

# PENDLETON Episcopal Diocese announces new bishop

East Oregonian

A man with regional roots was recently elected as the seventh bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. The selection of Father Patrick Bell was announced Dec. 12 at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Pendleton.



Bell

Chosen from a pool of 16 applicants, Bell was among three finalists, all with connections to the area.

"All of the candidates had Eastern Oregon roots and experience and all were so well qualified," said Kim McClain, president of the diocese's standing committee. "We would have done well with any one of the three."

McClain said Bell's background lends itself to his new position — he comes from a seventh generation eastern Washington family with a long farming tradition and his first Episcopal parish was in Ontario.

"Bell understands rural life in the Pacific Northwest.

We think he will make a really good bishop," McClain said.

With the bishopric of Eastern Oregon as a half-time position, Bell will be in the diocese two weeks a month while maintaining his residence in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he is currently the rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

In 2013, the diocesan office moved to the campus of Ascension School in Cove. In addition to technology available for phone and video conferencing — a valuable asset the diocese, which covers three-quarters of the state — the setup provides facilities for gatherings.

"I really want to have more opportunities bringing the clergy together and Ascension has the space and the housing to do that," Bell said.

Bell will be consecrated Saturday, April 16. The site has yet to be determined. For information, contact Eastern Oregon's diocesan office at diocese@episdioeo.org or 541-568-4514, extension 1.

# French Jews ask: Is wearing your faith a risk, or a right?

By ANGELA CHARLTON  
Associated Press

PARIS — Religious Jews in Marseille are facing a wrenching choice: Whether to wear the skullcap that proclaims their religion or tuck it away in hopes of staying safe.

It's a dilemma about identity and freedom of faith that has confronted religious communities elsewhere in Europe and the U.S. It's becoming especially acute in France, from where a record number of Jews emigrated to Israel as it grapples with anti-Semitic violence increasingly inspired by the Islamic State group.

An attack this week was the last straw for the Marseille Jewish community's religious leadership: A machete-wielding 15-year-old slashed a Jewish teacher in the street. Under police questioning, the boy invoked IS.

Zvi Ammar, head of the Israelite Consistory of Marseille, asked Jews to go without the kippa "until better days." Kippa is the Hebrew word for skullcap, while it is known as a yarmulke in Yiddish.

Ammar called it the hardest decision he'd ever made. His words disturbed and divided French Jews and non-Jews alike, and evoked Nazi-era fears.

And they were a slap to the French government, desperate to reassure its Jewish community — the world's third largest — and



AP Photo/Claude Paris

A member of the Jewish authority waits outside during a visit from the Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve, at the synagogue, in Marseille, southern France, Thursday.

a nation shaken by a violent year.

The president called the recommendation intolerable. Two Jewish legislators wore kippas to French Parliament in protest.

"It means that we are projecting part of the responsibility on the victim," France's chief rabbi, Haim Korsia, told The Associated Press.

"What is the limit? ... Someone who walks in the street on Saturday morning on his way to the synagogue, isn't it too visibly Jewish? It doesn't end. And then, some people won't be allowed to wear a (Christian) cross in the street, to wear such or such religious sign?" he asked. "At some point, we have to defend the model of our society and it is a society of secularism and freedom of religious practice."

Jews face this challenge

routinely, and widely.

Israel's foreign ministry has a "behavior recommendations" section on its website to ensure safety for Israeli travelers, advising against highlighting "your Israeli identity (in dress, equipment, behavior) when not necessary" or engaging in political arguments.

German Jewish leaders have suggested skullcap discretion in recent years, notably in areas with large Muslim populations. The Israeli ambassador to Denmark made a similar recommendation in 2013, drawing ire.

"I have plenty of French customers, Americans, Australians, from all over the world and I have noticed customers abroad tend to buy black kippas out of fear, so it won't be noticed," said Maya Tzidon, owner of a shop called Kippa Centre in Tel Aviv.

The kippa, traditionally worn by men, is meant to remind the wearer of God's presence over him. It has become customary for Orthodox Jews to wear the head covering throughout the day, while other Jews often only do so when they enter a synagogue, pray or perform a Jewish ritual.

Public signs of faith have put Muslims at risk, too.

U.S. Muslim women who wear headscarves are sharing guidance about what to do if they feel threatened, and some non-Muslims are wearing the hijab out of solidarity. Harassment, threats and vandalism directed at American Muslims has reportedly grown recently, notably in the wake of IS-linked attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, California, and comments by U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump.

In France, the skullcap debate has raised uncomfortable questions about French attitudes to religious garb, and whether they are fair to everyone in the country's multi-ethnic society.

