**Bishop Spong apologises to Africans**

By David Skidmore

A n escalating rift between conservative African bishops and Bishop John Spong (Newark, US) appears headed for a truce. In an interview on Saturday Bishop Spong expressed regret for his earlier statements characterising African views on the Bible as "superstitious."

Bishop Spong came under fire early in the Conference because of his strong support for the full acceptance of gays and lesbians in the Church, and his criticism of African bishops' understanding of Scriptures, which he saw as out of touch with modern scholarship and scientific theory.

Bishop Spong has been in the crosshairs of conservatives since last November when he engaged in a caustic exchange of letters with the Archbishop of Canterbury over homosexuality. In May he published his latest book, Why Christianity Must Change or Die — and the question of Christian-Islamic relations showed up as a key issue for Anglicans around the world as Conference planners formed a harsh backdrop to the opening of the plenary session.

The poignancy of the interfaith plenary was heightened by the shooting of three nuns who were killed in Yemen, so before we begin let us be silent for a moment. The deaths, linked by news agencies in the Middle East, were part of continuing violence in the country.

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**Bank president responds sharply to debt video**

by Alan Rector

**World Bank President James Wolfensohn did not mince words after viewing the video which opened Friday’s plenary on international debt.**

The video, “Chains of Debt,” focused on the debt problems of Tanzania and Jamaica. It was created by Christian Aid, associated with Jubilee 2000, a coalition of agencies campaigning for debt relief.

Mr Wolfensohn said the tape “would have you believe that I rather like children dying, that I have no faith, that my interest is to collect debts, that I have no understanding of education or health, that I know nothing about the impact of payments imposed by governments.”

“All and I can say to you is that I believe both of those assertions is wrong.”

The video told stories from the developing world of a dying baby, children denied education, and a cholera epidemic in Tanzania caused by the lack of clean drinking water.

According to the video, the government could not afford to create a tertiary water system because “30 percent of its annual revenue goes for debt repayment.” A woman in the video called on the World Bank to visit the Jamaican slums to see the local impact of government.

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**Letters**

**On building Anglican unity**

As a member of the Anglican Consultative Council, I have some insights for further development of Anglican unity. In history to love each other does not simply mean to look at one another, but to move in the same direction, and to look forward to that to together. We are here to do this with Jesus, with fellow in Christ and even with the people outside of the Church.

(Dr) Willett Fernando

The Christian Art Group in Canterbury

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**Daily Question**

What is God speaking to you through your Bible study on 2 Corinthians?

**Martin Nyaboho**

“as a Church we have a specific mission to reconcile the world with God and reconcile the people we are called to serve. The hope the world needs comes from us. We are the channels of hope.”

**Bishop C.B.M. Frederick**

“it is the sharing of experiences that offer, yet witnessing to our own stories. It is very much called to reconciliation, forgiveness, generosity, sharing and complementing another one in faith.”

**Bishop Barnabas Theaung Hawi**

“the communication in my language is very weak. Yet, I believe because of the care and the grace of God the Anglican Communion has become strong and continues.”

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**Daily Quote**

“Conversion is always to God. It is not we who convert; God does convert.”

Bishop Michael Nazri Al of Recherch, England

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The Compass Rose Society through their association with Anglican Consultative Council and says it has exposed him “to the variety of Central Pennsylvania (a com-

istry youth and a general shortage of priests are challenges facing the Nippon Sei Ko Ka, says the Rev Samuel Koshiishi. He was appointed at the province’s first General Synod, held last May.

“The challenge for the Anglican Church in Japan today is to create an interest in mission within the general population,” he says, adding that the province recently approved the ordination of women and moved to review its entire structure.

It currently has 300 churches in 11 dioceses and a total of 50,000 active members.

“Most people in Japan are nominally religious,” Mr Koshiishi said. “There is no Buddhist or Shinto services mainly for weddings and funerals.

Most Anglicans came to faith through their association with Anglicans from the west.

The first missionaries arrived as Japan was moving out of feud-

alism, but the profound impres-

sion they left disanctified when all missionaries were expelled before World War II. The imposed theo-

logical isolation was difficult for the Christian Church to over-

come, Mr Koshiishi says, adding that in a more westernised Japan the Church “offers the possibility to be moral leaders.”

Mr Koshiishi began work for the province 13 years ago, with Partners in Mission and as secre-

tary for the provincial office. But his journey from Japan through Canada and Central Pennsylvania where he studied and was ordained before serving churches in both Takasaki and Urawa.

He received a Master’s degree in Theology from St Paul’s, Tokyo, furthered his studies in Old Testa-

ment at Trinity College, Toronto, and was ordained in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (a com-

panion to his home Diocese of Kita Kanto) in 1976. He is attending the Confer-

cence as a member of the Anglican Consultative Council and says it has exposed him to “the variety within the Communion, yet given me the sense of one Church.”

“There are many positive signs in our Church in Japan,” he says, citing an exchange of students with Korea and a youth pilgrim-

age between United States and Japan. Eucumenical work with Lutherns and Roman Catholics also is important.

Married with three grown children, Mr Koshiishi chuckles as he considers his youngest son’s career choice. “He is 23 and studying in New Zealand to become a circus clown,” he muses.

