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BISHOP'S EPISTLE

The new Christian year is now upon us. Advent has arrived reminding us once again the joys of anticipating the yearly remembrance of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at Bethlehem. There will always be the usual early celebrations of Christmas which in the department stores began this year sometime around Halloween. All this is of course to take advantage of the "good will" that exists at this time of year which sadly is forgotten once Christmas day is past. May we teach our own families, children and grandchildren how to prepare and anticipate rather than instantly gratify our worldly wants and desires. On a personal note, my father taught my brother and me a real lesson each year in anticipation when he would begin putting up the train board after Thanksgiving Day. He would come home after work each day and behind closed doors would start the month long process of carefully putting all the parts together and wiring it for operation. He would then cleverly cover the project with a couple of large sheets so we could not see a thing until the appointed time. That appointed time was Christmas morning and what joy and excitement there was in the household when the train was running as my brother and I got up that morning. Much of the fun and excitement was in the waiting and the anticipation which would all have been spoiled if my father had given in to our whining about wanting to see and play with the train earlier than Christmas.

In our Anglican tradition, we do not decorate the church buildings until the first Mass of Christmas. We do not sing Christmas Carols in Church until Christmas actually arrives. There is always the temptation of the age to put up a wreath or two in the church or slip in some Christmas music early, but it diminishes the joy of anticipation when Christmas finally arrives.

I mention all of that to say, have a joyous Advent Season in anticipation of Christmas and have a most blessed and Merry Christmas.

Faithfully yours,

+Walter

DEUS Standing Committee & Board of Examining Chaplains Meeting

The Meetings of both Committees will be held at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Vero Beach, FL, January 13-15, 2010. The BEC will be meeting on Thursday, January 13 and Friday morning January 14. The Standing Committee will meet Friday afternoon from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. There will be a joint dinner following the Friday meetings.

DEUS Synod 2010 and Call for Election of Suffragan Bishop

As we move into the new calendar year, I want to remind everyone that the DEUS Synod is the week of June 7-11, 2010 at St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo (Orlando) Florida. Among our regular business and special sessions, I am officially calling for the election of a Suffragan Bishop for the Diocese. Bishop Peter Brewer, who has served us so well over the past 5 years, will reach the canonical age of required retirement for a bishop next year. He will continue as the vicar of St. John's Anglican Church, Greensboro, North Carolina. With grateful hearts, we thank him for his witness and work among us.

There was extensive discussion about the process for electing a Suffragan at our last Synod. The intention was and it is now official that this election happen at the Synod of 2010. I am enclosing a copy of the amended Policy for the Election of a Suffragan Bishop from our 2009 Synod. If you plan to make a nomination, please be careful to follow the instructions. This should be a time of prayer for all of us as we ask that the Holy Spirit guide us in choosing the right man to fill this critical role.

DEUS Clergy and Deaconess Conference:

The Diocese of the East had a conference in November 2009 with a very good representation of clergy and deaconesses in attendance. It was hosted in St. Augustine, Florida by Mary Grundorf who did the planning at the Holiday Inn in the historic district. The Holiday Inn was most accommodating. A number of the clergy wives came and were led on a tour of historic St. Augustine by Mrs. Dee Witham while the clergy were meeting. Our thanks to Fr. Douglas King, Dean of Central Florida and trustee on the pension board for leading a discussion on

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the future for pension investments for the APA. A committee was formed to explore options in this regard to be headed by Fr. King as he has shown his expertise and ability to drill down through the complexities in this area. Thanks also to Fr. Gene Mallard, Dean of the Deep South, who masterfully led the morning session on reviewing and updating our Strategic Plan for the Diocese. Some of our goals had been met and were replaced by new goals and modifications. The updated Strategic Plan will be posted on the website soon.

The afternoon session for clergy was led by Dean Ralph Waterhouse of St. Alban's Cathedral. The subject was "Survival Skills for Clergy." A similar session was well done by Deaconess Tina Jenkins for the Deaconesses. Fr. Ralph did an excellent job of presenting the subject and getting the clergy to interact from their own personal experience. This was a good time for the clergy to be able to share their thoughts and concerns and be able to relate on a more personal level with each other. Plans are to have one Clergy Conference each year in addition to the Deanery Meetings. Thanks to all who were able to take the time and incur the expense to attend the Conference.

