewal of the interior of Down Cathedral, provide

additional perspectives from the northern province.

For further details and for subscriptions, see [www.searchjournal.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.searchjournal.ireland.anglican.org)

## **Capitalism must 'draw alongside the suffering', says Archbishop Welby**

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said today the capitalist system must draw alongside people who are suffering, as Christ did, and urged corporate leaders to follow this example by exposing themselves to uncomfortable and difficult situations.

Archbishop Justin was speaking for the first time at the 2015 Conference on Inclusive Capitalism in the City of London this morning, in conversation with president of the American Enterprise Institute, Arthur C Brooks.

During the discussion the Archbishop said a capitalist system imbued with morality “turns that into action... [and] meets the needs of the poor and the excluded and the suffering.”



***Archbishop Justin Welby spoke to leaders of business, finance and public policy at 2015 Conference on Inclusive Capitalism.***

He said this approach required capitalism to have a deep sense of gratuity and “a generosity of spirit that doesn’t always seek the greatest return; and, above all, of being alongside those who are suffering.”

Reflecting that he learned “more in my three years in a very poor area of the country as an assistant priest, when I was first ordained, than I did from any amount of study or work”, the Archbishop said Christ in his incarnation showed us what inclusivity means.

“We need a capitalist system that is not separate. That’s the point of the inclusivity... [it] means being alongside, being as Christ was in his incarnation, being in the middle of it all – feeling it in your guts as well as in your head and your moral system.”

Asked what concrete action corporate leaders could take, the Archbishop said: “I think the key thing comes down to how you organise your life. For me, one of the most important things I ever do is having slugs of the diary set aside to spend time in places that are uncomfortable, challenging and difficult. . . [in] areas of poverty, areas where the church is struggling, and that’s round the world, in some of the poorest parts of the world.”

“And it’s being there and being alongside and taking the time to do that which constantly corrects the bias we get by being in wonderful places like this, where we begin to think this is all there is. So part of it is simply the management of what we allow ourselves to be exposed to, the risks we take.”

The conference opened with a video message from the Prince of Wales and a message from Pope Francis read out by Cardinal Vincent Nichols.



Former US President Bill Clinton will deliver the closing keynote speech.

## **Archbishop Welby responds to attacks in Tunisia, France and Kuwait**

Responding to attacks in Tunisia, France and Kuwait Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said:

"All of us must be full of grief at the attacks in Tunisia, France and Kuwait. They are intended not only to destroy but to divide, not only to terrify but to take from us our own commitment to each other in our societies. Let us together mourn for the victims, weep with the bereaved, support the injured and pray for them all to the God who in Jesus Christ went to the Cross and died rather than bearing a sword.

"Facing such a global and long term menace we are called to reaffirm our solidarity with each other and affirm the great treasures of freedom, in religion and so many other ways. Our strength is in the God who conquered evil when Jesus

rose from the dead, and on His death and victory we find the basis for our future."

## **Presiding Bishop on Supreme Court's ruling for marriage equality**

**Episcopal Church** Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori issued this statement following the US Supreme Court ruling:

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. [1Corinthians 13:4-8]

I rejoice that the Supreme Court has opened the way for the love of two people to be recognized by all the states of this Union, and that the Court has recognized that it is this enduring, humble love that extends beyond the grave that is to be treasured by society wherever it exists. Our society will be enriched by the public recognition of such enduring faithful love in families headed by two men or two women as well as by a woman and a man. The children of this land will

be stronger when they grow up in families that cannot be unmade by prejudice or discrimination. May love endure and flourish wherever it is to be found.

## **Edinburgh congregation votes for equality in new vacancy process**

An Edinburgh congregation has become the first to go through the new vacancy process since changes agreed at last month's General Assembly.

The Kirk Session at Wardie Parish Church, which has been without a minister since April, completed the decision making process this week.

A substantial majority of Elders at two successive meetings voted in favour of allowing their Nominating Committee to consider applications from candidates in civil partnerships.

This means they have chosen to depart from the status quo, which offers protection to congregations who do not wish to call ministers or deacons in civil partnerships.

Clerk to Edinburgh Presbytery Rev Dr George Whyte says: "It is good to know that the



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processes we have put in place have worked for this congregation by allowing them to make a clear decision while others can make a different choice. This part of what it means to be a broad Church."

The Church of Scotland has special dispensation on religious grounds to opt out of the equalities legislation which applies to most recruitment processes.

However, Session members at Wardie heard arguments from members that it would be wrong to adopt what could be characterised as a discriminatory practice which they would not accept in their own workplaces.

