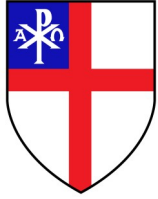


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## BISHOP'S EPISTLE

### *A New Beginning*

Our Christian Year has recently taken us through the trilogy of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. We have now arrived in our journey through the Christian Year at the Pre-Lenten Season with the "gesima" Sundays which are to prepare us for the coming of Lent. The annual Winter Conference for Clergy and Deaconesses last week was conducted as a Retreat by Bishop Jones on the subject of Confession and Penance. This was a timely retreat on a subject presented in an informal setting which allowed for interaction and comment along with questions and answers. Many thanks to Bishop Chad Jones for his presentation and his informative question and answer session.

### *An Infusion of New Energy*

The Winter Conference is a special time for all who attend for spiritual uplift and an opportunity to spend time together with fellow Clergy and getting to know our newest partners in ministry. We welcomed officially into the ministry of this Province and Diocese following the completion of our transfer and reception process, the Rev. Myles Hixson, was Instituted as Rector of Holy Cross Church, Farragut (Knoxville), TN, on Sunday, February 16; and the Rev. Wesley Walker, Curate at St. Paul's Church, Crownsville, (Annapolis) MD. The Board of Examining Chaplains interviewed a number of new men and also men who are in the process who are working toward Ordination. The Conference welcomed visitors and interested clergy of other jurisdictions as well.

### *A Time of Transition*

As a Province and Diocese, we will be going through a time of transition beginning this year. It is a time for prayer and guidance as it can be a divisive time or it can be a time of hopeful anticipation. When we had the last change in Episcopal leadership most of you were not around.

Those who were will remember the difficulties encountered because there was no plan for an orderly systematic transfer of authority but just an abrupt surprise resignation. Now, it will involve not only a change in the location of the Diocesan Office but also a change of the leadership team. Bishop Jones and I, along with the advice of other leadership, are working on a systematic timeline for the transfer process. It will be critical that everyone is patient and prayerful as we work through this transition.

### *A Blessed Past; a Positive Future*

Many positive things have happened within our Diocese and the APA since the last change of leadership. We have doubled our membership in numbers of parishes and missions in the DEUS. The APA has added a great number of exemplary clergy to our numbers. We have steadily increased our membership to nearly double what we had in 1995. Where sadly so many of the Continuing Churches have lost membership, we have continued to move ahead. Many of you are aware that we receive inquiries from clergy from other Anglican bodies or non-Anglican Churches interested in becoming a part of the APA. Some of you in our ministry fall into that category and we pray, that as time goes on, other men will find their way to ministry through the APA or other jurisdictions in our Joint Anglican Synods or G-4 Communion.

### *Call to Focus on Evangelism*

As we enter this new year with many challenges and opportunities ahead, I want to focus on the work of evangelism in our missions and parishes. With our new men coming on board bringing with them new energy and excitement, I sense those who have been laboring in the Lord's vineyard for many years catching renewed enthusiasm. I believe the flame of God's Holy

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Spirit will be strongly present in our midst in this year of 2020. It is important that all of us think of Mission as a critical role in the ministry of the Church. To quote Bishop Haines' admonition to the Global Partners, the abbreviation "Rev." does not mean Resting, Eating and Visiting but Reach Every Village. Our Prayer Book reminds us that we who serve at the altar should live of the things belonging to the altar to be sure, but also to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children who are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ forever.

## *Reflection*

I have observed in recent years that so many of those who have found a home in the bosom of our Traditional Anglican Church are those who are either unchurched (nones) or who have found their way into our Church from evangelical protestant expressions. In many cases, those who initially came to visit because a friend invited them to "come and see." These are also in many cases younger people who had never been a part of the Episcopal Church. Those who have come and seen and stayed have now been taught and catechized and taken the teachings of the Church and Prayer Book seriously including requesting the Sacrament of Penance.