10th Annual DEUS Women's Fall Retreat

The 10th annual DEUS Women's Retreat was held this Fall at the Abbey of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA on October 12th through the 14th. Twelve women, one priest and one bishop from four states gathered together to worship, study and enjoy a reuniting of friends. The topic this year was "The Challenge of Islam to the Church and its Mission" and Patrick Sookhdeo's book of the same title was used as our pre-reading. Fr. Chad Jones was the Priest-in-Charge and our main presenter. Deaconess Tina Jenkins was the moderator. Over the three day period we attended and chanted services with the monks, attended daily Mass led by Fr. Chad, studied in hour and a half discussion sessions, ate and lived several hours a day in silence, enjoyed each other's company in our "free" time and worked on personal spiritual projects during our "personal" time.

This annual retreat is open to all Anglican women and their friends. The registration forms are distributed in the summer at the APA/DEUS synod, on the APA web site and can be obtained from Dss. Tina Jenkins. Our topic for next year will be The Relationship Between the Mass and the New Testament's Book of Revelation. We will use Scott Hahn's The Lamb's Supper as our pre-reading. If you have any questions please contact Dss. Tina Jenkins at 704-502-3599 or tina7777@earthlink.net.

Diocese of Mid-America (DMA)

The stewardship efforts in the Diocese of Mid-America have finally begun to support a modest operating budget. For the year 2007 and 2008 the operating expenses showed a deficit of \$7,315 and \$5,125. For 2009 the deficit is just under \$3,000. Now, every parish in the Diocese (save one) are tithing their operating budget offering to the Diocese. The Bishop has been fully reimbursed for his expenses for the first time ever. It is the hope of parishes to be able to tithe to the operating budget of the Province in 2010. In addition, the Diocese is also taking on a modest goal of \$1,000 toward our Missionary Diocese in the Philippines.

On October 24, 2009, Bishop Shaver ordained Timothy Weddell to the Diaconate, a former Presbyterian clergyman, at St Matthias Parish, Florence, Ky. He has been assigned as Deacon to Fr. John Novak, Vicar. Deacon Weddell is Certified Chaplain with the Corporate Chaplains of America.

On November 15, 2009, Bishop Shaver ordained Clinton McKenzie to the Diaconate at Saint Joseph's Church, New Braunfels, Texas. Deacon McKenzie will serve as Deacon to the Rev. Fr. Donald Copeland, Rector. A new attendance record was set on Ordination Sunday with one hundred and eleven persons present.

On November 29, 2009 The Rev. Dr. Richard Palmer, Deacon-in-charge at Holy Nativity, Lima, Ohio, was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood. Holy Nativity Church is showing signs of new growth and financial stability and the attendance has increased under Dr. Palmer's leadership.

Good Shepherd Parish, Indianapolis, has recently relocated to a new facility on the Southeast side of the city. The congregation agreed to purchase their building for \$460,000. The Very Rev. Charles Scott, Vicar, has done remarkable work in guiding this parish to new commitment. A new Anglican Social Services agency will also work out of the new Church plant.

Bishop Shaver is continuing talks with Archbishop Job of the Mid-West Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America. A few of our clergy are interested in the Anglican option with the Roman Catholic Church. As a Diocese we continue to monitor the direction of the ACNA with the ordination of women remaining a sticking point.

News from Bishop Belamonte of the Philippines:

The Rev. Henry Chomarsin of Bontoc Mountain province was ordained to the Diaconate October 11, 2009. Per Bishop Belamonte: "He was the fruit of our prayers and our clergy training." After his ordination he will be as-

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signed in Bambang Nueva Vizcaya to start a mission church there. There was also the reception of two ministers with mission churches from Negros Oriental this October. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the mission fields of the Philippines.

Email of Thanks from Bishop Belmonte:

Dear Archbishop Walter H. Grundorf, our Anonymous donors and Friends from APA, Greetings from the Philippines!

The Anglican Church in the Philippines together with our mission churches thank you for your generosity and faithful support for the work here in the Philippines. Partners like you that help us accomplish that which God has entrusted to us to do in the ministry. If not for your obedience in your giving, it would be impossible for us to reach people with the gospel of Christ, support our clergy in their respective local assignment and establish missions in the other parts of the country.

Most recently we were able to conduct training for clergy and postulants in the Visayas, one of the three major islands in the Philippines. We were received 2 mission churches there and ordained a deacon last October 31 for our mission in Dumaguete City. To date, we are able to support our ordained clergy, and provide trainings materials for our trainees in that place. We pray that from that army of believers there we may be able to reach the island of Mindanao, which is the 2nd biggest island and where Muslims thrive in the Philippines.

