Introducing our Newsletter

It is important for the clergy and friends of The Young Rite to stay in communication with one another to be in community together especially since we are separated geographically. The intention of this newsletter is to share news within The Young Rite in general and The Young Rite USA in particular.

Why “Theosis” as a name?

The word Theosis is a Greek term meaning divinization or becoming “like God.” Saint Athanasius of Alexandria wrote, “The Son of God become man, so that we may become god.” The theological concept of theosis has gone out of vogue in the Western Church, being an integral part of Eastern Orthodoxy; however, John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, introduced a similar concept through his teachings on Sanctification.

Your contribution is appreciated!

In order for this newsletter to be successful it will require the clergy and friends of The Young Rite to participate and assist in providing content. Send anything you want included to: Bishop David Oliver Kling at david.oliver.kling@gmail.com

“I want to remind us all that the strongest and most powerful tool in the entire world is the power of unconditional love, which can embrace both light and darkness together in union, and transform them both in the one and only truth.”

- Aristide Havlicek

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Welcome: Rev. Dr. Kirk Jeffery

Rev. Kirk Jeffery graduated from Borah High School in Boise, Idaho in 1989. He then attended Boise State University and graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work. From there he went to Methodist Theological School in Ohio where he earned a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Education with a specialization in Youth Ministry. During seminary, he served as the student associate pastor at Marysville United Church of Christ in Marysville, Ohio.

After graduation, he began serving United Methodist Churches in Oregon and Idaho. He served congregations in New Meadows, Idaho, Emmett and Sweet, Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho, Monroe, Oregon, Lebanon, Oregon and Sherwood, Oregon. While serving as pastor to these congregations, he completed a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University (2010).

Upon leaving the United Methodist Church Kirk joined the Open Episcopal Church and was ordained to the priesthood October 20, 2013; however, because of the lack of support shown to the clergy in the United States by the OEC Father Kirk chose to incardinate with The Young Rite and we’re pleased to have him with us.

Incardination

The Young Rite USA welcomes incardination requests from clergy in the United States and Canada. If you’re already ordained, in apostolic succession, and you’re interested in affiliating with The Young Rite please contact us through The Young Rite website at: www.youngerite.org

Something to listen to...

There is a new Podcast out specifically on the Independent Sacramental Movement hosted by Bishop Lainie Petersen, Father Gregory Singleton, and Deacon Joshua Novak. The podcast is a ministry of The Open Rite — Oriental Apostolic Church of Damcar.

They have a Facebook page and a website:

ismfrontiers.com is the URL.

Show them some support and check out the podcast and if you’re willing and able offer some feedback on their website or Facebook page. It is good when everyone in the ISM can support one another.
The Young Rite

The Young Rite is a centre for spiritual development based on the Western esoteric mystery tradition. One of our primary objectives is that the Holy Eucharist is celebrated frequently by as many priests as possible. To that end we advocate a free and universal priesthood. The basic precepts of the Young Rite are:

♦ Spirituality is inclusive, therefore all may attend
♦ Priesthood is for all, therefore all may become priests
♦ Authority and responsibility lie with the individual, therefore no gurus and as few rules and dogmas as possible
♦ Mystery implies an experiential foundation, therefore ritual is used.

The Young Rite is an umbrella organization. Members include complete churches as well as clergy who operate under the Young Rite banner under the episcopal support of the bishops of the Young Rite.

A New Priest…

The Rev. Thomas Patrick Bradshaw was ordained to the holy priesthood to serve The Young Rite by Bishop George Kuhn the presiding bishop of the Catholic Universalist Church in March of 2015.

Thomas+ has recently completed his oblate formation with the Augustinians of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and will take his oblation and tonsure at their annual chapter and retreat.

A new Bishop…

The Rt. Rev. David Oliver Kling incardinated with The Young Rite in late 2014 and assumed responsibilities as the bishop for the USA in June, 2015.

+Oliver works as a hospice chaplain at Crossroads Hospice and earned a Master of Divinity degree from Methodist Theological School in Ohio with a specialization in Black Church and African Diaspora studies.

The Young Rite USA Clergy

Rt. Rev. David Oliver Kling, M.Div
   Canton, Ohio.

Rev. Tom Zetty
   Miami, Florida.

Rev. James Lavoie
   Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada)

Rev. Dr. Kirk Jeffery, D.Min
   Reno, Nevada.

Rev. Joel Wright
   Vermont.

Rev. Thomas Patrick Bradshaw
   Reading, Pennsylvania.
**Departures**

Rev. Tobias Baughman has left The Young Rite to focus his attention on pursuing further education and career options in healthcare.

Rev. Robert Lamoureux has left The Young Rite to focus on his ministry with the Apostolic Celtic Church. He will be consecrated as a bishop within the ACC in November of this year.

We wish both Tobias+ and Robert+ success in all of their ventures!

**We need newsletter content**

Thank you for looking at the inaugural issue of *Theosis: The Young Rite USA Newsletter*. We need content in order to keep this newsletter active and alive. Thanks for reading!

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**Contact Us**

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