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New today from the *Century*:

- Philip Jenkins on [Africa's canon within the canon](#): "Here is my unscientific rule: if Martin Luther treated a biblical book with disdain, then that book is really popular in modern Africa." (subscription required)
- Steve Thorngate encounters a [good-natured protest drummer](#): "At the corner waiting for the light to change, I stood next to a protest drummer who fit the stereotype well: unshorn, unkempt and not much over 20. While he drummed away, a man in his 60s joined us at the corner. This man was dressed crisply and professionally."
- David Heim [highlights](#) *Century* contributing editor Jason Byassee's article on Nadia Bolz-Weber and the House for All Sinners and Saints: "An outreach innovator, Bolz-Weber is a traditionalist when it comes to matters of liturgy and theology. She appears to have a special attachment to the doctrine of original sin."

In the news:

- [Activists bemoan low priority given to religious freedom](#)
- [Less than half of Americans know Romney's a Mormon](#)
- [St. Paul's cleric resigns, cathedral supports legal steps to remove protesters](#)
- [Pope convenes interfaith summit, but prayer is optional](#)
- [Penn Jillette's 10 Commandments for atheists](#)