As the first congregation to go through the process, members were aware of the scrutiny their decision would receive, and the impact it might have on the ongoing debate within the Church. The Kirk Session took the decision to be guided by the principles of equality and fairness in employment practice.

A spokesperson for Wardie Parish Church says: "Our decision to be inclusive in accepting applications for the ministry at Wardie is based upon our understanding of Jesus' gospel invitation as to all people. In our working lives we are not allowed to discriminate on any grounds and we believe the standards of the Christian Church should be no less."

## **WCC, Roman Catholic joint group celebrates 50 years of ecumenical work**

“The World Council of Churches (WCC) is grateful for new momentum in collective efforts to manifest our common faith in God the creator and our commitment to common service,” said the WCC general secretary, Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, as he spoke at the 50th anniversary gathering of a joint WCC-Roman Catholic group.

The WCC general secretary Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit was speaking at a 23 June ceremony in the Centro Pro Unione in Rome to mark 50 years of the WCC and Roman Catholic Church’s ecumenical endeavors through their Joint Working Group (JWG).

“The unity agenda remains at the heart of all our efforts for common witness and contributions to ensure more justice and peace for people and creation,” said Tveit addressing a group of Roman Catholic leaders in the Italian capital.

“We are grateful and even proud of 50 years as a working group between these great major ecumenical instruments in the world, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches,” he noted.

“Reflecting on these past 50 years, we should be encouraged by the collaboration which the Joint Working Group has promoted, not only in

ecumenical issues, but also in the areas of inter-religious dialogue, peace and social justice, and works of charity and humanitarian aid,” said Pope Francis in his message to Tveit.

“I encourage the Joint Working Group to further its discussion on crucial ecumenical issues and, at the same time, to promote ways for Christians to testify together to the real, though imperfect, communion shared by all the baptized,” said Pope Francis.

In his message the WCC general secretary said, through last week’s publication of the Papal encyclical *Laudato Si*:

“This is why we care for earth as our common home, as Pope Francis calls us to do, with his encyclical, affirming what we have done in our respective churches, and in WCC initiatives over many years.”

Church leaders are celebrating 50 years of work of the JWG during the week of 22-24 June, in the Italian capital.

The JWG is one of the ecumenical legacies of improved relations among churches growing from the Second Vatican Council.

It has worked since 1965 in coordinating activities of the WCC, its member churches,

related ecumenical bodies and the Catholic commissions and councils engaged in theological discourse and common action throughout the world.

“It is our responsibility to foster relationships between the Roman Catholic Church and the fellowship of member churches which is the WCC, and to use the significant ways we have to address issues of community, of cooperation, of common interests, of shared concerns, or even issues of controversy or conflict,” said Tveit.

Likening the work of the JWG to city maintenance, Tveit said it needs upkeep and it must be used to deal with issues relating to community, cooperation, common interests, shared concerns and even controversy or conflict.

He turned to areas where more work on Christian unity is needed.

“Looking at the present state of the ecumenical landscape and the world at large, we have to confess that divisions among Christians are there, that we are not sharing the gifts of the Triune God and the fruits of the works of our hands through the holy Eucharistic fellowship.”



While common purpose has been achieved between Roman Catholics and those in WCC member churches on baptism, the Roman Catholic Church does not allow shared Eucharist.

Tveit said there needs to be an awareness “of this deeper theological reading of our context” in a new phase of cooperation.

“What we do cannot have, is business as usual. It must be an expression of our faith and a witness to the love of God revealed in Christ.”

The working group is co-moderated by Metropolitan and Archbishop Nifon of Targoviste from the Romanian Orthodox Church, a member of the WCC central and executive committees, and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of the Catholic Church.

Archbishop Nifon emphasized the importance of continuing the dialogue and working with actual and diaconal challenges in the JWG.

Over the past 50 years, Roman Catholics have become full members of the Faith and Order Commission coordinated by the WCC.

They have provided staff in the WCC areas of evangelization and theological education and sent observer delegations to participate in WCC assemblies and other major conferences.

Reciprocal arrangements have been implemented, with active Orthodox and Protestant participation in Catholic forums.

## **Media digest**

### **Go ahead for gay marriage legal challenge in NI - News Letter/UTV news**

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/go-ahead-for-gay-marriage-legal-challenge-1-6819697>

<http://www.u.tv/News/2015/06/26/Leave-granted-to-challenge-gay-marriage-ban-39850>

### **Cardinal horrified by unspeakable crimes - Irish Independent**

The response to child sex-abuse allegations was totally inadequate and ineffective, the former head of the Catholic Church in Ireland has said.

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/courts/cardinal-horrified-by-unspeakable-crimes-31331170.html>

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