

KATHARINE JEFFERTS SCHORI

The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori was elected Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church in June 2006. She serves as Chief Pastor and Primate to The Episcopal Church's members in 16 countries and 110 dioceses. She joins with other principal bishops of the 38 member Provinces of the worldwide Anglican Communion, seeking to make common cause for global good and reconciliation.

She and members of her staff have been keen advocates for justice and peace in Sudan. In a letter to the Church in September 2010, she called on all Episcopalians to observe "A Season of Prayer for Sudan" as the war-torn nation was preparing for the critical referendum on Jan. 9, 2011, to determine its future.

Bishop Jefferts Schori is responsible during her nine-year term for initiating and developing policy for The Episcopal Church, and speaks on behalf of this Church regarding the policies, strategies and programs authorized by General Convention. She has been vocal about The Episcopal Church's mission priorities, including the United Nation Millennium Development Goals, issues of domestic poverty, climate change and care for the earth, as well as the ongoing need to contextualize the gospel. The Presiding Bishop is charged to speak God's word to the Church and to the world.

Bishop Jefferts Schori's career as an oceanographer preceded her studies for the priesthood, to which she was ordained in 1994. She holds a B.S. degree in biology from Stanford University, an M.S. and Ph.D. in oceanography from Oregon State University, an M.Div. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and several honorary doctoral degrees. She remains an active, instrument-rated pilot -- a skill she applied when traveling between the congregations of the Diocese of Nevada, where she was elected bishop in 2000 and ordained to the episcopate February 24, 2001. At the time of her election as bishop of Nevada, she was a priest, university lecturer, and hospice chaplain in Oregon.

Bishop Jefferts Schori grew up in the Seattle area and has spent most of her life in the West. Bishop Jefferts Schori and her husband, Richard Miles Schori, a retired mathematician (topologist), were married in 1979. They have one daughter, who is a captain (pilot) in the U.S. Air Force.

ANDUDU ADAM ELNAIL

The Rt. Rev. Andudu Adam Elnail is Bishop of Kadugli Diocese in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan. At the time he was consecrated, in 2002, he was the youngest bishop in the Anglican Communion.

The diocese is located in the Southern Kordofan State in central Sudan. Its 68 clergy, 33 lay readers, and 122 licensed Mothers Union members serve more than 20,000 ECS members worshipping in 22 parishes and 50 sub-parishes.

Since 2004, when Bishop Andudu was selected as chairman for the Christian and Muslim Dialogue Committee in the Nuba Mountains Region, he has conducted many workshops devoted to building mutual understanding and coexistence in communities. In 2006, the Archbishop of the Episcopal Church of Sudan appointed him chairman of the ECS Interfaith and Ecumenical Relations Committee. He has conducted workshops and participated in international conferences in Egypt, Japan, and Nigeria. In 2008, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the ECS Bishops' Council. In the last three years he also has served as chairman of the Diocese of Kadugli Peace-Building Committee.

Bishop Andudu began serving the church in 1992, when he was appointed Director of Mission and youth leader in the local church in Khartoum and began conducting outreach missions throughout Sudan. In 1995 he joined Omdurman Ahlia University; in 1996 he was selected for seminary training and sent to Uganda Christian University, where in 1999 he was elected chairman of international students.

In 2000 he was ordained a deacon; in August he was appointed to teach in Shokai Bible Training Institute part-time, and in December he was elected General Secretary of the Diocese of Kadugli. In 2001, he was ordained a priest. He and his wife, whom he married in 1995, have five children.

ABRAHAM YEL NHIAL

The Rt. Rev. Abraham Yel Nhial was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Aweil in 2010 – the culmination of a remarkable journey that included years in a refugee camp in Kenya and more years serving the Sudanese diaspora in America.

His call to ministry began while he was among the “Lost Boys” in Kakuma Refugee Camp in northern Kenya. While there, he was licensed as an evangelist by the Rev. Abraham Mayom Athian, serving from 1996 to 2000, and ordained as deacon by the Rt. Rev. Nathaniel Garang Anyieth, Bishop of Bor Diocese, serving until 2001 when he was resettled to the United States through Episcopal Migration Ministries.

In Atlanta, he served as an advocate and community coordinator for the Lost Boys Foundation until 2003, and from 2001 to 2004, worked with Bridging the Gap as community liaison for the Sudanese Community in addition to pastoring the Sudanese Episcopal Church of Atlanta. On July 27, 2009, he was ordained as priest, again by the Bishop of Bor Diocese, Nathaniel Garang Anyieth.

He earned a Bachelor of Biblical Studies degree between 2003 and 2007 at Atlanta (GA) Christian College, and a Master of Divinity degree between 2007 and 2010 from Trinity School for Ministry, in Ambridge, PA.

He wrote *Lost Boy No More: A True Story of Survival and Salvation*, with DiAnn Mills (B&H Books, 2004), and travels frequently for speaking engagements on behalf of the Lost Boys of Sudan, the Sudanese people, and peace-building in South Sudan. He also is actively engaged in mission work and church development projects.

Aweil is one of the largest dioceses in Sudan, geographically speaking. There are 70 ordained priests to serve 192 churches and nearly 80,000 ECS members.

