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## A NOTE FROM BISHOP BILL

### We are about to start our 25th year! Here's why...

Recently someone asked me, "Why do you do it? Why take all that time away from home and family? Why go all over the world battling for Biblical faith and Gospel integrity?" I've come to understand the source of the passion I have for it. When I was very young, because my father was away for almost five years fighting in the Korean War, he couldn't have input into my life. I was not bereft, however. At home, I was with my Grandfather every day. He was a remarkable man. After losing his father when he was 12, he dropped out of school and went to work at a sawmill in Mississippi until his five siblings had finished school. He spent two years in college and then got an appointment to West Point, the US Military Academy. Graduating in 1916, he fought in World War I and WWII, rising to the rank of Brigadier General, and became George Patton's Chief-of-Staff. He even won a Silver Star with a "V" for valor on the field of battle.

My earliest memory is of my Grandfather carrying me around--oddly, I remember him carrying me in the laundry room! He was whispering to me, "Duty, Honor, Country," the motto of West Point. He instilled those values in me as paramount, worthy of serving, and for which it is worth sacrificing. Years later when my faith in Jesus Christ came alive, it was in that context. I am deeply moved for people to come to faith in Him. As departures from Biblical faith increased, I actually saw the church leading people away from Christ. At that point, a verse from Isaiah burned in my heart.

'Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" ( Isaiah 6:8) I knew the Lord was calling me. I had to get involved. There is literally nothing worse than the church leading people away from Christ. My focus shifted in 1992, when the Lord led me to go overseas to ask faithful Archbishops and Bishops to help with the crisis in North America. A few years later, a small group of us organized Ekklesia, and we have been very busy since! Now we are entering into our twenty-fifth year, and the battle is more fierce than ever, the stakes are higher, and the fruit could not be more important. It is a great privilege to serve this cause partnering with you. Sadly, many people still don't know Christ, and many are still being led astray. There is no shortage of work to do, but nothing could be more noble. This is truly a cause worthy of giving one's life. It continues to be a great adventure. I am very thankful for the partnership we share to have such great global impact! Thank you for your prayers and gifts!

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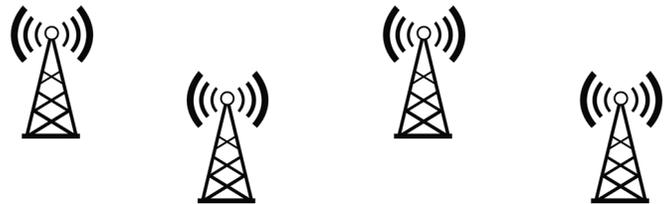
# RADIO STATION

## Malawi Radio Station Developments

In the spring newsletter, we mentioned receiving a broadcast radio license for Malawi. In Africa, Christian radio stations offer life-changing benefits. They allow for the Gospel to be shared daily with tens of thousands of people. Local leaders use the stations to make announcements and coordinate activities.

This fall, as we prepared to deploy equipment for the new station, an exciting development arose when three additional Malawian Anglican leaders enthusiastically expressed the desire to build not just one station, but an entire network of stations throughout the country!

Please pray for us as we re-assess how to best expand this project. It may be more helpful if the existing funds are used for initial infrastructure. Alternatively, it may be that having a flagship station on the air first may be the way that they want to go. We will be in conversation with the four Dioceses to see how we can best work together to reach this new goal.



# GAFCON NEW BISHOPS' TRAINING BRAZIL

One of Ekklesia's great and fruitful partnerships is having Bishop Bill teach at the GAFCON Bishops Training Institute, usually administered in Africa. In October, the first training course was held outside of the continent. This course, principally for Bishops in South America, was held in Recife, Brazil.

Recife is the home of Espiritu Santo (Holy Spirit) Cathedral, the home church of Archbishop Miguel Uchoa, a long-time friend of Bishop Bill and Ekklesia. In 2005, when Bishop Cavalcanti and most of his priests were excommunicated from the ECUSA, Bishop Bill was tasked with the joy of hand-carrying clergy licenses from Archbishop Greg Venables to these faithful servants in Brazil. Later, Bishop Bill oversaw the election of new bishops in Recife after Bishop Cavalcanti died.

