

and we've puzzled over the line of thinking in her explanation of this crime. What clouded this leader's obligation to fiscal responsibility?

And, as a diocese, we've come upon a rather interesting mix of local stories about other avenues of leadership. We learn from, for example, several young college interns devoting their time and

Whom do you admire? With whom do you differ? What have you learned from them? What might they learn from you? Do we choose our leaders or do they choose us?

I welcome your replies, and I will publish as many as possible.

It seems that we all have hopes about leaders. I do. I hope, for example

amid changing times and often controversial circumstances.

Ever powerful, of course, is the model leadership of Our Lord, who "taking upon himself the form of a servant" came not with autocratic trappings, but lived, died and lives again as an amazing redeemer and reconciler so well worth emulating. —*Bob Williams*

Letters to The News

Environmental Economy

I was pleased with Bishop Borsch's comments on "Environmental Economy" in the April Viewpoints section of The Episcopal News. He postulates that as long as we allow practices that harm our planet home, we are not only failing to be good stewards but are also failing to use good economics. He questions, "If the bottom line is not green, can it ever really be black?"

In fact, some economists as early as the 1960s have searched for ways to compensate for the failures of the market system to account for public goods, common property, and market transactions which negatively affect third parties (such as pollution). Thus far their ideas have not become mainstream for several reasons. One is the entrenched misuse of concepts such as Gross Domestic Product in trying to assess the welfare of a country and its inhabitants. Others are the difficulty in valuing resources not traded in the marketplace, and the myopic vision

of business and government planners.

This is changing, however, and I foresee that as we all begin to see our personal stake in the health of the earth and acknowledge our responsibility in its caretaking, we will more stridently call for measures that show where we are feathering and where we are fouling our nest. With such measures—with such mirrors—we can find the courage to take the steps necessary to insure a bountiful natural inheritance for our progeny.

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Stewardship of the Earth

In the Viewpoints article, Environmental Economy, where Berry is quoted as saying the "constant participation of all creatures in the being of God" is in keeping with scripture. In Acts 17:28, Paul said, "For in Him we live and move and have our being;" (John 10:34,

20:17). That famous Episcopal priest, Alan Watts, also taught the same.

In Psalm 50:10, we read, "For mine (God) are all the animals of the forests, beasts by the thousand on my mountains..."

It is sad that humans have been such miserable stewards of God's great earth.

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Thanks from Thank Offering

Thank you for enabling the United Thank Offering to have such a fine piece in the April issue of The Episcopal News. Ruth Nicastro covered every aspect, and made the article very interesting.

You are giving us a fine newspaper. Thanks for your hard work.

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