It's illegal in France for Muslim girls to wear headscarves in public school, or for any woman to wear a face-covering Islamic veil in public. The headscarf law forbids kippas or extra-large Christian crosses in schools, too, but is widely viewed as targeting France's large Muslim minority and forcing them to adhere to secular rules.

## BRIEFLY

### Pilot Rock church offers free meal tonight

PILOT ROCK — The Pilot Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church is hosting a free dinner for the community.

The spaghetti meal will be served Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the church, 104 W. Main St., Pilot Rock.

### Pro-life breakfast supports education

PENDLETON — Pancakes, ham, eggs, coffee and juice will be served during the 15th annual Pro-Life Breakfast.

The event is Sunday, Jan. 24 from 9-11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. The cost is \$5 each or \$20 for a family.

In addition, donations of diapers up to size 3, baby wipes and other infant items will be accepted. The items will be distributed through Pregnancy Care Services, who provide support to mothers facing unplanned pregnancies in Pendleton and Hermiston.

Sponsored by Pendleton Knights of Columbus and Pendleton Right to Life, the event serves as a fundraiser to bring pro-life awareness and education to the community. Their efforts include a billboard on Southgate in Pendleton and a poster contest for children.

For more information, contact Dennis Hull at 541-969-7136 or dmhull@charter.net.

### Church Women United meet Thursday

MILTON-FREEWATER — Janice Young will share about her experiences as a missionary in Tanzania during the upcoming Church Women United meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

The gathering also includes the installation of officers and refreshments.

For more information, call Judy at 509-520-8497 or Helen at 541-558-3969.

## Anglicans sanction U.S. Episcopal Church over gay marriage

NEW YORK (AP) — Anglican leaders on Thursday temporarily restricted the role of the U.S. Episcopal Church in their global fellowship as a sanction over the American church's acceptance of gay marriage.

Episcopalians have been barred for three years from any policy-setting positions in the Anglican Communion while a task force is formed that will try to reconcile conflicting views over sexuality in the 85-million-member family of churches. The Episcopal Church is the Anglican body in the United States.

The announcement came near the end of a weeklong meeting in Canterbury, England, called by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, to heal rifts over same-sex relationships and keep the Anglican Communion from splitting apart. Welby, the Anglican spiritual leader, does not have the authority to force a compromise. He set a news conference Friday in Canterbury to explain the leaders' decision.

Episcopal Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, who attended the meeting, told the other leaders their vote "will bring real pain" to gays and lesbians and to Episcopalians "committed to following Jesus in the way of love and being a church that lives that love." Still, he said he was committed to the Anglican family.

The Global Anglican Future Conference, which represents theologians

conservative Anglican leaders worldwide, had sought sanctions against the U.S. church, and some members said they would walk out of this week's meeting unless some penalty was applied. One leader, Ugandan Archbishop Stanley Ntagali, did so. In a statement Thursday, the conference known as GAFCON said their leaders were pleased by the outcome of the meeting, but "this action must not be seen as an end, but as a beginning."

Anglicans, whose roots are in the missionary work of the Church of England, are the third-largest grouping of Christians in the world, behind Roman Catholics and the Orthodox.

The fellowship has been fracturing for decades over gay relationships, women's ordination and other issues. Those rifts blew wide open in 2003 when the New York-based Episcopal Church consecrated the first openly gay bishop, Gene Robinson, in New Hampshire. Last year, the top U.S. Episcopal legislative body, or General Convention, voted to authorize gay marriages in their churches.

The most vocal protests to the Episcopal embrace of gay rights came from Africa, home to some of the fastest-growing churches in the Anglican communion and the deepest opposition to gay relationships as a violation of Scripture. Many African countries have criminalized gay relationships.



