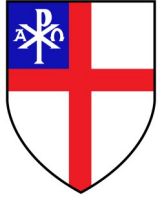


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BISHOP'S EPISTLE

We have arrived at the 4th quarter of this unusual year of 2020 which has been full of surprises often of the negative variety. For the largest part of this year, our country has been working under less than optimal circumstances. Just when it seems that the coronavirus is beginning to fade, it reappears in another place causing additional concern. This of course affects our churches and all churches in general throughout our country. We can have church services with proper precautions, but we are limited in our usual activities such as dinners, baptisms, confirmations, funerals, weddings, and ordinations where everyone who wishes cannot attend. This fellowship and being together is so much a part of what a church family is. The fear of the virus has served to isolate many of our parishioners who are afraid of being in larger groups. Most of our clergy are doing their best to stay in contact with those who are unable to come to church. It is helpful to establish a buddy system with parishioners who live alone whereby they can contact each other on a regular basis. We had an incident at St. Alban's Cathedral recently when a parishioner called a homebound parishioner and realized during the call that her friend may be having a stroke and called for emergency help. This saved the parishioner who was indeed in the early stages of a stroke.

Updates on Synods

As previously communicated, due to the pandemic, the DMA Synod and the critical Synod business of the DEUS and DEUS Standing Committee were conducted via Zoom videoconferences in August and September.

DMA Synod

Bishop Giffin, Bishop Ordinary, reported that the DMA held their 11th Synod on September 12, 2020, via a Zoom videoconference. Diocesan Business was conducted during the one-day

meeting, in which several actions were addressed, including the adoption of the 2021 Budget, with a small increase, and various elections and appointments to Diocesan Committees. Provincial administrative needs were covered. A State of the Diocese Address was provided by the Rt. Rev Robert Giffin, as well as a greeting read from Presiding Bishop Grundorf. The turnout for the Synod was good with all parishes and missions being represented. The new mission of Christ Anglican Church in Florence Kentucky (near Cincinnati, Ohio) was welcomed. Re-elected as President of the Standing Committee was the Rev. Canon Robert Jennings and Rick Watson was elected to the Standing Committee also elected as the Secretary of the Standing Committee. The Diocesan Treasurer, Judith Vallejo, and Diocesan Court members were also re-elected. All previous appointed positions were reappointed.

DEUS Synod

The critical items were handled by the DEUS Standing Committee for the DEUS Synod. These included submittal of my resignation after a 5-year extension to Synod 2020. A motion proposed by Bishop Coadjutor Chandler Jones to refuse my resignation and extend my retirement until the end of the next Synod 2021 was voted on (by secret voting) and approved. I gave a State of the Diocese Address which is available on the APA website. All those who are currently in appointed positions were reappointed. Elected positions will remain in place until Synod 2021. Key business reports such as the Board of Examining Chaplains and Domestic Missions were distributed before the meeting. The Summary of Treasurer report/2021 budget discussions occurred. The 2021 Budget voting was postponed until October 2020 so the Finance Committee could consider additional data presented.

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APA Synod

The Provincial Synod 2020 business has been postponed until 2021. Elected positions will remain in place until the next Provincial Synod. Next year's DEUS, DMA, and APA Synods will be held in July 2021 hosted by St. Barnabas' Anglican Church in Dunwoody (Atlanta), GA. (The DOW Synod is to be determined.)

Positive Happenings (events)

With all that has been happening this year out of the ordinary, we have had some very positive events for which to be thankful. We have had a number of men who have completed and passed their canonical examinations this year and are now scheduled for Ordination. These men and their proposed ordination dates are listed under the Ad Clerum section of this Epistle.

