

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007

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for

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PERSONAL

Both 70 last May, Bob Pingpank and I celebrated fifty-two family years in September. With appropriate adjustments and watchfulness, a livable health plateau remains in place. (However, given realities of recent years, I am a bit apprehensive about medical matters.)

ORDAINED MINISTRY (*non-stipendiary*) - SAINT ANDREW'S PARISH, LAKE WORTH - SINCE 2001

I am grateful to Fr. Paul A. Rasmus, our Rector, for supporting my participation in two Saturday 6 to 6:45 P.M. Prayer Book Services per month. For reasons of health, it was necessary for me to reduce involvement from every Saturday to two. It is working well.

Of about 52 Saturday Services during 2007, I have officiated, preached, or assisted at nearly half.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY RETIREMENT ACTIVITIES

Our websites www.philosophy-religion.org and www.nolan-pingpank.com continue to be visited internationally (even from Nigeria!); items are added monthly.

In the West Palm Beach region Bob and I participate in Compass [www.compassglcc.com], the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council [www.pbchrc.org/], and Lambda Legal [www.lambdalegal.org]. We attend events as we are able. Their professionally staffed ministries are especially prophetic and effective.

We are gratified that during 2007 Tabor Academy, Trinity College, and Yale Divinity School included short items with our picture in their alumni magazines. (Within recent years Boston Latin School, Hartford Seminary, and New York University have done similarly.) Hopefully, other GLBT alumni will notice that their schools are now welcoming in ways they were not decades ago. School administrators think that most graduates who would be angry about such alumni notices are probably dead.

"ARCHIVES"

During 2007 many of my personal and professional documents were requested by, and deposited with, The Max R. Traurig Library of Naugatuck Valley Community College, Waterbury, CT; Yale Divinity School Library Archives (audio tapes, primarily of my interviews of scholars, church leaders, *et al.*); New York University (University Archives, Elmer Holmes Bobst Library); and, The Litchfield Historical Society (Litchfield, CT) – two volumes of items connected with my 14 years at St. Paul's Church (Bantam) and one volume of materials from The Litchfield Institute, Inc.

Dean Pendleton has graciously received materials related to my six years with Christ Church Cathedral – as well as an Almy cope given to me by my mother in 1986.

IN CONCLUSION

I want very much to thank all of you to whom this report is sent for the affection and support I have felt in our various associations. You have sustained a caring and open atmosphere that allows me to convey now and then some critical comments of our ministry together – but always in a spirit of our shared commitment to the evolution of The Episcopal Church.

Again, thank you so much, and all the best for 2008!

cc. The Rt. Rev. James E. Curry, Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut
The Very Reverend Mark B. Pendleton, Dean, Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford
The Rev. Paul A. Rasmus, Rector of St. Andrew's Parish, Lake Worth