## *Lenten Appeal*

I am going to designate the 2020 Lenten Appeal to be for a Domestic Mission. I have spoken with Bishop Ordinary Giffin, Bishop Coadjutor Jones, Suffragan Bishop Perkins (Chairman of our Domestic Mission Board), and Missionary Bishop Haines, and we all enthusiastically support having our two Alabama Mission Churches that Father John Klein is pastoring to be the recipients. It will now be a matter of finding the right man to take on this challenge. Father Klein is a wonderful priest with great experience and knowledge and is building the Church of St. James the Great in Smith Station (Opelika), Alabama, from scratch and also serving as the Vicar of St. Matthias Church, Dothan, Alabama. He drives every Sunday following his Mass at Smiths Station to Dothan, Alabama (about 2 hours) to celebrate and teach there. He could use

the help and would provide excellent training and mentoring for a young curate. Some of you may be aware that St. Matthias Church had an average Sunday attendance of 6 people and are now have over 30. Many new members have come from a local Episcopal Church which has gone the way of the World. Bishop Jones will be at St. Matthias upon his return from the Holy Land and will receive around 30 new members. Father Klein has been an inspiration and we are blessed to have him and his dedicated wife Linda with us. I pray that all of you and your parishes will join in the support of this year's Lenten Mission Appeal.

## *In Closing*

We had a wonderful Winter Conference and Retreat at St. Barnabas' Church, Dunwoody, Georgia, last week. I want to thank all of you who made the effort to be there. I want to thank our Board of Examining Chaplains, under the Chairmanship of Father Mark Menees, and our Bishop's Advisory Committee Upper Diocese, under the Chairmanship of Father Nick Henderson, for their work in bringing men for the ministry through the process. We owe all of these men a real debt of gratitude. On behalf of all, we thank Bishop Jones and the St. Barnabas' volunteers for their help in coordinating the Conference.

Blessings for a prosperous Lenten Season,  
+*Walter*

## *Report on Clergy with serious health issues*

Please continue to pray for the continual recovery of Father Mark Siegel as he continues to battle cancer; for Father Glenn Spencer recovering from Triple by-pass surgery and valve replacement; for Father Tom Burr recovering well from a stroke; Father John Gibson who is suffering from the effects of a stroke; for Father Michael Clay Smith battling cancer; Father Rich Bakley battling cancer; and also for their wives who are in most cases their primary supporters and caregivers. Thanksgiving for recovery: Father David Conway, St. James of Jerusalem Church, has been given a "cancer free" diagnosis by his team of oncologists. Praise the Lord!

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## ***Annual Parish Reports Due - March 1***

As Required by APA Canon 43, all churches in the Province need to turn in their annual Parochial Reports (Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2019) to their Bishop Ordinary. **Deadline is March 1.** The 2019 Annual Parochial Report form is available on the APA website (under Resources, Parish Life). This report is to be completed via the online form only. You will get an automatic confirmation email when the report is submitted. If you don't get an automatic email, contact the Provincial office to determine if the report submitted properly. *Reminder for Clergy Counting – Only report APA clergy canonically residing at individual church (e.g. do not count provisionally licensed clergy from other jurisdictions.) A copy of the Report is included in this Epistle as a worksheet to prepare answers prior to entering online.* The online form will automatically send the parish data to the APA office and send a copy to the church email address used for submission. For DMA parishes, data will then be forwarded to the Rt. Rev. Robert Giffin, Bishop Ordinary, and for DOW parishes, to the Rev. Canon Robert Hawkins, Vicar General.

## ***Combined APA and DEUS/DMA/DOW Synods***

We will have our **combined APA and all 3 Diocesan Synods** (DEUS, DMA, and DOW) **August 3-7, 2020.** The combined Synods will be hosted by All Saints Church in Mills River, North Carolina, where Archdeacon Erich Zwingert is rector. This is a bit later than usual, but to get the lowest possible hotel rates, we had to work around the peak vacation season in the North Carolina mountains.