In Retrospect

Following on this thought, as I anticipate my retirement as the Diocesan and Presiding Bishop of the APA/DEUS in the summer of 2021, I reflect on the many years I have served as a parish priest, Suffragan Bishop, and then as Diocesan and finally Presiding Bishop. The years have gone by quickly and the amazing thing is to witness the way God has continued to bless our Jurisdiction with so many wonderful and highly talented men for the ministry. I am thankful for the faithful lay men and women who have been a part of this church, many of whom have now gone on before us, without whom we could not have survived and prospered. I think at this time of David "Dave" Arnott, who died earlier this year, that so many of you knew, and because of the restrictions on church gatherings, was buried only recently. Dave was an integral part of the DEUS and APA Lay Leadership. He served as a Provincial Council member, Standing Committee member, DEUS Budget Analyst, and as a Cathedral and Diocesan IT resource. He was also a steadfast and devoted parishioner of the Cathedral, with his wife Shearon, for over 2 decades, where he served on the Vestry and as Sr. Warden. May he rest in peace.

Tapestry of the Church

To those God has raised up as shepherds and

guides I am eternally grateful for their ministry and their influence upon others and me. I am reminded of St. Paul's words from the Book of Ephesians 4:11 & 12, where he said, "and he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." This passage from the Book of Ephesians reminds us we are not all called to the same office and ministry in the church. As time and situations change, our clergy mature and develop their gifts and talents which God has given each one. Not all bishops, priests, and deacons will express their ministry in the same way based upon their development and circumstance. But, it is all part of the great eternal plan of God how we fit into this tapestry of the body of Christ we call the Church.

Tragedy in the DOW

I was informed on September 9, that Father Bill Baker and his family in Medford, Oregon lost their home to a wildfire. The entire area was a total loss in the worst fires in Oregon history. I later spoke with Fr. Bill. He has moved with his family to his father-in-law's home on the coast of Oregon and plans to remain in that area. He will not be returning to Medford and this will be a great loss to St. Andrew's Church in nearby Jacksonville, where he served in a team ministry with Father Chris Smith. I have since spoken with Canon Hawkins, Vicar General of the Diocese of the West, who plans to work with the DOW to set up a GoFundMe crowdfunding campaign. Once set up, we will send out more details on the GoFundMe link either through email or our website. Please pray for Fr. Bill and his family and also for St. Andrew's Church and Fr. Chris.

Lenten Appeal Results for Domestic Mission Met and Exceeded Goal

Thank you to the parishes and missions who contributed to the Lenten Appeal designated for Mission Churches St. Matthias and St. James the Great in eastern Alabama, Fr. John Klein, Vicar. I thought with all that was happening with the pandemic, we may not make it. Oh ye of little

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faith! The St. Matthias Mission made a huge difference with their generous gifts and so many others made it a remarkable success. One of our younger priests, Fr. Stephen Miller and his family are moving to Dothan, Alabama, to assist both churches as a curate, under the tutelage of Fr. John Klein.

Looking to the Future

As we enter the fall season on the calendar, may we do so with renewed energy and vision for the future. The pollsters tell us indicators are that church attendance generally has fallen off in the last decade. While the Covid-19 may have an additional negative influence on the polls concerning church attendance, I am convinced despite the polling, there are people in need of a church especially at this time in history. Parents are concerned about the culture in our country which is becoming more and more secular and the public schools are the breeding ground for this. People are looking for alternatives in the Christian Schools which are usually attached to a church. The newest Classical Christian School in the APA has started at St. Alban's Cathedral with over 40 children, most of whom are not from St. Alban's. It is gratifying to hear the children starting the school day with Morning Prayer complete with the singing of the canticles. St. Paul's Church, Melbourne, Florida, is planning to start a school in the fall of 2021. Please pray for the success of these schools.

Blessing and best wishes as we pray we will be emerging from the Covid-19 fear soon.

+Walter

Save the Date—2021 Winter Conference

The APA Winter Conference has been scheduled for January 27-29, 2021, at St. Alban's Cathedral in Oviedo (Orlando), Florida. This will be a welcomed time of fellowship after being apart for so long due to the pandemic. Please also join us to see the new Christian school, The Ecclesial School at St. Alban's, that opened in August 2020. The Conference is open to all APA clergy, deaconesses, postulants, deaconess candidates, committee members, and their spouses.