We continue to pray for God's abundance to come upon you. As you have planted your seeds for the mission here in the Philippines with a generous heart we are confident it will surely bring you back a harvest in good measure, pressed down shaken together running over will be poured into your lap; for by the standard you measured out, it will be measured back to you. May the Lord bless your life and ministry super abundantly. Again thank you and God bless.

In His grace,

Bishop Frederick M. Belmonte, ACP

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www.anglicanchurchph.blogspot.com

Dedication of new Church Buildings:

DEUS: St. Thomas Church, 1636 Mud Creek Rd, Alto (formerly Mt. Airy), GA, Dean-in-charge: The Very Rev. Gene Mallard

DEUS: Holy Trinity Church, Sarasota, FL; Vicar: The Rev. Daniel Trout

Ad Clerum

Ordinations:

DMA: The Rev. Mr. Timothy Weddell was ordained Deacon at St. Mattias Parish in Florence, Kentucky on Saturday, October 24, 2009. He will serve as Deacon at St. Mattias.

DMA: The Rev. Mr. Clinton McKenzie was ordained Deacon at St. Joseph Anglican Church in New Braunsfel, Texas on Sunday, November 15 2009. He will serve as Deacon at St. Joseph's.

DMA: The Rev. Dr. Richard Palmer was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood at Holy Nativity Church in Lima, Ohio on November 29, 2009. Fr. Palmer will serve as Vicar at Holy Nativity.

Upcoming Ordinations:

DEUS: Mr. Paul Rivard is schedule to be ordained Deacon at St. Barnabas Church in Dunwoody, Georgia on December 12, 2009 by Bishop Brewer. Mr. Rivard will be assigned as Curate at St. Barnabas Church.

Receptions into APA:

DEUS: The Rev. James Murphy was received into the APA at the DEUS Standing Committee Meeting on November 16, 2009 and is serving as Rector-elect at Christ Church in Highlands, North Carolina.

DEUS: The Rev. Jacob Boyd Baker was received into the APA on November 24, 2009 at St. Alban's Cathedral in Oviedo, Florida where he will serve as Deacon.

Retirements/Resignations:

DEUS: The Rev. Dr. William Stott has retired as Rector of St. Luke's Church and Dean of the Northeast Deanery and Diocesan Psychologist.

Clergy Assignments:

DEUS: The Rev. Ernie Pinto has accepted the call of Vicar at Holy Cross Church, Farragut (Knoxville), Tennessee.

Associated Clergy Assignments:

DEUS: Fr. Seth Brooker has accepted the call of Rector-elect at St. Luke's Church in East Aurora, New York.

Special Recognitions:

DEUS: Fr. James Donnelly was presented an American Flag by the Veteran's Administration National Cemetery in recognition for his services, especially for burials for indigent veterans.

DEUS: Bishop Grundorf was named Rector Emeritus of St. Alban's Cathedral at their annual meeting on November 22, 2009.

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Prayer List

Of your charity, keep in your prayers: Fr. Johann Vanderbijl; Fr. Richard Smith; Fr. Ted Bolduc; Fr. Don Alley; Fr. Tony Clavier; Fr. Larry Emerson's wife, Lindsey; Bishop Belmonte's wife Eros; Fr. Kite-Powell; Betty Royer, (on Standing Committee); Bishop Brewer's wife, Lillianne; Fr. Gerlock's wife, Linda.

RIP: E.B. 'Bud' Darden, founding member of Christ Church, Highlands, North Carolina.

Bishop's Itinerary:

Nov 1: Church Dedication and Episcopal visit, Holy Trinity, Sarasota, FL
 Nov 11-13: DEUS Clergy Retreat, St. Augustine, FL
 Nov. 13: Attend St. Mary's 25th Anniversary, Delray Bch, FL
 Nov 14-15: Confirmations and Episcopal Visit, Holy Spirit, Hatfield, PA
 Nov. 29: Reception of Fr. J. Boyd Baker, St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL
 Dec 3-8: Family vacation
 Dec 13: Confirmations and Episcopal visit, St. Mark's, Vero Beach, FL
 Jan 15: DEUS Standing Committee Meeting, Vero Beach, FL
 Jan 20-30: Personal vacation

Suffragan Bishop's Itinerary:

