



# ST. ANDREW'S CROSS



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion Worldwide

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# Come to Atlanta

## For the Brotherhood's Triennial Convention

*By Jim Goodson*

ATLANTA, Georgia - It is the capital of Georgia and the unofficial capital of the New South, politically the most powerful and influential section of the United states.

Unlike other Southern cities - Savannah, Charleston, Athens and New Orleans come to mind - Atlanta chose to rebuild with a modern look, which is one reason the city is thought of as the capital of the emerging New South.

Atlanta's skyline is punctuated with high-rise and mid-rise buildings of modern and postmodern vintage. Its tallest landmark - the Bank of America Plaza - is the 30th-tallest building in the world at 1,023 feet (312 m). It is also the tallest building in the United States outside of Chicago and New York City.

Atlanta opted for expressive modern structures. Atlanta's skyline includes works by most major U.S. firms and some of the more prominent architects of the 20th century, including Michael Graves, Richard Meier, Renzo Piano, Pickard Chilton, and soon, Santiago Calatrava and David Chipperfield. Atlanta's most notable hometown architect may be John Portman whose creation of the atrium hotel beginning with the Hyatt Regency



A walkable city - thanks to Peachtree St. and Piedmont Park, among other amenities makes Atlanta a pleasant place to take an old-time stroll.

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# In The Office With The President

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## Kingdom Builders

### Growing Our Ministry God's Way

I've been thinking lately about where we were as a ministry when God first called me to serve you in summer 2004 and where we are now, five years later in 2009. A great deal has taken place during these last two terms and your National Council and Executive Board have managed to make significant progress. I plan to address this more in detail when we meet together for the 2009 Triennial Convention and National Council Meeting.

This year plans call to meet at the Atlanta Airport, Sheraton Gateway Hotel. We will convene on Thursday afternoon June 25, 2009 and conclude Sunday morning June 28, 2009. This is a gathering you won't want to miss, so plan now to join us!

Brother Jim Goodson, Editor of the Saint Andrew's Cross publication gives a complete description of this exciting event in the pages that follow. Atlanta Georgia is a southern hub and for many Brothers, a driving destination. It's also a one leg flight from most cities across America and a reasonable place in which to gather. Selfishly, I wish to complete my service to you in my home region of the deep south. Once again our National Chaplain, The Rt. Rev. D. Bruce MacPherson will open our Triennial Convention & National Council Meeting with a poignant theme: "Kingdom Builders; Growing Our Ministry God's Way." We welcome also our Keynote Speaker and Brother, The Rt. Rev. Keith B. Whitmore, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta Georgia. Take a look at our Website for a complete agenda.

This is my final year as your servant President and there is yet unfinished work to complete. Your Executive Board is laboring hard to finish what we started five years ago and I can assure you there are no 'lame ducks' in this Administration! There is important constitutional and legislative work to be

considered, particularly with streamlining our two governing documents; the Constitution and Bylaws.

Two years ago I began a lengthy process to make good on a promise I made at the last Triennial Convention; to visit face-to-face with the top ten (or so) chapters in the nation to discover what makes these chapters successful. Several threads of commonality surfaced which will be discussed in the 2009 State of The Brotherhood Address. These visits began shortly after the outstanding National Council Meeting of 2007 in Washington, DC. Oddly a recurrent question was frequently asked, "Are there future plans to improve our National Constitution and Bylaws?" I found the question unusual and began



**President  
Ron Warfuel**

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to inquire. A number of accomplished Brothers in top ten chapters mutually disclosed that our governing documents have developed incongruities in areas such as redundancy, confusion, confliction, disagreement between the two documents, lack of clarity and misunderstanding. After hearing such comments from numerous 'Top Gun Brothers' across the country I engaged my own investigation and began to take notice of their grievance.

These Brothers are largely younger than those closer to our average aged Brothers, newer in terms of tenure and highly active. Nevertheless they are constituents of the National Council and the Executive Board is responsible for serving our constituent Brothers in the field with every affordable effort.

Therefore I appointed a temporary ad-hoc committee for constitutional reform last summer when we convened in Chicago for our 125th anniversary. They began dissecting the document(s) to highlight the incongruities described above and found 'bandaids' designed to protect

# Constitution changes

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our ministry from various calamities that may have been perceived or perhaps occurred over a period since approximately 1994.

Shortly after Labor Day this year I disbanded this ad-hoc committee with my sincere thanks and submitted the results of their investigation to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee chaired by our National Chancellor, Brother Steven Banton.

Members of this committee extensively reviewed the findings of the ad-hoc committee via several teleconference meetings and concurred with most of the investigation. Further exploration continued and the C&BL Committee concluded with various modifications to extract the incongruities and streamline the document(s). They submitted their results to me in the form of proposed revisions around Christmas Day 2008. After the beginning of 2009 I turned the proposed revisions over to the Executive Board for further action and subsequent recommendation(s) to the National Council. Further along in this issue you may note amendments recommended by the Executive Board to be considered by the National Council on Friday June 26, 2009.

Approximately five Triennial Conventions have occurred since the last time constitutional reform

was enacted. I believe it's important to note that the fundamental need to remove 'bandaids' from our governing document(s) was not taken lightly and was originally discovered by concerned Brothers in the field. This process began nearly two years ago and has been rather surgically methodical throughout this time by three different groups of leaders and soon to be a fourth body; the National Council. It is my deepest prayer that the endeavors of many will lead to a streamlining of our governing document(s) so that all Brothers Andrew in the field will be enabled to operate more effectually and productively over the next 1.5 decades. Hopefully your Constitution and Bylaws will be strengthened for years to come as a result of such lengthy research and action by the 2009 National Council.

I wish to thank those concerned 'Top Gun Brothers' in the field who brought this circumstance to my attention and subsequently to the forefront of many other national leaders in our ministry. And I encourage all Brothers Andrew make your way to Atlanta on June 25th and observe your National Council in its 'finest hour.' Their prospective action will help us all stay 'on top of our game' in the practice of our primary mission.