Of the many topics in the Bishops Training Institute, none are more rewarding for Bishop Bill to teach than how to incorporate the work of the Holy Spirit in the ministry of a Bishop.

Confirmation is the historic practice which brings

prayer for the power of the Holy Spirit into the lives of Christians. With teaching about how to present Confirmation and the work of the Holy Spirit, the practice of Confirmation becomes a vital and life-giving practice.

Other topics include understanding spiritual gifts and how bishops can minister to their clergy as they go through various stages and landmarks of spiritual life.

One of the participants, Chilean Bishop Sammy Morrison, is not only fluent bi-lingually, he is also a very gifted translator, one of the best Bishop Bill has encountered in three decades! Translation is a real art because literal translation sometimes confuses the meaning. It is wonderful to work with someone as gifted as Bishop Sammy. He can fully convey all the nuances of what the speaker is saying. Bishop Bill jokes, "Bishop Sammy is so good, he can fill in any mistakes I make, and can cover any information I leave out. Actually, his jokes might even be better than mine!"



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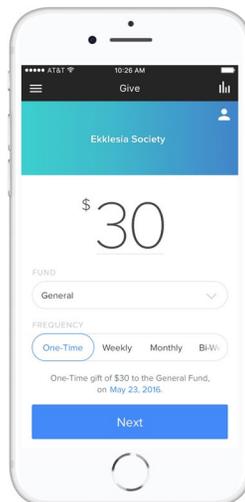
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# GAFCON CONSECRATION IN NEW ZEALAND

Most people reading this article know of Ekklesia's longstanding partnership with GAFCON. The following story gives an interesting peek "behind the scenes" at GAFCON.

Bishop Bill coordinated the travel for Rwandan Archbishop Laurent Mbanda to get from the October Dubai GAFCON meeting directly to New Zealand for the consecration of Rt. Rev. Jay Behan as the new bishop of NZ. As the Deputy Chair of the GAFCON Primates' Council and the Rwandan Primate, Archbishop Laurent's presence at the consecration held great significance.

On the day of the consecration, there was a huge problem: Archbishop Mbanda's luggage, with his vestments, was accidentally sent to Dubai by the airline, and would not arrive in time for the consecration. Knowing how critical it was for Abp Mbanda to participate, Bishop Bill immediately said, "Here, you should use my

vestments," knowing that would mean sitting out the service he had traveled half-way around the world to attend. Granted, the Bishop's vestments would appear rather short on the 6'5" Archbishop, but it was better than his having no vestments.

As the service began, Bishop Bill moved to find a seat in the congregation. But Archbishop Foley intervened, saying "You process and sit with us by the altar, and you need to join in the laying on of hands, whatever you are wearing!"

The whole thing created quite a stir. For Bishop Bill, offering his vestments was the natural thing to do. One of the priests at the service was watching the whole thing unfold and said, "What makes this so totally great is that Bishop Bill doesn't even see why other people think this is a big deal. The humility to offer his vestments was good. Being so invested in serving that he didn't see it as significant made it even better." Stepping away from a historic consecration was not a big deal, it was only an opportunity to put duty, honor and country (or the kingdom of God, if you will) first.



In this photo from L to R:

Bishop Michael Stead (Sydney South), Bishop Paul Barnett (Chaplain while Jay was in Seminary), Bishop Bill Atwood (ACNA), Bishop Julian Dobbs (ACNA), (hidden) Bishop Derek Eaton (Nelson, NZ retired), Bishop Richard Condie (Tasmania), Bishop Gary Nelson (NW Australia), ABp James Wong (Indian Ocean). In the front, Archbishops Foley Beach (ACNA and GAFCON Chair), newly consecrated Bishop Jay Behan, and ABp Laurent Mbanda (Rwanda). Not pictured, Archbishop Peter Jensen (Sydney, Retired) who was the preacher.

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