Traditional Anglican Resources

My old bishop friend, the Rt. Rev. Keith Ackerman, who is also a good friend to Bishop Chad, made contact with the bishops of the G-4 recently. +Keith is retired from serving as Bishop of Quincy of the Episcopal Church, and he and his wife gained access to the rights of "The Parish Press" formerly of the Cathedral of St. Paul, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Those of us who have been around a long time will remember and have used printed items produced by The Parish Press. (Our preparation cards before Mass are from The Parish Press). He gave me a list of items that they produce which he would like to make available to Traditional Anglicans. He is in the process of producing a website to promote for sale printed items to which they have copyrights. They are not producing items that are currently available through our DEUS Publications from Archdeacon Zwingert. These are helpful resources and we will have more information soon.

Ad Clerum APA

Ordinations:

DEUS: Mr. Creighton McElveen was ordained to the Diaconate on August 15, 2020, at St. Barnabas Church, Dunwoody, GA, by the Rt. Rev. Chandler H. Jones, SSC. Deacon McElveen will serve as Curate at St. Barnabas Church assisting Rector, Bishop Jones.

DEUS: The Rev. Mr. Stephen Miller was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on September 12, 2020, at St. Matthew's Church, Weaverville, NC, by the Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, D.D. He will serve as Curate assisting Vicar, the Rev. Klein at the 2 Alabama Missions, St. Matthias in Dothan and St. James the Great in Smiths Station starting in late October.

DEUS: The Rev. Mr. Kevin Fife will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on September 19, 2020, at All Saints Parish, Wilmington, NC, by the Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, D.D. He will serve as Curate at All Saints Parish assisting Rector, Bishop Haines.

DEUS: The Rev. Mr. Mason Waldhauser will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on September 22, 2020, at St. Alban's Church, Joppa, Maryland, by the Rt. Rev. Chandler Jones, SSC. He will serve as Priest at St. Alban's,

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assisting the Very Rev. Anderson, Dean, until taking a curacy at a fellow G-4 partner church St. Mary's Church, Denver, Colorado.

DEUS: Dr. Grant Brodrecht will be ordained to the Diaconate on September 26, 2020, at St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL, by the Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, D.D. He will serve as Deacon at St. Alban's assisting the Very Rev. Ralph Waterhouse, Dean.

Receptions/Institution:

DEUS: The Rev. Mr. Raymond Davison transferred from the Diocese of the Holy Cross to the APA on August 5, 2020, and is serving as Curate at St. Paul's Church, Melbourne, FL, assisting Fr. Brian Oldfield, Rector.

DEUS: The Rev. Stokes Smith will transfer from the Fathers of Corpus Christi to the APA later this month and is serving as Priest at St. Church of St. George the Martyr, Simpsonville, SC, assisting Rector, the Rev. Paul Rivard.

DEUS: The Rev. Dennis Washburn was received into the APA on September 12, 2020, and is assisting at the St. Peter's, Kingsport, TN.

New Assignment:

DEUS: Dss Deborah Kidd moved and is now assigned to St. Michael the Archangel Church, Matthews (Charlotte), NC, effective June 1, 2020.

DEUS: The Rev. Mark Perkins was called to be Curate at St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo (Orlando), FL, effective June 1, 2020.

Retirements/Removals:

DEUS: The Rev. Ronald Massey retired effective June 22, 2020.

DEUS: The Rev. Michael Clay Smith retired effective June 29, 2020.

DEUS: The Rev. George Ates was removed from roles, lack of communication, effective August 24, 2020.

Vacancies

- St. Athanasius, Glen Allen, VA
- St. Luke's Church, Port Orange, FL
- St. Peter's, Kingsport, TN

Prayer List

Of your charity, keep in your prayers:

Fr. Bill Baker and family (house fire), Fr. Michael Clay Smith; Fr. Tom and Linda Burr, Fr. John Gibson; Bishop Hanlan; Bishop Shaver; Fr. Bakley and wife, Pat; Fr. Gardner.

APA Presiding Bishop, DEUS Bishop Ordinary Itinerary

June 23: APA House of Bishops meeting (conference call).

June 24: Sr. Warden meeting, St. Philips, FL.

June 27: Celebrated Requiem Mass for Rev. Mark Siegel, St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL.