God bless you Brothers and God bless the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew. See you in Atlanta!

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Atlanta (1967) made a significant mark on the hospitality sector. A graduate of Georgia Tech's College of Architecture, Portman's work reshaped downtown Atlanta with his designs for the Atlanta Merchandise Mart, Peachtree Center, the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, and SunTrust Plaza. The city's highrises are clustered in three districts in the city — Downtown, Midtown, and Buckhead (there are two more major suburban clusters, Perimeter Center to the north and Cumberland/Vinings to the northwest). The central business district, clustered around the Hyatt Regency Atlanta hotel — one of the tallest buildings in Atlanta at the time of its completion in 1967 — also includes the newer 191 Peachtree Tower, Westin Peachtree Plaza, SunTrust Plaza, Georgia-Pacific Tower, and the buildings of Peachtree Center. Midtown Atlanta, far-

ther north, developed rapidly after the completion of One Atlantic Center in 1987.

Rapid urbanization has increased the demand for residential units within the City of Atlanta; this construction is along the "Midtown Mile". [Businesses continue to move into the Midtown district] The district's newest tower, 1180 Peachtree, opened there in 2006 at a height of 645 feet (197 m), and achieved a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification that year from the U.S. Green Building Council. Atlanta has been in the midst of a construction and retail boom, with over 60 new highrise or midrise buildings either proposed or under construction as of April 19, 2006. October 2005 marked the opening of Atlantic Station, a former brownfield steel plant site redeveloped into a mixed-use urban district. The city has a reputation, however, as a "city of trees" or a "city in a forest."

# Chaplain's Message

## Christians are Easter people!

Dear Brothers in the Living Christ,

Christians are Easter people! We place our faith in a Living Lord who conquered sin and death; a Living Lord who rose from the grave; a Living Lord who showed the world that Divine Love is the greatest power in all creation; a Living Lord who not only was among us in the flesh some two thousand years ago, but lives NOW!

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. At the time of writing my column, I am never certain as to when the St. Andrew's Cross is going to be in your hands, but I write in anticipation. Thus, you should have this before Holy Week in which Christ's Passion and Death are in sharp focus in our worship and prayers and



**Bishop D. Bruce  
MacPherson**

scripture readings. We enter the Passion journey knowing that Easter victory is the joyful conclusion. Indeed, the Cross is the necessary prelude to Resurrection joy in Lord's life and ours. Join with me in celebration of Christ's victory as you worship in your respective settings across the country, and know it is my prayer that you and your families will experience the true joys and blessings of Easter. May our collective shout be, "Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia."

Faithfully in Christ Jesus  
+Bruce MacPherson

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**NEXT DEADLINE:  
JUNE 15**

Opinions of columnists do not necessarily reflect the view of every member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.



On Feb. 8, a new chapter of the Brotherhood of St Andrew was installed at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Naugatuck, Connecticut. This is a chapter that was active in the late 1890s and has retained its original chapter number. The installation was performed by Tom Cottrell, Connecticut Diocesan Coordinator and Paul Brown, assembly president with other Connecticut chapter representatives in attendance. The new members are Michael Benevides, Al Betts, Rick Brodeur, Ed Griesbach, Bernard Puc, John Rivers, Joe Farrell, Frank Uvino, Tim Kelly, Director and rector The Rev. Marston Price.

# Missioner's Message

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## Cuban connections

Your Missioner's Meanderings...

HAVANA, Cuba - It was the 6th of February and we were gathered at Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Havana, Cuba.

I had been invited, together with The Rt. Rev. Julio Holguin, Bishop of the Dominican Republic, to join the Cuban Episcopal Church in its 100th Diocesan Convention or Synod.

My task was to preach at the opening service ... the theme was "first, the Kingdom." As we processed in, I was impressed by the number of men of varying ages and the wonderful rhythm and fervor in their singing. I was reminded of my early years as a member of the Cathedral and thought, "Oh, if these walls could speak"...

Following the service, we gathered for the first business session and I was handed a number of reports that spoke of the activities that had taken place last year.

One paper that immediately drew my attention was titled "Report from the President of the Missionary Organization of St. Andrews to the Annual Synod of the Episcopal Church in Cuba." The report spoke of three basic pillars of work - evangelism, visitation and study and went on to report on workshops, deanery activities, gatherings ...all made difficult by distances and the cost of travel on the island. It was clear that, even with these difficulties, the men of the diocese had accepted the challenge and they were about "building the kingdom."

A phrase caught my eye as it spoke of the diffi-

culties encountered in communicating with other dioceses of the church...

I spoke with the president of the men's organization, Mr. Nelson Valdivia, and he explained that their organization wanted to connect with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and communicate with the BSA.

I am not sure what the historical link of the BSA is with this organization, but there is no question in my mind that the seeds had been planted, taken hold, and this is what I was witnessing.

I had the opportunity of speaking with their Chaplain and was impressed by the plan of work projected for 2009 and their commitment to working with men and boys.

I asked him to write what he wanted me to convey to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and he writes, "I would like to request that we develop some communication and some bonds of friendship."

He also expressed thankfulness that his prayer had been answered in the taking of these first steps.

I left the Convention and Cuba with deep thankfulness to the Lord for opening way for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to reach out to the Cuban Episcopal Church - fellow brothers in the Lord.

I will be meeting with President Ron upon returning to the US and hope that some of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be led to share in this.



**Bishop William J. Skilton (with friends) is National and International Missioner for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.**

Paz in Christ  
Bishop William J. Skilton

# Come to Atlanta for a lesson in governance

## After 15 years, Brotherhood plans to update its Constitution and ByLaws

By Jim Goodson

ATLANTA - The gleaming, capital of Georgia is the site of the 43rd Triennial Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, a four-day conference with two huge goals: electing new officers and improving our Constitution and ByLaws.