Nov 11-13: DEUS Clergy Retreat, St. Augustine, FL
 Nov. 29: Supplying at St. George the Martyr, Simpsonville (Greenville), SC
 Dec. 12: Ordination of Paul Rivard to the Diaconate, St. Barnabas Church, Dunwoody, GA
 Jan 15: DEUS Standing Committee Meeting, Vero Beach, FL

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays

05 The John Poole
 08 The Rev. Fred Hebert
 08 The Rev. Michael Torres
 12 The Rev. Canon James Daughtry
 14 The Rev. Canon Robert Tregenza
 23 The Rev. Craig Luesing
 25 The Rev. John DiBiasi
 29 The Very Rev. Dr. M. William Stott

November Anniversaries

01 Dss. Deborah Kidd, *Setting Apart*
 01 The Rev. Dr. Robert Peeples, *Priesthood*
 02 The Rev. Robert Hawkins, *Diaconate*
 04 The Rev. Daniel Malcolm, *Priesthood*
 04 The Rev. Kevin Sweeney, *Priesthood*
 11 The Rev. David Conway, *Diaconate*

11 The Rev. Ed Moore, *Diaconate*
 13 The Rev. John O'Brien, *Diaconate*
 16 The Rev. David Sokol, *Diaconate*
 17 The Rev. Eugene Godbold, PhD, *Diaconate*
 17 The Very Rev. Glenn Spencer, *Diaconate*
 18 The Rev. Fred Hebert, *Diaconate*
 20 The Rt. Rev. G. Raymond Hanlan, *Diaconate*
 20 The Rev. Mr. Alton Witham, *Diaconate*
 22 The Most Rev. Walter Grundorf, D.D., *Priesthood*
 22 The Rev. Craig Luesing, *Diaconate*
 23 The Rev. John DiBiasi, *Diaconate*
 25 The Rt. Rev. Robert Loiselle, *Priesthood*
 26 The Rev. William Shuler, *Diaconate*

December Birthdays

05 The Rev. Walter Crites
 08 The Rev. Richard Baskwill
 16 The Rev. Chris Gardner
 20 The Rt. Rev. Clark Dorman
 20 The Robert Kirk
 26 The Rev. Mr. Eric Dawson
 27 The Very Rev. Michael Smith

December Anniversaries

01 The Rev. Ed Moore, *Priesthood*
 05 The Very Rev. Ralph Waterhouse, *Priesthood*
 07 The Rev. Kevin Burks, *Diaconate*
 08 The Rev. Johann Vanderbijl, *Diaconate*
 10 The Rev. Mr. Lawrence Stogner, III, *Diaconate*
 10 The Ven. Erich Zwingert, SSC, *Priesthood*
 13 The Rev. Richard Blyth, *Diaconate*
 14 The Rev. Michael Northup, *Diaconate*
 14 The Rev. Michael Torres, *Diaconate*
 16 The Very Rev. William Perkins, CBS,SM, *Priesthood*
 17 The Rev. Canon Kenneth Badger, *Priesthood*
 21 The Rev. Robert Burgreen, *Diaconate*
 21 The Rev. Canon Chandler Jones, SSC, *Priesthood*
 21 The Rev. Floyd Patrick, *Priesthood*
 29 The Rev. David Coady, *Diaconate*
 29 The Rev. Canon James Daughtry, *Priesthood*
 30 The Rev. David Eastes, *Diaconate*
 31 The Most Rev. Herbert Groce, Jr, SSC, *Diaconate*

January Birthdays

01 Dss. Linda Burns
 01 The Rev. Don Edlemann
 03 The Rev. Mark Menees
 13 The Rev. Dr. Robert Peeples
 14 The Most Rev. Larry Shaver, Obl OSB
 20 The Most Rev. Walter Grundorf, D.D.
 29 The Rev. John Grafton

January Anniversaries

02 The Rt. Rev. Clark Dorman, *Priesthood*
 05 The Very Rev. Gene Mallard, *Priesthood*

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January Anniversaries (cont.)

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| 09 | The Rev. David Sokol, <i>Priesthood</i> |
| 11 | The Rev. Paul Blankinship, SSC, <i>Priesthood</i> |
| 17 | The Rev. Roger Bell, <i>Diaconate</i> |
| 18 | The Rev. Canon Burdett Geer, <i>Diaconate</i> |
| 20 | The Rev. Canon William Weston, <i>Diaconate</i> |
| 23 | The Rev. Dennis Washburn, <i>Priesthood</i> |
| 31 | The Rev. Mark Menees, <i>Diaconate</i> |

Mea Culpa:

Our apologies for missing the following Birthdays and Anniversaries in our last edition:

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| 9/25: | Dss Linda Burns, <i>Setting Apart</i> |
| 10/05 | The Rev. David Conway, <i>Priesthood</i> |
| 10/15: | The Rev. David Conway, <i>Birthday</i> |

May God continue to bless your ministries.