July 11: Preached at Requiem Mass for David Arnott, St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL.

July 28: DEUS Standing Committee Test Zoom videoconference.

July 29: Interview with Postulant Candidate Leon Wilkes.

Aug. 1-2: Confirmations and Episcopal visit, St. Matthew's, Weaverville, NC.

Aug. 4: DEUS Standing Committee meeting (conducting SC and Synod critical business) via Zoom videoconference.

Aug. 5: Candidate Interviews, Mr. McElveen, Dcn Fife (both via conf. call); Oath, Dcn Davison, St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL.

Aug. 6: Candidate Interviews: Dcn S. Miller, Dcn Waldhauser (both via conf. call); Celebrated Mass for the Transfiguration of Christ, St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL.

Aug. 9: Candidate Interview: Dr. Brodrecht, St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL.

Aug. 10: Provincial Council Meeting, via conference call.

Aug. 21-23: Rehearsal and Wedding Sousa/Folger, St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL.

Sep. 12: Ordination of Rev. Mr. Stephen Miller to the Sacred Order of Priests, St. Matthew's, Weaverville, NC.

Sep. 19: Ordination of Rev. Mr. Kevin Fife to the Sacred Order of Priests, All Saints Parish, Wilmington, NC.

Sep. 26: Ordination of Dr. Grant Brodrecht to the Sacred Order of Deacons, St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL.

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DMA Bishop Ordinary Giffin Itinerary

June 10: APA House of Bishops meeting (conference call).

Sep. 12: DMA Synod (via Zoom videoconference).

APA Missionary Bishop Haines Itinerary

June 10: APA House of Bishops meeting (conference call).

June 23: APA House of Bishops meeting (conference call).

Aug. 4: Diocesan Standing Committee Zoom Meeting.

Sep. 19: Presenter for Rev. Mr. Kevin Fife ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests, All Saints Parish, Wilmington, NC.

DEUS Bishop Coadjutor Jones Itinerary

June 10: APA House of Bishops meeting (conference call).

June 23: APA House of Bishops meeting (conference call).

Aug. 3-4: Diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains Zoom Meeting.

Aug. 4: Diocesan Standing Committee Zoom Meeting.

Aug. 9: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Christ the Redeemer Church, Warner Robins, GA.

Aug. 15: Ordination of Creighton Campbell McElveen to the Sacred Order of Deacons, Saint Barnabas Church, Dunwoody, GA.

Aug. 27: Meeting with prospective transfer clergy at Saint Barnabas Church, Dunwoody, GA.

Sep. 1: Zoom Presenter for a talk entitled 'Communio Sanctorum: Invocation of Saints as the Family Prayer of the Church.'

Sep. 12: Retreat Conductor for a retreat entitled 'Visions of Glory, Beauty and Sacred Art within the Devotional Life of the Church,' Holy Cross Church, Knoxville, TN.

Sep. 13: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Holy Cross Church, Knoxville, TN.

Sep. 20: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Saint Philip's Church, Blacksburg, VA.

Sep. 22: Ordination of Mason Murrow Waldhauser to the Sacred Order of Priests, Saint Alban's Church, Joppa, MD.

Oct. 18: Episcopal Visitation, Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, Alto, GA.

DEUS Suffragan Bishop Perkins Itinerary

June 10: APA House of Bishops meeting (conference call).

June 23: APA House of Bishops meeting (conference call).

Sep. 08: Southeast Traditional Anglican Clericus, Delray Beach, FL.

Sep. 09: Continuing Forward Domestic Missions conference call.

Oct.13: Southeast Traditional Anglican Clericus, Delray Beach, FL.