Another son studies art in Tokyo and his daughter attends a Presbyterian university in Yoko-

hama where she is studying French and managing an ice-

hockey team.

Further information is available in the Spouses’ Programme office.

Weekend arrangements: Bish-

ops who have accepted diocesan hospitality over the weekend of August 1-2 and still have not checked in with Mrs Sue Humphries are asked to do so as soon as possible at the Diocesan Hospitality Desk at the Enquiry Office between 11am and 7pm.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham on August 1: Bishops and spouses are invited for a day-long visit to the Roman Catholic National Shrine. Further information is available from Priest Administra-

tor Martin Warner on 01328 820476.

Play a round with a bishop: Any bishop who would like to play golf on Saturday, August 1, should send his or her name to Canon John Sargent, Eliot College, or telephone 01903 859797.

Monday, August 3, and on Friday, August 7. Arrangements may be secured with the Diocesan Hospitality Desk in the Giles Lane Enquiry Office. Transport to the Cathedral leaves Rutherford College at 7.30pm; tickets are priced at £4 each.

Pilgrimage to Jerusalem: “The Prophet himself had very close relationships with Christians and Jews; some were among his closest friends and colleagues,” The Koran, the holy book of the Muslims, is full of references to figures in the Bible and to figures in Christian history.

“Should there be such a long history of co-existence and co-

operation in culture and learning and political life, what then has gone wrong?” he asked.

The rise of Islamic fundamentalism was a key factor, Bishop Nair-Ali added. Fundamentalism has now undergone a reaction to colonialism, corrupt leaders, the failure of capitalism and civil wars.

The plenary also heard stories of outreach, the College has welcomed students from 92 countries and 96 dist-

ict Christian traditions.

Bishop Jones is the fourth Dean of the College, succeeding the Rev Canon John Peterson, who left to become Sec-

detary-General of the Anglican Consultative Council and Secretary of the Lambeth Confer-

cence.

“I don’t know of any-

one else who is doing what we’re doing,” Bishop Jones says. “Our labo-

ratory is the Holy Land.”

At the St George’s College booth in the Lambeth Conference Market Place, visitors will find either Bishop Jones or Mr R Henry Caroe, who is course director at the College. Either is happy to explain the uniqueness of St George’s educational experience.

Their aim is to teach “the text in context,” which means the land itself becomes the “fifth Gospel.”

The Anglican Communion (2)

Wednesday July 29

7.15 am Eucharist (Province: The Episcopal Church in the USA) followed by Bible Study video with Deis Sengenite, Bishop of Mzambique 2 Cor 6 Breakfast 8.15 - 9.15 am Morning Prayer and Bible Studies 9.30 - 11.00 am Bible Studies 11.00 - 11.30 am Spouses’ Presentation by Anglican Networks 11.30 - 12.30 am Spouses’ Workshops - The Anglican Communion (1) - Creative Workshops Sections including Midday Prayer 11.30 - 1.00 pm Spouses’ Gentle Keep Fit Exercices to Music Lunch 1.00 - 2.30 pm Lunch 2.00 pm Spouses’ Excursions 2.30 - 3.00 pm Spouses’ Presentation by Anglican Networks 2.45 - 3.45 pm Regional Meetings including Tea 3.00 - 4.00 pm Spouses’ Workshops - The Anglican Communion (2) - Creative Workshops Sections 4.00 - 5.30 pm Sections 5.45 pm Evening Prayer (Province: The Church of the Province of Melanesia) followed by Bible Study video with Robin Eames, Arch Bishop of Ireland 2 Cor 7 

What's cooking? An avalanche of food

by Carol Barnwell

A career in the Royal Navy and eight years aboard the Royal Yacht, Britannia, have put Jeff Stoddard in good stead to command the kitchens for the Lambeth Conference.

Mr Stoddard was planning menus last September," says the cricket enthusiast and U niversity of Kent's executive chef. "For checking with dioceses around the world I started scouring book-shelves for African and other ethnic recipes."

Once the menus were finalized, Mr Stoddard worked with suppliers to procure more difficult-to-find ingredients such as plantains, a banana-like sidereal.

At one Scottish island, the dish is prepared daily and there's always a vegetarian alternative available. Mr Stoddard and his staff of 30 chefs also see to special menu requests.

Over 20,000 individual packages of pants living in Parkwood. Stoddard and his staff of 30 chefs running a portable kitchen at the H ome Ten and delivering breakfast to the 2000 Conference participants living in Parkwood.

"I took several lots," he says of the 1,400kg of cornflakes, 20,000 individual packages of W heetabix, 200 750g jars of coffee and 200 bottles of Fairy cleaning liquid seen by his suppliers. Mr Stoddard reviews menus and checks supplies daily, altering recipes and alleviating queues where he can. "We've put sandwiches and salads in the bars at the colleges," he says, "because some people may be happier with it as a part of a roll."

Ordering of food is done daily. Before the Conference is finished, kitchen staff will have served 608 cases of chips and roasted potatoes, 1,114 cases of pre-sliced gateaux and cheeseakes, 2,264 pounds of gammon steaks, 22,680 containers of yoghurt and 15,750 eggs.

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