

Pastor wanders streets seeking to understand homelessness

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Oklahoma Pastor Dustin Buff traded in his job, his house and his sense of security in a personal quest to understand the plight of the homeless.

Alternative gifts counter holiday-related consumerism

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{mosimage}Churches and nonprofits report increases in shoppers who want to give meaningful gifts. The practice involves making contributions toward the purchase of goods and services for people in need domestically or internationally.

Faith Digest: Church of England

rejects female bishops

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Many of the 470 members of the Church of England's three-tiered General Synod—bishops, clergy and laity—were stunned when the House of Laity couldn't garner a two-thirds majority in favor of women bishops.

Strong religious families less involved in civic activities, researcher discovers

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Blending religion with a strong commitment to lifelong marriage and childbearing dampens secular civic participation, according to research by a Baylor University sociologist.

Teen ordered to church for manslaughter

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An Oklahoma district court judge sparked national attention after

sentencing a teenager to attend church for 10 years as a condition for avoiding prison after pleading guilty to manslaughter.

Faith Digest: New Archbishop of Canterbury

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Justin Welby, bishop of Durham, was named the 105th archbishop of Canterbury, primate of the Church of England and leader of the worldwide 77 million-member Anglican Communion.

Can 'convergence' lead to truce in culture wars?

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Supporters of "Convergence Christianity" are examining the common ground between post-evangelicals and post-progressives and seeking to avoid theological extremes. But critics say it's simply rebranded Christian liberalism.

DNA experiment yields great promise and high ethical risks

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Future generations could be stripped of mutations like hereditary blindness or maternal diabetes after a breakthrough study at Oregon Health & Science University. But critics warn of looming ethical problems.

Sometimes it's hard to give away a campus

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Five weeks after accepting a free, 217-acre campus in western Massachusetts, Grand Canyon University has walked away from the gift.

Churches find 'kingdom-

oriented' ministry online

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Churches that use the Internet to share their services, Sunday school classes and other ministries can find they have people who live in Austria, India and Slovakia as part of the congregation.

Majority of Protestant pastors back Romney, but many undecided

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A majority of Protestant pastors plan to vote for GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney, according to a new survey, but nearly a quarter remained undecided only a few weeks from Election Day.

Faith Digest : Family planning

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A coalition of evangelicals is calling on fellow Christians to support access to family planning across the world, saying it does not conflict with

evangelical opposition to abortion.