



## Opinion

### Reader Response

#### **Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation launches Give It 4 Good campaign**

From **The Rev. Dr. Raymond Hoche-Mong • Montara, California, Apr 17, 2008** With a \$9 trillion national debt, where is the money for the economic stimulus coming from? I suggest that the stimulus checks either not be cashed or sent back to the US Treasury Department. It certainly is not our money to spend or to donate.

#### **Anglican covenant conference draws international group, elicits varied viewpoints**

From **Canon Richard T. Nolan • West Palm Beach, Florida Apr 17, 2008** Not a covenant as being discussed, but I do wish that most doctrinal and moral matters could be set forth honestly by the Anglican Communion. Currently it is all a hodgepodge, often private, and too often irrationally and publicly shouted by devotees on all sides of an issue when a nerve is hit. I would first welcome an "Anglican epistemology" clarified (What are the sources of theological/moral knowledge? What is the nature of theological/moral knowledge? How does one test/validate theological/moral knowledge?). Then, we need several, revisable volumes that would spell out our varied Anglican approaches to Scripture, various creedal doctrines (e.g., various scholarly interpretations of the Virgin Birth that are within the Anglican ballpark), and various scholarly interpretations of moral issues (e.g., abortion, sexuality, and so on). It would take several decades to produce a first edition, but if it were in the works at a reasonable pace, strident voices and hardened hearts might soften. A sad thing about the current debacle is that most all care in one way or another about their Churches/Provinces and the Communion.

#### **Inhibition of bishop temporarily lifted**

From **Timothy Elder • Dallas, Texas, Apr 17, 2008** Why is the Presiding Bishop given her title, but Bishop MacBurney is referred to as "MacBurney"?

#### **The Gospels' truth**

**Apr 15, 2008** The current surveys from Barna and Pew research show that mega-churches are flattening out if not losing numbers of members -- the largest growth group is none-church, those who do not belong to a congregation or denomination.