In order to make sure the Constitution and ByLaw changes are completed on time, no workshops or day trips are scheduled this year.

The Triennial's home is the Sheraton Gateway Hotel near Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

The Triennial's keynote speaker is The Rt. Rev. Keith B. Whitmore, assistant bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.

Whitmore, 62 and a priest for 30 years, will take on his new role April 15.

Whitmore was ordained bishop of Eau Claire in 1999. He is a Wisconsin native and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Nashotah House, Nashotah, Wis. He has served congregations in Wisconsin, Missouri and Kansas, where he was dean of Christ Cathedral, Salina, and he serves as a trustee for the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. He and his wife, Suzanne, have been married 41 years. They have two grown children.

The Triennial begins with a new National Council member orientation at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 25 and concludes after worship early Sunday morning June 28.

An agenda for the triennial is found on page 7.



**Bishop Keith B. Whitmore**



The exterior, above, and the lobby, below, of the Sheraton Gateway Hotel, 2009 Sullivan St. on the south side of Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.



Our national chaplain the Rt. Rev. D. Bruce MacPherson will open the Triennial by addressing the theme: "Kingdom builders: Growing our Ministry One Man and Boy At A Time."

**Brotherhood of St. Andrew Triennial Convention and National Council Meeting**

**Atlanta, Georgia  
June 24 - 28, 2009**

**KINGDOM BUILDERS**

"Growing Our Ministry God's Way"

"Applying Our Experience"

**AGENDA**

Theme

Business Theme:

**Wednesday, June 24**

1 - 6 p.m. Executive Board convenes (Guest Brothers permitted to be seated without voice or vote)

**Thursday, June 25**

9 a.m. - Noon Executive Board Meeting (resumes and concludes) (Guest Brothers permitted to be seated without voice or vote)

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Registration and Check-In

Noon - 1 p.m. Lunch (on your own) (Provincial President Caucus)

1:30 - 6 p.m. TRIENNIAL CONVENTION and NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING CONVENES

Opening Prayer: The Rt. Rev. D. Bruce MacPherson, Ntl. Chaplain

Call to Order: NC Chairman, Stephen Banton

Seating Chairman Banton

Motion to approve seating

Welcome: Julian Korti, Prov. Field Pres. Prov. IV

Gordon Schumard, D.C. Dioc. Atlanta

Wm. Harrison, Atlanta Assembly President.

Minutes: Keith Anderson, National Secretary

2008 National Council Meeting and 2008 Executive Board Meeting

Motion for approval

Committee Reports (By Title) as listed in the furnished Journal

Motion to approve reports as listed in the Journal

Finance Report: Bill Carr, National Treasurer

Proposed Budget 2009 - 2010 Fiscal Year

Motion to approve 2009 - 2010 Fiscal Year - Budget

3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Recess: Break

3:30 - 6:00 p.m. Triennial Convention and National Council Meeting (reconvenes)

Introduction to Legislation: Chairman Banton

6 - 6:30 p.m. Recess: (Provincial President and Diocesan Coordinator caucuses, intro)

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner - Speaker: The Rt. Rev. D. Bruce MacPherson

8:15 - 9:30 p.m. (Prov. President and Diocesan Coordinator caucuses, continued)

**Friday, June 26**

7 - 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rt. 1 The Rt. Rev. D. Bruce MacPherson, Preaching

The Rev. Dr. Alvin Robinson, Celebrant

The Rev. Jeff Krantz, Gospel/Officiant

8 - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast

9 - 10:30 a.m. Triennial Convention and National Council Meeting (reconvenes)

Nominating Committee Report: Dr. Lonnie Barnes

(Nominations from the Floor)

Motion to approve Nominating Committee Report

Legislation: Chairman Banton

10:30 - 10:45 Recess: Break

10:45 - Noon Triennial Conv. & National Council Mtg. (reconvenes)

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Legislation: Chairman Banton

Noon - 1 p.m. Recess: Lunch (Prov. President & Dioc. Coordinator caucuses, cont.)

1 - 1:15 p.m. Recess: Break

1:15 - 3 p.m. Triennial Conv. & National Council (reconvenes)

Nominations: Chairman Banton

Legislation: Chairman Banton

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Recess: Break

3:15 - 5:30 p.m. Triennial Conv. & National Council Mtg. (reconvenes)

Legislation: Chairman Banton

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Recess: (Provincial President and Diocesan. Coordinator caucuses, cont.)

6:30 - 8 p.m. Dinner - Keynote Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Keith B. Whitmore

Assistant Bishop, Dioc. Atlanta

8:15 - 9:30 p.m. (Prov. President & Dioc. Coordinator caucuses, cont.)

**Saturday, June 27**

7 - 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rt. 2 The Rt. Rev. D. Bruce MacPherson, Preaching

The Rev. Jeff Krantz, Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Alvin Robinson, Gospel/Officiant

8 - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast

9 - Noon Triennial Conv. and National Council Meeting (reconvenes)

9 - 10:15 a.m. Legislation: Chairman Banton

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Recess: Break

10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Legislation: Chairman Banton

Noon - 1 p.m. Recess: Lunch (Prov. President & Dioc. Coordinator caucuses, cont.)

