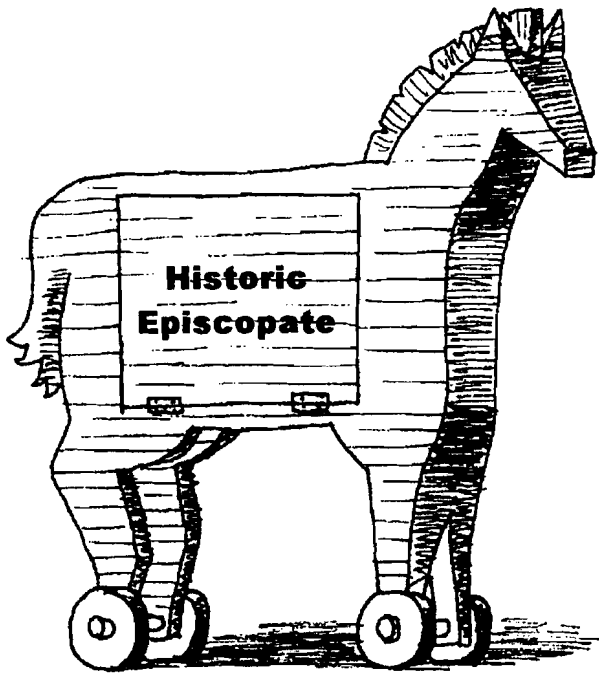


The Gift that Keeps on Giving



What we were told:

Only a rite
No real change



The reality:

Future common pattern of ministry
-- Bishops, Priests, and Deacons



"If the Lord can speak through Balaam's ass, he can even speak through me."

— Martin Luther, commenting on Numbers 22

* The Episcopal Church has made a binding agreement with Catholics that the ordination rite is "sacramental" and effects an "ontological" change in the one ordained. This agreement, ARCIC I, was adopted by ECUSA's General Convention in 1988. CCM #14 requires Lutherans and Episcopalians to grow together until we have "a common and fully interchangeable ministry of bishops in full communion."