SOUTH SUDAN: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

(Friday, June 17, 7:15 – 9 PM)

ALAN F. GOULTY

The Hon. Alan Goulty, CMG, who retired in 2008 after 40 years in the British Diplomatic Service, has maintained an intense focus on Sudan right up to the present. His career as a diplomat included postings to Sudan from 1972 to 1975 and as Ambassador from 1995 to 1999. He served as UK Special Representative to Sudan from 2002 to 2004 and as UK Special Representative for Darfur from 2005 to 2006, during his tenure as Ambassador to Tunisia from 2004 to 2008.

A non-resident Senior Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center, where he focused on Peacemaking in Sudan and served as co-chair of the Sudan Working Group (2009-2011), he also was an adjunct professor at Georgetown University (2010), and a Research Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs of Harvard University (1999-2000). He is frequently called upon to moderate events hosted by such organizations as the Council on Foreign Relations and the U.S. Institute for Peace.

In addition to Sudan, Ambassador Goulty also had postings in Washington and Cairo, with periods in London at the Foreign Office, including in 2000-2001 as Director for the Middle East and North Africa. He studied Arabic at the Middle East Center for Arab Studies in Beirut for three years and subsequently served at the British Embassy there from 1971 to 1972.

Ambassador Goulty's wife, Dr. Lillian Craig Harris, OBE, is founder and director of Together for Sudan, which focuses on educating and empowering women. He serves as Secretary and Trustee of Together for Sudan, which is an English-registered charity, and of Friends Together for Sudan, a not-for-profit organization incorporated in Virginia.

SUDAN: THE LARGER CONTEXT

(Saturday, June 18, 8:45 – 9:45 AM)

DANE F. SMITH, JR.

Dane F. Smith, Jr., is a seasoned diplomat whom President Obama named in December 2010 as his Senior Advisor for Darfur, in the Office of the Special Envoy to Sudan.

Ambassador Smith was Deputy Chief of Mission in Sudan between 1986 and 1989, Ambassador to Guinea from 1990 to 1993, Special Presidential Envoy for Liberia from 1995 to 1996 (concurrently directing the State Department's office of West African Affairs), and U.S. Ambassador to Senegal from 1996 to 1999. His earlier posts included Deputy Chief of Mission in Botswana from 1984 to 1986, Director of the African Economic Policy Staff 1989-90, and Chief, Food Policy Division, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, 1979-1981. President of the National Peace Corps Association, a group for former U.S. Peace Corps volunteers, from 1999 to 2003, he himself served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Eritrea, then part of Ethiopia, in the 1960s. In all, he has lived in Africa for 17 years and traveled in 32 African countries.

In recent years he has focused on research and teaching in the fields of peace-building and democratization in Africa, and Christian peace paradigms. He is on the Advisory Committee for West Africa of the BEFORE Project, which seeks to prevent violent conflict in fragile states through response to early warning signs.

Dr. Smith earned a Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and a B.A. from Harvard College. He also studied at Union Theological Seminary in New York. His new book, *U.S. Peacefare, Organizing American Peacebuilding Operations*, was written in cooperation with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC, where he is a senior associate. He is an adjunct professor at the American University's School of International Service and Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, WV, and a senior fellow at the Joint Forces Staff College.

UNDERSTANDING SUDAN: A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NATION AND THE CHURCH

(Friday, June 17, 3 – 5 PM)

RANDALL FEGLEY

Dr. Randall Fegley is president of the Sudan Studies Association, the leading international academic association on Sudanese studies. An Associate Professor of History and Politics at the Pennsylvania State University's Berks Campus, he coordinates a four-year degree program in Global Studies.

Author of nine books and more than 100 articles and chapters in collective works, he has concentrated his work on mass trauma in central and northeast Africa. He has regularly visited Africa, and lived in northern Sudan for four years. His latest book is *Beyond Khartoum: A History of Sub-National Government in Sudan* (Princeton: Red Sea Press, 2010)

He and his wife Connie have been engaged in the Diocese of Bethlehem's companion relationship with the Diocese of Kajo Keji in Sudan.

RICHARD J. JONES

The Rev. Richard J. Jones, Ph.D., who holds the Washington Theological Consortium's new Al-Alwani Chair in Muslim Christian Dialogue, was Professor of Mission and World Religions at the Virginia Theological Seminary from 1988 to 2009.

Active in many independent mission organizations and networks in the Episcopal Church, he was the founding president of the American Friends of the Episcopal Church in Sudan. He has an abiding interest in theological education in Sudan and helped develop the strong team-teaching effort involving VTS, Duke Divinity School, the Diocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Renk.

Prior to teaching at VTS, he was a teaching assistant for pastoral and systematic theology at Wycliffe College in Toronto from 1984 to 1988, and first coordinator of the Episcopal Church of Ecuador's Diocesan Extension Seminary. From 1966 to 1969 he taught English as a foreign language in DaNang and Hue, Viet Nam.

He received his B.A. degree from Oberlin College, M.A. from Johns Hopkins University, M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary, and Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. His publications include *How to Talk to Your Muslim Neighbor* and a contribution to the festschrift for Kenneth Cragg, *A Faithful Witness*.

In teaching the theology and history of Christian mission at VTS, Dr. Jones emphasized the interplay between Christ and human culture at all times and places. Among the encounter of Christians with people of other religion, he focused on Islam and Hinduism. Dr. Jones currently teaches courses for the Consortium's *Certificate in Muslim-Christian Studies*.