## ***DEUS News***

According to the new DEUS Policy approved at Synod 2019, a DEUS clergy compensation survey will be conducted every three years in conjunction with the provincial cycle of synods. Since the Provincial Synod falls in 2020, the survey is to be conducted this year as well. Both the APA Parochial Report and Compensation Survey have the same due date (**March 1**) since some data will be used for both the annual report and the clergy survey. Figures need to be entered on each

report/survey separately since the data feeds into 2 independent reports for different purposes.

The DEUS Clergy Compensation Survey was sent out to each church's senior priest and church email. Additional copies of the form can be obtained by contacting the Diocesan office. Please return a hard copy marked "confidential" to the Diocesan Office at the address shown on the form. Our office will send a confirmation email upon receipt.

100% participation is necessary and expected. All compensation responses will remain anonymous and confidential and the cumulative results and recommendations will be shared with the clergy at the DEUS Synod in the year the survey was completed.

## ***Anglican Youth Summer Camp***

Camp this year is from **June 14-19** and will once again be at the Vineyard camp in Westfield, NC. Anglican Youth Camp is a place where campers, ages 8 to 15, build character and values, learn responsibility and cooperation, and gain independence and confidence, all while strengthening their Anglican beliefs. Registration is online at [www.anglicanyouthcamp.com](http://www.anglicanyouthcamp.com). Deadline is May 15. Price is \$375 (can be paid in full or monthly installments). Please make out checks to: Christ the Redeemer Church with the memo "Summer Camp," and mail to: Fr. Matt Harlow, 217 Sabre Drive, Bonaire, GA 31005. (Please, do not send checks directly to the Camp.) Any questions, feel free to contact Fr. Matt Harlow at [harlowmatthew@gmail.com](mailto:harlowmatthew@gmail.com) or 478-365-9558.

## ***Ad Clerum APA***

### **Resignation/Retirement**

**DEUS:** The Rev. John Gibson retired effective Jan. 3, 2020.

**DEUS:** The Rev. Robert Placer resigned from St. Athanasius, Glen Allen, VA and has retired effective Feb. 10, 2020.

### **Deposition:**

**DEUS:** The Rev. Tyler Phass was deposed Nov. 11, 2019 due to Abandonment of APA to join Easter Orthodox Church.

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### Removed from Roles

DEUS: The Rev. David Bottoms was removed from roles upon request. Jurisdiction unknown.

### Vacancies

- St. Luke's Church, Port Orange, FL
- St. Mathias Mission, Dothan, AL
- St. Martin's, Ocala, FL
- St. Peter's, Kingsport, TN

### Prayer List

#### **Of your charity, keep in your prayers:**

Fr. Tom and Linda Burr, Fr. Mark and Vicki Siegel; Rick Watson (Synod Organist); Fr. John Gibson; Bishop Hanlan; Bishop Shaver; Fr. Carter; Fr. Bakley and wife, Pat; Fr. Gardner; and Bishop Stephen Strawn (G-4 Bishop).

### APA Presiding Bishop, DEUS Bishop Ordinary Itinerary

Jan. 7: G-4 Archbishop Conference Call, APA Office, Oviedo, FL.

Jan. 16-17: Anglican Joint Synods, Dunwoody, GA

Jan. 25-26: Confirmations and Episcopal Visitation, St. Paul's, Melbourne, FL.

Feb. 4-7: APA Winter Retreat, hosted by St. Barnabas Church, Dunwoody, GA

Feb. 14-17: Institution of Fr. Myles Hixson as Rector, Holy Cross Church, Confirmation and Episcopal Visitation, Holy Cross Church, Farragut, TN.

Feb. 24: DOW Conference Call.

Feb 26: Celebration of Ash Wednesday, St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL.

Feb. 27: House of Bishops Conference Call

Mar. 3, 5 or 12: Provincial Council Conference Call.

Mar. 13-16: Confirmations and Episcopal Visitation, Church of St. George the Martyr, Simpsonville, SC.