1 - 1:15 p.m. Recess continues: Break

1:15 - 3 p.m. Triennial Conv. & National Council Mtg. (reconvenes)

Elections: Chairman Banton

Sr. Ex. VP Candidates - three minutes each

Presidential Candidates - three minutes each

Election report: Chairman Banton

Installations\*\*The Rt. Rev. D. Bruce MacPherson, Ntl. Chaplain

Legislation: Chairman Banton

3 - 3:15 p.m. Recess: Break

3:15 - 5:15 p.m. Triennial Conv. & National Council Mtg. (reconvenes)

Legislation (conclusion): Chairman Banton

5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Recess: Break

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (\*\*) Denotes - Except Sr. VP Elect and President Elect

Presidential Banquet

Prayer: The Rt. Rev. D. Bruce MacPherson, Ntl. Chaplain

Introductions

Roast The President'

State of The Brotherhood Address: President Ronald Warfue

Awards

Installation of the Sr. Ex. VP Elect: National Chaplain

Installation of the President Elect: National Chaplain

**Sunday, June 28**

8 - 9 a.m. Morning Prayer: The Rev. Ronald Warfue, Deacon - Officiant

9 a.m. Breakfast - ADJOURN

**Checkout by Noon**

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW  
Triennial Convention and National Council Meeting  
June 25 - 28, 2009

Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Atlanta Airport, Atlanta, Georgia  
REGISTRATION FORM

SPIRITUAL THEME: "Kingdom Builders - Growing Our Ministry God's Way"

BUSINESS THEME: "Applying Our Experience"

Hotel Registration Deadline: June 3, 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member / Chapter Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest [if attending]:

1. REGISTRATION:.....\$75.00  
Youth Registration .....\$25.00

A late fee of \$10 will be added if registration is received after June 10, 2009. NO exceptions!

2. LODGING: All rooms are Non-Smoking, unless otherwise requested [Check all that apply]  
Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ Handicapped \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ (Same rate as adults.)

If sharing a room, please give the name of roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

All Lodging Reservations MUST be made through the Sheraton Gateway Hotel. Please call the hotel directly at [toll-free] 800-784-9400 and ask for reservations; be sure to say that you are with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to receive discount room rate.

Single... \$99 per Night, Double ... \$99 per night, Triple ... \$99 per night Quad ...\$99 per night.

Plus applicable taxes and fees.

MEALS: [Package includes Dinner on Thursday, Lunch & Dinner on Friday, Lunch and Banquet on Saturday] BREAKFAST IS NOT included. ALL MEALS WILL BE PLATED.

Package: \$155 per Person @ \_\_\_\_\_ Persons \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Banquet only: \$40 per Person @ \_\_\_\_\_ Persons \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any diet restrictions.

TRAVEL: Private Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Bus: \_\_\_\_\_ Train: \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL CHARGES: [PLEASE - DO NOT INCLUDE HOTEL CHARGES] ..... Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT: Check: Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Cards are not accepted.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

The airport shuttle to the Sheraton Gateway Hotel Atlanta Airport runs every 20 minutes. The van is white with blue lettering on one side and green on the other. Printed on the side: Sheraton Gateway Hotel Atlanta Airport and Westin Atlanta Airport. The two hotels share their shuttles.

Please note: Executive Board should arrive on Wednesday June 24th, 2009. The Executive Board will meet from 1-9 p.m. on Wednesday and reconvene at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 25th.



# AMENDING THE BROTHERHOOD'S CONSTITUTION

The autumn issue of the *St. Andrew's Cross*, in the President's article, described the ongoing process to improve the Brotherhood's Constitution. In early January the Constitution and Bylaws Committee forwarded its suggestions, in the form of draft proposed amendments, to the Executive Board for consideration. The Executive Board met twice in February to address the issue of constitutional reform and they developed a number of proposed amendments. These proposed

amendments have been integrated in the present constitution, for ease of reading, in a manner that highlights the proposed amendments and how they would, if adopted, impact the present Constitution. This "modified" Constitution follows immediately. In order for the proposed amendments to be adopted, The National Convention must adopt them by a two thirds or greater vote in June in Atlanta.

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## CONSTITUTION OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW, INC. TO INCLUDE THE PROPOSED EXECUTIVE BOARD AMENDMENTS

~~(Amended by the National Convention, Orlando, Florida, July 2006)~~

### ARTICLE I NAME, EMBLEM, OBJECTIVE, AND BASIS OF UNION

#### Section 1

The name of this fellowship shall be the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the Brotherhood). It is a ministry to and for men and ~~youthboys of within the~~ ~~the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church~~ ~~and any church of the United States of America in communion with it~~, or any churches ~~that have a Historic Episcopate~~, within the fellowship of the Anglican Communion (hereafter referred to as the Church). The Brotherhood's emblem shall be the CROSS OF ST. ANDREW.

#### Section 2

The Brotherhood acknowledges God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and accepts its responsibility for individual ministry to represent Jesus Christ and His Church; to bear witness to Him wherever we may be; and, according to the gifts given to us, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take our place in the life, worship and governance of the Church.

The objective of the Brotherhood shall be as stated in Section 2 of the Act of the US Congress which, on May 30, 1908, incorporated the Brotherhood in the District of Columbia: "That the sole object of said corporation shall be the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men." To this end, each member of the Brotherhood pledges himself to follow three Disciplines, which are: Prayer, Study, and Service.

The Discipline of Prayer is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom, especially among men and ~~youthboys~~, and for God's blessings on the work of the Brotherhood.

The Discipline of Study is to study the Holy Scriptures regularly and the teachings of the Church to attain a better understanding of how to follow Christ and bring others into His Kingdom.

The Discipline of Service is to make continuous efforts, week by week, to bring others nearer to Christ through His Church.

#### Section 3

Any group of men or ~~boysyouth~~ under the direction of a Brotherhood Chapter, in any parish or mission of the Church, institution, prison, military organization, or Veterans Administration facility, first having the approval of the rector, vicar, minister-in-charge or a chaplain of the Church, is entitled to apply for a charter as a Chapter of the Brotherhood, and upon approval by the Central Office, to representation at ~~annual National Council Meetings and Triennial~~ Conventions of the Brotherhood. -Withdrawal of clergy approval terminates the right to hold a charter, however, those individuals who elect may retain their membership status by becoming Members-at-Large. In any institution not of the Church or at any military or Veterans Administration facility not served by a chaplain of the Church, a Chapter of the Brotherhood may be established only with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese in which said institution is situated. Chapters so formed shall be under the supervision of the Bishop or of a deputy appointed by ~~him~~ ~~the Bishop~~. In any Diocese where three or more Members-at-Large desire to coordinate their efforts in behalf of the Brotherhood, a Bishop's Chapter of the Brotherhood may be established with the approval of the Bishop. Chapters so formed shall be under the supervision of the Bishop or of a deputy appointed by him.