<p><b>Peace Lutheran Church</b> 210 NW 9th, Pendleton Join us Sundays 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Sunday School &amp; Adult Class ~Come and be at Peace~ on 1290 KUMA noon each Sunday</p>	<p><b>Faith Center Church</b> Worshiping God Loving People 108 S. Main • 276-9569 Sunday Worship 10:30 am Sr. Pastor, Ray O'Grady pendletonfaithcenter.org</p>	<p><b>NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston Sunday Worship Services English- Pastor Dave Andrus 9:00 &amp; 10:45 am Spanish- Pastor Genaro Loreda 9:00 &amp; 10:15 am Classes for kids during all services For more information call 541-567-8441</p>	<p><b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church</b> Saturday Services Pendleton 1401 SW Goodwin Place 276-0882 Sabbath School 9:20 am Worship Service 10:45 am</p>
<p><b>Community Presbyterian Church</b> 14 Martin Drive, Umatilla, OR 922-3250 Worship: 10 AM Sunday School at 11:30</p>	<p><b>PILOT ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 585 SW Birch, Pilot Rock, OR 97868 (541) 443-2500 prbconline.blogspot.com Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:45 am Wednesday Services: Kids' Club: 6:00 pm Youth Group: 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>GRACE AND MERCY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA</b> OPEN HEARTS - OPEN DOOR www.graceandmercyelca.org Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (Nursery Provided) Fellowship, Refreshments &amp; Sunday School Check Out our Facebook Page or Website for More Information 541-289-4535 Tom Inch, Pastor Grace and Mercy Lutheran Church, ELCA 164 E. Main St. / P.O. Box 1108 Hermiston, Oregon 97838</p>	<p><b>Grace Baptist Church</b> 555 SW 11th, Hermiston 567-9497 Nursery provided for all services Sunday School - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:45 AM 6:00 pm Wed Prayer &amp; Worship - 7:00 PM "Proclaiming God's word, growing in God's grace"</p>
<p><b>St. Johns Episcopal Church</b> All People Are Welcome Scripture, Tradition and Reason Family service 9am Sunday Gladys Ave &amp; 7th Hermiston Fr. Dan Lediard, Priest, PH: 567-6672</p>	<p><b>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> in Mission for Christ LCMC Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM Red Lion Hotel (Oregon Trail Room) www.faithpendleton.org</p>	<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> 352 SE 2nd Street Pendleton, OR 541-276-2616 Sunday Worship 9am Open Hearts, Open Hands, Open Doors Facebook: www.facebook.com/FUMCPendleton Services are broadcast every Sunday on KUMA-1290 AM @ 11am Rev. Dr. Jim Pierce, pastor</p>	<p><b>Come meet Jesus at PENDLETON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 3202 SW Nye Ave Pendleton, OR 541-276-7590 Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 AM Sunday Youth Group 6:00 PM Mon. Community Women's Study 9:30 AM &amp; 6 PM Awana Kids Club (K-6th grade) Wed Men's Study 6 PM MOPS meeting the 1st Thur of the Month 6 PM</p>
<p><b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> -Presbyterian Church (USA)- 201 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton Service of Worship - 10:00 am Children's Sunday School - 10:20 am Fellowship - 11:00 am www.pendletonpresbyterian.com Open Hearted...Open Minded</p>	<p><b>PENDLETON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD</b> FIRST SERVICE 8:30 AM SECOND SERVICE 10:30 AM 712 SW 27th ST. 541-276-1894 www.fcogpendleton.com</p>	<p><b>THE COUNTRY CHURCH</b> Pastor James Becker 32742 Diagonal RD Hermiston OR 97838 Sunday School 10 am Worship 7 am Evening Service 7 pm Bible Study Wednesdays 7 pm Firestarter Youth Ministry (Ages 12-17) Monday @ 6 pm</p>	<p><b>Living Word Christian Center</b> Sunday Worship 10:00am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm Youth Classes - Nursery-6th grade Sun &amp; Wed YOUTH GROUPS: Jr Hi, Wed 7pm Sr Hi, Sun after the service Sharon Miller, Pastor 401 Northgate, Pendleton 541-278-9082 www.livingwordcc.com</p>
<p><b>a place to belong Pendleton First</b> INVITING ENRICHING INVOLVING EMPOWERING SUNDAY SERVICES AM Celebration-10:00am AM Kids Place -10:00am The Connection--6:00pm Groups for all ages: Adults, Children, Youth, &amp; College</p>	<p><b>The Salvation Army</b> Center for Worship &amp; Service Sunday Worship Service 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship Service Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 Family Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study COME AS YOU ARE 150 SE EMIGRANT (541)276-3369</p>	<p><b>St. Paul Anglican Church, APA</b> Currently Located at 119 SW Guinney Pl., Home Church in Pendleton @ Sunridge Estates 541-303-1261 Holy Communion - 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday Morning Prayer - 2nd, 4th &amp; 5th Sunday All Services - 10:00am Sundays The Rev. Fr. Vincent Varnas facebook.com/stpaulanglicanchurchapa</p>	<p><b>To share your worship times call Amanda Jacobs 541-278-2683</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday Celebrate Recovery-6:00pm</b> Celebration Place-6:00pm Other Groups Available Weekly For more info visit WWW.PENDLETONFIRST.COM 1911 SE Court Ave 541-276-6417 Assembly of God Church</p>	<p><b>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) 215 N Main • Pendleton Sunday Worship: 10:40a Bible Class: 9:30a Office 276-5358 M-F 8:30-12:30 WWW.FCCPENDLETON.ORG</p>	<p><b>Redeemer Episcopal Church</b> 241 SE Second St. Pendleton (541)276-3809 www.pendletonepiscopal.org Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. Wednesday Worship Noon Wednesday Evening Prayer and Pot Luck 6:00 p.m. All Are Welcome</p>	<p><b>To share your worship times call Amanda Jacobs 541-278-2683</b></p>