Mar. 21: Lenten Retreat, St. Mary the Virgin Church, Delray Beach, FL.

Mar. 22: Episcopal Visit, St. Mary the Virgin Church, Delray Beach, FL.

### APA Missionary Bishop Haines Itinerary

Jan. 16-17: Anglican Joint Synods, Dunwoody, GA

Feb. 4-7: APA Winter Retreat, hosted by St. Barnabas Church, Dunwoody, GA

Mar. 2-11: Episcopal Visitation, APA Missionary District of the Philippines.

### DEUS Bishop Coadjutor Jones Itinerary

Jan. 14-17: Hosted Anglican Joint Synods, Dunwoody, GA.

Feb. 4-7: APA Winter Retreat, hosted by St. Barnabas Church, Dunwoody, GA.

Feb. 11-20: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with the Anglican Province of America pilgrimage group.

Mar. 7-8: Confirmations and Episcopal Visitation, St. Matthias, Dothan, AL.

### DEUS Suffragan Bishop Perkins Itinerary

Jan. 14: G-4 Church Planting Committee meeting, Joint Synod, Atlanta, GA.

Feb. 5-7: APA Winter Retreat, Dunwoody, GA.

Feb. 8: Celebrant of Requiem Mass for Bishop Edward LaCour, Holy Guardian Angels (ACC), Lantana, FL.

Feb. 11: Southeast Florida Traditional Anglican Clericus, Delray Beach, FL.

Mar. 10: Southeast Florida Traditional Anglican Clericus, Delray Beach, FL.

Apr. 14: Southeast Florida Traditional Anglican Clericus Delray Beach, FL.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### January Birthdays

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| 01 | Dss. Linda Burns, BCOS                  |
| 01 | The Rev. Don Edlemann                   |
| 02 | The Rev. Scott Koszalinski              |
| 03 | The Very Rev. Mark Menees, BCOS         |
| 14 | The Most Rev. Dr. Larry Shaver, Obl OSB |
| 15 | The Rev. Vincent Varnas                 |
| 20 | The Most Rev. Walter Grundorf, D.D.     |
| 21 | The Rev. Daniel Rieger, PhD             |
| 24 | The Rev. Bradley Cunningham             |
| 25 | The Rev. Brian Oldfield                 |

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## January Anniversaries

06 The Rev. John Klein, *Priesthood*  
 09 The Rev. Louis Johnson, EdD, *Priesthood*  
 10 The Rev. Ian Dunn, *Diaconate*  
 10 The Rev. Daniel Squires, *Diaconate*  
 19 The Rt. Rev. G. Raymond Hanlan, *Bishop*  
 19 The Rev. Canon Robert Jennings, *Priesthood*  
 19 The Rev. Mr. Peter Joslyn, *Diaconate*  
 19 The Rev. David Sokol, SSM, *Priesthood*  
 22 Dss Suzanne Standiford, *Set Apart*  
 25 The Rev. George Harding, *Diaconate*  
 25 The Rev. Gregory Miller, *Priesthood*  
 25 The Rev. Brian Oldfield, *Priesthood*  
 29 The Rev. Wade Miller, *Diaconate*  
 31 The Very Rev. Mark Menees, BCOS, *Diaconate*

## February Birthdays

01 The Rev. Clarence (Chip) Sills  
 05 The Rev. Stephen Sommerrock  
 10 Dss. M. Clare Burgess  
 11 The Rev. Dick Miller  
 12 The Rt. Rev. C. Peter Brewer, OSF  
 13 The Rev. Thomas Burr  
 19 The Rev. Canon Michael Ward, SSA  
 20 The Rev. Myles Hixson  
 25 The Rev. William Martin, SSC