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Only men and ~~youth~~boys baptized in the Christian faith may be admitted to active membership in the Brotherhood and only communicants of the Church may hold elective office or be designated as delegates to Brotherhood Triennial Conventions. In the of a Junior Chapter, or a Chapter chartered in a Military, Veterans Administration facility, or ~~penal institution~~correctional facility, this requirement may be waived, but only with the approval of the rector, vicar, minister-in-charge or chaplain.

Membership in ~~Youth~~Junior Chapters shall be limited to young men and boys; only males may be members or officers of the Brotherhood. Women and girls may participate in Brotherhood activities as Associates, as provided in Article II, Section 2.

#### Section 4

In the event of the dissolution of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Inc., all assets and real estate of the Brotherhood shall go into an investment trust under the control of the Executive Council of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of ~~the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America~~. Income from the trust, to be known as the St. Andrew's Trust, shall be used to support a program of evangelism among men and ~~youth~~boys.

## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

#### Section 1

There shall be three classes of membership: Active, Life and Honorary. An "Active Member" is one who has pledged to follow the Disciplines of the Brotherhood and whose current annual dues have been paid, either individually or through his Chapter. Active members who cannot practically become affiliated with an active Chapter shall be known as Members-at-Large.

A "Life Member" shall be any person otherwise eligible for membership, who having made a contribution of a special amount of \$600 will receive a certificate of Life Membership and will receive no further dues billings. A portion, not exceeding 20.0 percent of such contribution, shall be allocated toward current operating expenses with the remainder being invested in the Brotherhood Foundation, under control of the Trustees.

An "Honorary Member" is one who because of high eminence in the Church, or outstanding leadership in Brotherhood work at home or abroad, is deemed worthy of the highest honor the Brotherhood can bestow. A unanimous vote of the National Council, in meeting assembled, or of the ~~National Convention~~Triennial Convention will alone create such membership. Honorary members may by their own decision remain or become active members by the payment of annual dues. They will always be entitled to the floor at any Brotherhood meeting, but not to vote unless otherwise qualified for the particular type of meeting attended.

There shall be an honorary body known as "The Brotherhood Legion" to which all categories of members may be elected by the Executive Board in recognition of distinguished service in the Brotherhood. A special emblem shall be provided for members of this body.

#### Section 2

Women may be invited to all Brotherhood meetings as "Associates." Associates may attend Brotherhood meetings, and at Chapter and Assembly levels may participate in discussions and activities of the Chapter or Assembly; but Associates may not hold Chapter or Assembly office or have delegate status at national events and may not be recognized as "members" of the Brotherhood.

#### Section 3

The membership of the Brotherhood is organized into Chapters and Assemblies (of Chapters and Members-at-Large) with a Central Office as the administrative agent of the President. In addition, the President, with the consent and advice of the National Council or its Executive Board, may create Regional or Provincial subdivisions of the Central Office in order to facilitate the transaction or supervision of Brotherhood affairs.

Chapters shall be Senior (including ~~youth~~boys) or ~~Youth~~Junior (under 20 years of age), depending on the age limits of their members and meeting of other Constitutional and Bylaw requirements. Each active Chapter is entitled to vote at ~~National Convention~~Triennial Conventions as prescribed in the Bylaws and in the Constitution (see Section 2, Article IV).

"Assemblies" shall be organized groups of four or more chapters within any diocese, or geographical area which, with the consent of the Bishop(s) concerned, band together for better coordination of Brotherhood activity in the area concerned. Assemblies are entitled to elect National Council Members and Delegates to the ~~Convention~~Triennial Convention as prescribed in the Bylaws. -The National Council or its Executive Board may in particular cases waive the numerical requirement of four chapters for organization or continuation of an Assembly. -Assemblies of less than four chapters shall, unless such waiver has been received, lose their right to elect National Council Members and ~~Triennial Convention~~ Delegates and

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the term of office of any National Council Member so elected shall be terminated coincident with the official discontinuation of the Assembly.

Provincial Councils may be established in those Provinces with ~~two~~ or more Assemblies. The Provincial Council shall consist of the Provincial President, Diocesan ~~Coordinators~~, Assistant Diocesan Coordinators, Associate Field Secretaries; ~~each Chapter shall have~~ a representative of each chapter, and other National Council members in the Province, and Assembly Presidents. The Provincial Council shall meet at least once a year, prior to the annual National Council meeting, to review progress versus goals in establishing new chapters, and for plans to better support the operations of chapters within the Province.

"The Central Office" of the Brotherhood shall consist of the President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such full time or part time administrative officers or employees as are necessary to transact Brotherhood business. No employee of the Brotherhood may be a member of the National Council but shall be entitled to be heard by it when matters within his cognizance are under discussion. The location of the Central Office shall be prescribed by the National Council.

## ARTICLE III NATIONAL OFFICERS

### Section 1

To be eligible for election to National Office in the Brotherhood an individual must be an active member of the Brotherhood and of the National Council. Failure to remain active or termination of National Council membership automatically terminates tenure of any officer, except that the Presiding Bishop of the Church shall be the Honorary President of the Brotherhood regardless of any other requirements.

### Section 2

The ~~n~~National elective officers of the Brotherhood shall ~~be consist of~~ a President, a National Council Chairman, a Senior Vice President, one or more other Vice Presidents as provided in ~~the following~~ Sections 3 and 4, a Treasurer, a Secretary, ~~and~~ a National Chaplain, who shall be a Bishop of the Episcopal Church, ~~and Provincial Presidents as provided in Section 4~~. The National Officers shall be elected by the National Council at its annual meeting held coincidentally with and immediately following the ~~National Convention~~ Triennial Convention.

### Section 3

One or more Vice Presidents, not exceeding eight (8), may be elected by the National Council for specific supportive duties, as prescribed in the Bylaws, with the National Officer status.