Oct. 14: Continuing Forward Domestic Missions conference call.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays

- 18 Rev. Mr. William Johnston
- 20 Rev. Mr. Alton Witham
- 23 Rev. Mr. J. Boyd Baker
- 24 Rev. Paul Rivard
- 26 Rev. David Coady, SSA
- 26 Rev. Ian Dunn

July Anniversaries

- 01 Rev. Canon Walter Crites, V.G., *Diaconate*
- 03 Rev. Paul Rivard, *Priesthood*
- 06 Rev. Ian Dunn, *Priesthood*
- 06 Rev. Kevin Fife, *Diaconate*
- 08 Rt. Rev. Dr. Larry Shaver, OSB, *Bishop*
- 10 Rev. Guerrier Mews, *Diaconate*
- 12 Rt. Rev. C. Peter Brewer, OSB/Cn *Diaconate*
- 12 Rt. Rev. C. Peter Brewer, OSB/Cn *Priesthood*
- 19 The Rt. Rev. David Haines, *Bishop*
- 20 Rev. Dr. John Longcamp, *Diaconate*
- 22 Rev. Kenneth Bailey, *Diaconate*
- 22 Rev. John Poole, *Priesthood*
- 25 Rev. Dick Miller, *Priesthood*
- 26 Rev. Daniel Malcolm, *Diaconate*
- 26 Rev. Chip Sills, *Diaconate*
- 28 Dss Tina Jenkins, *Set Apart*

August Birthdays

- 01 Rev. Kevin Burks
- 09 Rev. Mr. Robert Shoup
- 10 Rev. Mr. Louis Linn
- 16 Rev. James Danford
- 18 Rev. M. Tracy Smith, SSA
- 25 Very Rev. Ralph Waterhouse

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August Anniversaries

- 05 Rev. Bradley Cunningham, *Priesthood*
 08 Rev. Randall Russell, *Diaconate*
 11 Rev. James Johnson, *Diaconate*
 13 Rev. William Martin, SSC, *Diaconate*
 13 Rev. Canon Robert Tregenza, Ph.D., *Diaconate*
 14 Rev. Mr. Allen Ryan, *Diaconate*
 15 Rev. Daniel Squires, *Priesthood*
 17 Rev. Canon Walter Crites, V.G., *Priesthood*
 18 Rev. Mark Perkins, *Diaconate*
 20 Rev. Mr. Richard Hitchcock, *Diaconate*
 23 Rev. Chris Gardner, SSA, SM, *Priesthood*
 23 Rev. James Johnson, *Priesthood*
 23 Rev. Mr. Arthur Walker, *Diaconate*
 24 Rev. Michael Northup, *Priesthood*
 30 Dss. M. Clare Burgess, *Set Apart*

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September Birthdays

- 09 Rt. Rev. Robert Loiselle
 11 Ven. Franklin Endres
 12 Rev. Robert Tufton
 15 Rev. Michael Bolt
 19 Rev. David Sokol, SSM
 21 Rev. Paul Gerlock
 21 Rev. Mr. Mason Waldhauser
 23 Rev. Canon Glenn Spencer
 24 Ven. Erich Zwingert, SSC
 29 Rev. Peter Joslyn
 29 Rev. Yossi Sarid, D.Min, BCC

September Anniversaries

- 03 Rev. Daniel Rieger, Ph.D., *Diaconate*
 07 Rev. Michael Stranz, BCOS, *Diaconate*
 08 Rev. Dick Miller, *Diaconate*
 10 Rev. Paul Beutell, II, *Diaconate*
 10 Rev. Matthew Harlow, *Diaconate*
 13 Rev. Canon Robert Jennings, *Diaconate*
 15 Rev. Yossi Sarid, D.Min, BCC, *Diaconate*
 18 Rt. Rev. Chandler Jones, SSC, *Bishop*
 18 Rev. Howard Underwood, *Priesthood*
 20 Rev. O. Michael Cawthon, Sr., *Priesthood*
 21 Rev. O. Michael Cawthon, Sr., *Diaconate*
 22 Rt. Rev. David Haines, *Diaconate*
 24 Very Rev. J. Gordon Anderson, *Diaconate*
 24 Dss Linda Burns, BCOS, *Set Apart*
 24 Rev. Chris Gardner, SSA, SM, *Diaconate*
 26 Rev. Michael Stranz, BCOS, *Priesthood*
 28 Rev. G. Allen Fisher, *Diaconate*
 28 Rev. Mark Perkins, *Priesthood*