## February Anniversaries

02 The Rev. John Gibson, *Priesthood*  
 03 The Rev. Dr. Creighton Barnes, *Priesthood*  
 06 The Rev. Brian Oldfield, *Diaconate*  
 08 The Rev. Yossi Sarid, *Priesthood*  
 12 The Rev. Frank Bartlett, SSM, *Priesthood*  
 12 The Rev. Kenneth Bailey, Jr., *Priesthood*  
 13 The Rev. John Poole, *Diaconate*  
 18 The Rev. James Danford, *Diaconate*  
 19 The Rev. James Danford, *Priesthood*  
 19 The Rev. Myles Hixson, *Diaconate*  
 20 The Rev. Benjamin Holland, *Diaconate*  
 21 The Rev. Rosemond Etienne, *Diaconate*  
 21 Dss. Jocelyne Lezin, *Set Apart*  
 21 The Rev. Pierre Nacius, *Diaconate*  
 21 The Rev. Yvon Thermidor, *Diaconate*  
 22 The Rev. John Lohmann, IV, *Priesthood*  
 24 The Rev. Don Edlemann, *Priesthood*  
 24 The Rev. Sean McDermott, *Priesthood*  
 25 The Rev. Robert Placer, *Priesthood*  
 27 The Rev. Canon Michael Ward, SSA, *Priesthood*

28 The Rev. Michael Smith, *Priesthood*  
 29 The Rev. Nicholas Henderson, *Diaconate*

## March Birthdays

02 Dss. Suzanne Standiford  
 03 The Rev. Mr. Kevin Fife  
 05 The Rev. Louis Johnson, Ed.D  
 07 Dss. Elizabeth Jenkins  
 11 The Rev. Mr. Eugene Godbold, PhD  
 11 The Rev. Mr. Stephen Miller  
 20 The Rev. Guerrier Mews  
 24 The Rev. Benjamin Holland  
 30 The Rev. David Keller

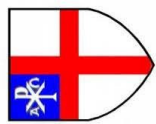
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 02 The Rev. Mr. Erik Wilson, *Diaconate*  
 03 The Rev. Kevin Burks, *Priesthood*  
 07 The Rev. Canon Glenn Spencer, *Priesthood*  
 11 The Rev. Frank Bartlett, SSM, *Diaconate*  
 11 The Rt. Rev. Robert Loiselle, *Bishop*  
 17 The Rev. G. Allen Fisher, *Priesthood*  
 18 The Rev. Peter Joslyn, *Priesthood*  
 18 The Rev. Robert Tufton, *Priesthood*  
 19 The Rt. Rev. G. Raymond Hanlan, *Priesthood*  
 19 The Rev. Scott Koszalinski, *Priesthood*  
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 28 The Rev. Mr. Thad Osborne, *Diaconate*  
 29 The Rev. Mr. Josef Mayntz, *Diaconate*

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# Annual Parochial Report

For the year ending December 20\_\_  
 To be delivered to the Bishop Ordinary by March 1 every year.  
 (Canon 43)

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City & State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clergyman in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sr Warden Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sr Warden Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sr Warden Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Status:  Parish  Mission  
 Diocese:  DEUS  DMA  DOW

### Membership and Ministry Information

Number of Members	Number of Ministers
A. Adult Communicants (Confirmed)	Bishops:
B. Communicants Under age 18 (Confirmed):	Priests:
C. Baptized, not yet Confirmed (adults or children)	Deacons:
	Lay Readers:
	Postulants, Aspirants:
<b>D. Total Members (A+B+C = D)</b>	<b>Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)</b>
	Average Sunday
Last Year's Total Members	

### Financial Information

Income	Expenses
From Tithes & Pledges	Tithe to Dioceses
From All Other Sources:	All Other Expenses:
Total Income:	Total Expenses:
Canonical Retirement Payment Made (Canon 18)	No

### Number of Sacramental and Ministerial Acts

Baptisms:	Confirmations:
Marriages:	Burials:

### Number of Church School Participants

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Sunday School Curriculum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Rector/Vicar/Minister-in-Charge \_\_\_\_\_ Date mm/dd/yyyy