### Section 4

Provincial Presidents, who shall have ~~corollary designation as Vice Presidents with~~ National Officer status, shall be elected ~~annually~~ every three years by their Provincial Council if one exists. ~~Where a Provincial Council does not exist, the Provincial Presidents shall be elected by the National Council~~ every three years. Elections of Provincial Presidents shall provide one (1) for every National Province of the Church, or Region where a Province is divided; and may be so elected for overseas jurisdictions. The Provincial President shall administer Brotherhood affairs and promote the Brotherhood in his Province or Region under the supervision of the Senior Vice President and authority of the President.

### Section 5

The terms of office for elected officers shall be one (1) or three (3) years as stated in the Bylaws for the particular office. Except for the Chaplain, for whom there is no term limit, and as otherwise provided in the Bylaws, ~~n~~No person shall serve more than ~~nine (9)~~ three (3) three-year terms ~~or nine (9) one-year terms~~. A two-thirds majority shall be required for election in the final three years in office. Any former officer, after a full term out of office, may be elected again to the office, which he previously held. Procedures for nomination, election, succession in office, including in special circumstances, and provisions for transitional support by retiring officers, are stated in the Bylaws.

### Section 6

The National Officers listed in Section 2 above, and the Vice Presidents listed in Sections 3, ~~and the Provincial Presidents listed in Section 4~~ shall be ~~ex officio members of the Triennial Convention, with full voice and vote, as delegates to the Triennial~~ Convention representing the National Council and be; on equal basis with elected Chapter and Assembly delegates.

### Section 7

The National Council Chairman, or in his absence the President, shall preside over the ~~National~~ Triennial Convention and all meetings of the National Council. The President shall chair meetings of the Executive Board. Committee appointments (except the Nominating Committee, which is to be elected as provided in the Bylaws) shall be made by the President.

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### Section 8

The President, or in his absence or incapacitation, the Senior Vice President, shall be responsible for the operation of the Brotherhood. He shall be ex-officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The Senior Vice President shall be the chief consultant of the President and, in case of inability of the President to perform his duties, shall immediately assume the duties, office and title of President, with the advice and consent of the National Council. Vice Presidents shall perform appropriate duties prescribed in the Bylaws and as assigned by the President. The Treasurer may be the Chairman of the Finance Committee and shall supervise all matters of finance. The Secretary, with the assistance of the Central Office employees of the Brotherhood, shall keep all corporate records and affix the corporate seal where required. The Chaplain shall advise the President and the National Council on religious and ecclesiastical matters.

### Section 9

The Senior Vice President, under direction of the President and the National Council, may be deputized as the chief executive administrator of field work of the Brotherhood at Provincial (Regional) and Diocesan levels. When so deputized, he shall be responsible for the administrative organization of the Brotherhood field operations. The administrative organization shall be defined by an organization chart, to be approved by National Council and published as an exhibit to the Bylaws.

### Section 10

All the National Officers shall take office on the day of their election at the annual National Council meeting and the day of their election at the Triennial Convention.

### Section 11

If any national office except President becomes vacant due to resignation, death, incapacity, or for any other reason, the President shall appoint an interim replacement who shall serve until the next National Council Meeting. At the meeting, an election shall be held to fill the remainder of the term.

If both offices of President and Senior Vice President become vacant, the National Council Chairman shall serve as Interim President of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Inc. until the next National Council Meeting or Triennial Convention. At the meeting an election shall be held to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

## ARTICLE IV GOVERNMENT

### Section 1

Legislative and policymaking functions of the Brotherhood shall be vested in its Triennial Convention, National Council and Executive Board as provided in this Constitution and the Bylaws. The President and all other elected or employed administrative officials will conduct affairs of the Brotherhood in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws, and directives of these agencies.

### Section 2

~~"The National Triennial Convention"~~ of the Brotherhood shall have the sole power to legislate for the Brotherhood, except that action to amend the Constitution or Bylaws shall be limited to ratification or rejection of amendments proposed by the Executive Board as provided in Article X. The Triennial Convention shall elect members of the National Council as prescribed in the Bylaws. Triennial Conventions shall be held at intervals of three years, at times and places determined by the National Council, except that for special events such as founding celebrations, etc., they may be held at shorter intervals. Only National Officers and properly accredited Chapter, Assembly and Provincial Delegates have the right to vote at meetings of the Triennial Convention. However, National Council members, Honorary members and members of Advisory Committees or Boards have the right to be heard.

~~Every voting delegate must immediately upon arrival at Conventions present credentials so designating him to the Credentials officer of the Triennial Convention who shall prepare a voting roll of chapters, assemblies and provinces represented before any vote is taken. On demand of five accredited delegates, the vote on any question will be taken by roll call. National Officers and accredited Provincial, Assembly and Chapter Representatives shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote each on roll call.~~ All members of the Brotherhood are encouraged to attend Triennial Conventions and will be seated without voice or vote at business sessions unless otherwise eligible or granted permission to speak on a particular issue by the Triennial Convention. Those delegates in attendance establish a quorum. The National Council Chairman or the President must preside at any session at which a vote is taken.

### Section 3

The National Council shall administer the affairs of the Brotherhood subject to this Constitution and the actions of the Triennial Convention. It shall have the power: (a) to execute the provisions of this Constitution and the rules and orders of the Triennial Convention; (b) to enact and amend Bylaws for the transaction of Brotherhood business; (c) to fill vacancies in its membership caused by death, resignation or otherwise, except that vacancies occurring among its members who were elected by Assemblies/Provinces shall be referred to the appropriate Assembly/Province for filling; (d) to elect the national officers of the Brotherhood; and (e) to consider review and adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

The National Council shall consist of: (a) ~~Past Former~~ National Chairmen and ~~Past Former~~ Presidents; (b) members elected by the Triennial Convention who shall serve through the next Triennial Convention and are eligible for reelection; (c) members elected by Assemblies and (d) Provincial Presidents, Diocesan Coordinators and Assembly Presidents, all of whom shall be ex-officio members of the National Council. Only active members of the Brotherhood shall be eligible for membership in the National Council and evidence of lapse of active status, properly presented, serves to terminate membership. Limitations as to the number of members will be prescribed in the Bylaws.