Please contact the APA Office at 1-800-480-1087 if any of the Birthday/Anniversary dates are in error or a date has been missed.

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POLICY FOR THE ELECTION OF A SUFFRAGAN BISHOP

Time and Place

SECTION 1

The election shall be held at the annual meeting of the Diocesan Synod unless the Ordinary, in the exercise of discretion or at the request of the Standing Committee, shall call a special meeting of the Synod, to be held at a different date or place, for the purpose of holding such election.

Notice of such election shall be given by the Ordinary at least ninety (90) days prior to the date fixed for holding of such election.

Nominations

SECTION 2

Nominations of candidates for the office to be filled at such election shall be made only by clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, or by adult lay communicants in good standing in the Diocese.

Nominations shall be made in writing and forwarded to the Secretary of the Standing Committee. Said nomination shall also be accompanied by a letter from the candidate accepting the nomination.

Nominations shall be filed with the Secretary of the Standing Committee at least sixty (60) days before the date fixed for holding such election.

Upon receipt of such nominations, the Secretary of the Standing Committee shall forthwith determine whether the persons making such nominations were eligible to do so. If the Secretary deems that such persons are ineligible, the nominations shall be returned to them with a written statement by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, setting forth the reasons for the determination. If the Secretary of the Standing Committee deems that such persons were eligible, the Secretary shall expeditiously deliver such nominations to all members of the Standing Committee. Any said determination of eligibility by the secretary may be challenged in writing within 30 days to the whole standing committee.

To be eligible for nomination, one must meet the minimum requirements established in the Provincial canons for consecration and, at the time of nomination, must have been canonically resident in the Province for at least one year.

Review by Standing Committee

SECTION 3

Upon receipt of such nominations, the Standing Committee shall make such inquiries as it shall deem appropriate. If the Standing Committee shall initially determine that the nominee meets the eligibility requirements of age and ordination, it shall expeditiously transmit copies of such nominations and of any relevant biographical data to the clergy and lay delegates of the Synod at which the election will be held. The inquiries made by the Standing Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the nominee's physical and mental health and may require the nominee to answer relevant questions and furnish relevant information.

Nominating Speeches

SECTION 4

No speeches shall be given by or on behalf of any nominees during the Synod at which the election shall take place.

Vote by Houses

SECTION 5

Voting in the election shall be a vote by orders and concurrence of a majority at which the election shall take place.

Conflict of Interest

SECTION 6

If the Secretary of the Standing Committee is a nominee for election, the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary with respect to the election shall be discharged by a person appointed by the Ordinary with the advice of the Standing Committee.

If a member of the Standing Committee is a nominee for election, such member shall not be present at, or take part in, the proceedings and deliberations of the Standing Committee.

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Rules of Order For the Election of a Suffragan Bishop

Adopted by the Standing Committee on
July 21, 2009

RULE I

Only clerical and lay delegates entitled to vote in Diocesan Synod cast a ballot, make any motion or raise any point of order. No absentee ballots are in order.

RULE II

The President or Presiding Officer of Synod is the Diocesan Bishop. In the event the Bishop is absent or unable to preside, the President of the Standing Committee shall preside.

RULE III

The President calls the Synod to Order for the election. The President appoints a Chief Teller who selects sufficient Assistant Tellers.

RULE IV

The Clerk of Synod determines and announces that a quorum in all houses is present. This may be determined through a roll call.

RULE V

The Secretary of the Standing Committee on behalf of the Standing Committee places in nomination the names of all candidates submitted for nomination. No nominations from the floor are in order.

RULE VI

Section 1. The President calls for ballots by house. The Chief Teller instructs synod how ballots are cast and collected. The tellers count the ballots by house. The Chief Teller reports the results of the balloting to the President, who announces the results.

Section 2. The President declares an election when a nominee has received the canonical majority of ballots in each house.

Section 3. At any time a nominee may withdraw his name from consideration

RULE VII

When there is an election, the President notifies the Suffragan Bishop-elect of the results.

RULE VIII

The Clerk of Synod provides the Synod with the Canonical Testimonials of election for their signatures.