The National Council shall meet annually to fulfill its prescribed functions, at a time and place to be set by the President. ~~the time to be set in consultation with the Finance Committee and so correlated with the fiscal year as to facilitate preparation of a budget for the ensuing year, in the light of performance to date in the current fiscal year.~~ In the year of a Triennial Convention, the National Council shall meet concurrently. ~~with the Convention, with agenda correlated as provided in the Bylaws with the convention agenda, to provide~~ There shall be a final meeting ~~for of~~ the incumbent National Council at or near the opening of Triennial Convention, and an initial meeting of the newly elected (or reelected) National Council at or near the close of Triennial Convention. In addition, the National Council shall meet within thirty (30) days at the call of the National Council Chairman or the written request of ten (10) members of the National Council filed at the Central Office. Except as designated herein and at the time of its annual meeting, the National Council may administer the affairs of the Brotherhood through its Executive Board including, if necessary, the election and installation of officers to fill vacancies caused by death, disability or resignation. Twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum of the National Council.

In addition to legislative responsibilities, each member of the National Council has the individual responsibility of promoting the organization and effectiveness of Brotherhood Chapters in their respective areas and in assisting in raising funds for the support of the Central Office.

#### **Section 4**

The Executive Board shall exercise the powers of the National Council between sessions thereof. It shall screen all proposals for amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws and shall present recommended final revisions for ratification by the National Council or ~~National~~ Triennial Convention as provided in Article X. It shall elect a Nominating Committee annually. The Executive Board shall be composed of the elected National Officers of the Brotherhood listed in Article III, Section 2, the Vice Presidents and Provincial Presidents listed in Article III Sections 3 and 4, and all ~~Past Former~~ Presidents of the Brotherhood. The Executive Board shall meet on call of the President, at such times or places as he may set. The business of the Executive Board may be conducted by correspondence, by telephone or other electronic communication means. Memoranda summarizing the matters discussed and decisions reached by the Executive Board shall be maintained in the Central Office files; except that records of personnel matters may be retained in the President's confidential files.

### **ARTICLE V OTHER PERMISSIVE ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISIONS AND OFFICIALS**

#### **Section 1**

Whenever the President, after consultation with the National Council or its Executive Board, decides that a "Regional or Provincial subdivision" of the Central Office will facilitate administration of the Brotherhood, he shall appoint one of the ~~Provincial Vice~~ Presidents therein resident, as chief administrator of the subdivision and will provide the necessary means, including funds, to carry out responsibilities delegated to him. Before such subdivision is created, a specific Bylaw governing its extent, operation and responsibilities must have been adopted by the National Council (with budgetary justification).

#### **Section 2**

A Diocesan Coordinator ~~shall be elected by an Assembly at one of its annual meetings, or in the absence of assembly action,~~ shall be appointed by the President, or Senior Vice President upon the recommendation of the Provincial President. Duties and procedures for appointment or reappointment are as provided in the Bylaws. The Diocesan Coordinator shall ~~further and~~ coordinate the work of the Brotherhood under the direction of the Provincial President or ~~National Senior Vice~~ President, and serve as a point of contact and resource to the Diocese and its bishop. A Diocesan Coordinator will encourage the formation of assemblies in his diocese and the Assembly officers, ~~if there be any,~~ will work also assist him with the work of the Brotherhood. ~~harmoniously with the Diocesan Coordinator.~~ Diocesan Coordinators shall serve for a term of three years and may serve for additional terms as renewed and approved by the Provincial President.

#### **Section 3**

An Executive Director ~~General Secretary, Field Secretaries~~ and other such officers may be employed with the consent of the National Council or its Executive Board. ~~and Associate Field Secretaries may be appointed by the President with duties prescribed by him. Policies concerning employment, salaries, etc. shall be defined in the Bylaws.~~

#### **Section 4**

A National Missioner may be appointed by the President.

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### **Section 5**

The President may appoint an Advisory Committee comprising a former national president and four (4) lay or clergy members. This committee will serve until a new President takes office or they are released from this assignment. Advisory Committee members are invited to attend and shall have a voice at all Brotherhood meetings, but shall have no vote unless otherwise eligible.

## **ARTICLE VI RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHURCH**

Every effort will be made at all levels of the Brotherhood to maintain harmonious relations with the National Church, clergy and church organizations. The guiding principle in such relations shall be that the Brotherhood is a part, rather than a competitor, of parish, diocesan, provincial or national programs of the Church.

## **ARTICLE VII FINANCE**

### **Section 1**

Members-at-Large and Chapter members dues, in the amount prescribed in the Bylaws, are payable annually on or before January 1st for each calendar year ending the following December 31st. Dues include contributions to publications cost of regular Brotherhood publications. Dues notices will be sent out to members each November 1st for the new calendar year. Dues not paid by January 31st are considered to be in arrears and delinquent members shall be considered to be in an inactive status. Each Member-at-Large and Chapter Members so involved shall be notified by the Central Office to that effect. Assembly Presidents concerned and National Council Members residing within the Diocese will also be notified.

Should unusual hardship conditions exist within any Chapter, the Chapter Director may request in writing that a reduction in annual dues be made for the Chapter members. Such a request will state the amount of dues per member that the Chapter feels can be paid and the period of time for which such reduction is requested. The President of the Brotherhood on receipt of such a request shall investigate and, if conditions warrant, authorize the reduction of dues for an appropriate period of time. Reductions so granted shall be reported to the Executive Board at its next meeting. Mitigation of individual dues may be granted as provided in the Bylaws. Members-at-Large and Chapter members who have not paid their current year dues by 31 July of the current dues year will cease being a member of the Brotherhood.

### **Section 2**

The general finance policy of the Brotherhood shall be to prepare a realistic budget and operate within its limits. Should the National program require more funds than are available from dues and income from endowments, the President, after having first obtained the consent of the Executive Board, may solicit the active membership or selected portions of it for gifts to satisfy a particular need. The amount for annual dues will be evaluated at each annual meeting of the National Council, in comparison with the previous and future year's budgets, and appropriate adjustments will be made at such meetings.

### **Section 3**

On October 24, 1939, the James L. Houghteling Memorial Fund, a trust, was established by the Brotherhood. Undesignated memorial contributions shall become part of this trust. This trust, as amended, is continuing and exists for the purpose of receiving and retaining funds, the income from which shall be used for the maintenance, benefit, and support of the Brotherhood. The National Council shall have the power to amend this trust from time to time. ~~as part of the powers delegated to it under Article IV, Section 3, of this Constitution.~~ The names of all persons memorialized shall be inscribed in the Brotherhood Book of Remembrance and published in the Brotherhood magazine. The legal designation of this Trust is "The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Foundation (James L. Houghteling Memorial Fund)"; also referred to as "The Brotherhood Foundation." The Trustees of the Brotherhood Foundation shall be ~~the National President and~~ five (5) members elected by and reporting to the National Council in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement. The members will elect amongst themselves a chairman and a vice chairman annually.

## **ARTICLE VIII NATIONAL OUTREACH**

A national outreach program of an evangelistic nature shall be promoted by the Evangelism Committee formed for this purpose, adopted annually by the National Council. It should seek the advice of the National Chaplain and other clergy ~~Church~~ in the selection of programs designed for any outreach initiative.

## **ARTICLE IX AWARDS**

### **Section 1**

The President may, with the advice and consent of the National Council, establish awards honoring and recognizing out-

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standing service by particular individuals, to be awarded from time to time (by the National Council upon nomination by the President or others) to other persons, who may or may not be members of the Brotherhood, for similar outstanding services. All awards and honors will be administered in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws, and directives of the President and National Council.

### Section 2

Each such award shall be cited in a specific Bylaw briefly naming the person honored, reason for recognition and basis for selection of succeeding recipients. Further procedural details for nomination, selection, and award shall be maintained in the Central Office, and made available to interested inquirers. The existence of each such award and identity of all current recipients shall be appropriately recorded and published in current Brotherhood directories.

## ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

### Section 1

This Constitution may be amended or revised only by the ~~National Convention~~ Triennial Convention and the Bylaws may be amended or revised by the National Council or by Triennial Convention. Amendment actions shall be limited to ratification or rejection of amendment proposals submitted by the Executive Board.

### Section 2

Procedures for review, pre-approval and submittal of proposed Constitution or Bylaw amendments for action by Convention/Council shall be as defined in the Bylaws. The object of such procedures shall be the presentation to Triennial Convention for Constitution amendment, or to National Council for Bylaw amendment, of a considered recommendation by the Executive Board for adoption of amendments considered by the Executive Board to be needed for adoption or rejection by the acting body with minimal discussion.

### Section 3

The Central Office shall, through St Andrew's Cross and the Brotherhood Web site, notify the membership without delay of all changes made under the above procedures in either the Constitution or Bylaws.

# The Brotherhood Today

## Brothers Who Rest In Peace

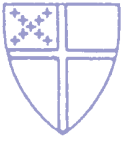
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Bro. Edward Kent	Houston, TX
Bro. Samuel Hunt	Stone Mountain, GA
Bro. Kenneth A. Lewis	Margate, FL
Bro. Robert B. Lyon	Tulsa, OK
Bro. William Banks	Camp Springs, MD
Bro. Kenneth Williams	Liberty Hill, TX
Bro. John Holcombe	Huntsville, TX
Bro. Charles W. Gulick	Albuquerque, NM
Bro. James Owens, Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK
Bro. Robert C. Wilson	Summerfield, FL
Bro. James F. Baker	Austin, TX
Bro. Richard Stallworth	Austin, TX
Bro. Wilmer A. Sojourner	Washington, DC

## New Chapters

St. Aidan's Episcopal	Cypress, TX
Nashotah House Seminary	Nashotah, WI
Church of the Epiphany	Eutawville, SC
St. Mark's Episcopal	Islip, NY

## New Life Members

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Bro. James Sisnett	Arverne, NY
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# God So Loved The World

Often we Christians tend to think of God as being a very stern, angry, and unforgiving God. We see Jesus as a gentle, loving, and forgiving Son that somehow convinced his Father to lighten us and not be so vindictive. In truth we find in John 3:16 that this is not so: "For God (the Father) so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." God the Father did not have to be persuaded to come up with a way that we could have our salvation worked out, he initiated it. It is God the Father who sent his Son, and he sent him because he loved the world he had created.

John 3:16 shows us that God is love. This passage shows us God acting not for his own sake but for ours. Not to satisfy his desire for power or to bring the universe under submission, but to satisfy his love. Of all the options God had to deal with our sin and disobedience, God chose a loving way, a way where he paid our debt, he took our punishment upon himself.

William Barclay says about John 3:16. "It tells us of the width of the love of God. It was the world that God so loved. It was not a nation; it was not the good people; it was not only the people who loved him; it was the world. The unlovable and the unlovely, the lonely who have no one else to love them, those who love God and those who never



**Ray Talbird**

## The Discipline of Prayer

think of him, those who rest in the love of God and those who spurn it – all are included in this vast inclusive love of God. As St. Augustine had it: God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us to love."

May each of us give some thought to what it means to be loved that much by the God that created the universe. Let us think about how that love changes our life and the way we see the others that God loves so much (The unlovable and the unlovely, the lonely who have no one else to love them, those who love God and those who never think of him, those who rest in the love of God and those who spurn it). May our response to God's love be pleasing in his sight!

*Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that every-one might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of your; for the honor of your Name. Amen*