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BISHOP'S EPISTLE

Each New Year brings with it new and exciting challenges and opportunities. As the new year arrives, we quickly shift from Christmas to Epiphany as the great drama of our redemption begins to unfold through the Christian Calendar year. We experienced a brief Epiphany Season this 2016 as an early Easter brought us an early Pre-lent and Lenten Season. In the midst of the rapid shift of Seasons, we had our Annual APA Winter Conference in mid-January. This year's Conference was hosted by St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo (Orlando) Florida. Many thanks to Dean Ralph Waterhouse and the support of the many who helped with all the logistics. Special thanks to Lisa Ulrich for her coordination, Sister Linda Burns for preparing the Cathedral for Services, Fr. Greg Miller for the music, and for Paul Starks and Denise Richey for the Thursday evening barbecue. And thanks and my wife, Mary, for my 20th Anniversary as Diocesan Bishop celebration Open House on Wednesday evening. I will comment more on the Conference later.

Ecumenical News

One of the encouraging developments in ecumenical relationships that happened toward the end of 2015 was the meeting of four of the major jurisdictions of the Continuing Anglican Church. This occurred at the Provincial Synod of the Anglican Catholic Church (ACC) in Athens, Georgia and included the APA, the ACA and the DHC. The Leaders of these four Continuing Anglican Churches, including the APA, have signed a letter setting a goal of full communion with one another during 2017.

The joint letter contains three main points in which the Bishops:

- Pledge to “work cooperatively, in a spirit of brotherly love and affection, to create a sacramental union and commonality of purpose that is pleasing to God and in accord with godly

purpose to our respective jurisdictions”;

- Endeavor to “hold in concert our national and provincial synods in 2017” with a goal for this meeting “to formalize a relationship of *communion in sacris*”; and
- During the intervening period to work “in full accord toward that end, [seeking] ways to cooperate with each other, supporting each other’s jurisdictions and communicating on a variety of ecclesiastical matters.” The Bishops also pledge to meet monthly by teleconference.

The joint letter has set a goal of full communion. This is not the same as institutional or organic merger, which would be a step beyond, but that also is a worthy goal. Let us all pray for the unity of God's people beginning with those with whom we practice the same Anglican faith using the same liturgies and practicing the same ecclesiology.

After our first Archbishops teleconference this week, there was discussion about coordinating the Provincial Synods in a common venue in 2017. This would give the members of each of the four jurisdictions an opportunity to meet one another while conducting individual jurisdictional business and having joint events as well. This is another important step toward formal intercommunion with the four jurisdictions.

Lenten Appeal for a Domestic Mission—2016

Following a successful Lenten Appeal 2015 for a domestic mission, I have decided to repeat this effort for another year. As many of you are aware, our 2015 appeal went to a Mission Church which was on the verge of closing its doors. The Church was the former St. Francis' Church, Blacksburg, VA, now St. Philip's Church where Fr. Wade Miller became the Priest-in-Charge. As you will recall, the goal for 2015 was

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to raise \$100,000 to support a priest for a new or struggling Mission to be distributed over a 3 year period in diminishing amounts. The goal was to get the Mission to be self-supporting. While it has been a struggle to meet our financial goal, the Mission growing from 6 members to 40 attending in six months is exemplary. This will be the same plan for the 2016 Appeal. A critical part of the plan is finding an energetic priest willing to relocate and take on such a challenge.

Preparation for Lent

As we approach this Lenten Season, I ask that you make contributing to the Lenten Appeal a serious part of your Lenten discipline. Lent is not just about giving up certain things, but also taking on spiritual disciplines such as daily Bible reading and prayer, faithful attendance at the Eucharist during the week as well as on Sundays. Lent also includes giving in support of others such as our Lenten Appeal. I have asked over the years that *each member* of the Province give a dollar a day for the forty days of Lent. That may sound like a lot to some and to others very little. We have a lofty goal for this Appeal and I only ask that you do what you feel prayerfully called to do.

Winter Clergy Conference 2016 January 20th-22nd

Many thanks to the Clergy, wives and Deaconesses who came to this year's Conference. For all who were here, it was a great time of fellowship and learning. The Theme of the Conference was "Is Traditional Anglicanism Relevant for Today...or do we look for another?" The first session involved a panel of clergy who were asked to take some time individually to speak to the Theme. Bishop Chad Jones presented an article by a millennial named Jonathan Aigner concerning "contemporary worship." The article can be found at <http://www.theamericanconservative.com/dreher/kill-your-megachurch-worship/>. Each of the men, Fr. Erich Zwingert, Fr. Ralph Waterhouse, Fr. Gordon Anderson, Fr. Matt Harlow, Fr. Brad Cunningham and Fr. Paul Rivard talked about what is happening in their parishes along with ideas that they had found helpful to growth. It was a lively discussion and the encouraging

take away was there is a drift away from the 'contemporary' worship styles toward the more ancient liturgical expressions of the Church especially among the younger people looking for "the real thing."

Our afternoon session on Thursday was a developmental time with Father Bill Martin on Dante's Divine Comedy: Purgatorio. Those who attended were once again appreciative of Fr. Martin's vast knowledge of the subject and his enthusiastic presentation. Fr. Martin is also the Dean of Logos House of Studies and Rector -elect of St. Michael and all Angels' Church, Arden, N.C.

As we approach the Lenten Season once again, may our thoughts focus on how we are going to make this a profitable Season in the unfolding Church year. Are we just going to dread the fact that we must give up certain foods and activities during this penitential time of year? I pray this will be a hopeful and joyful time as we seek in some small way to identify with the sacrifice that our Lord and Savior endured for us. At this Pre-Lenten time may we make our plans and commitments based on how we are going to best use this Season to benefit our Spiritual growth and better serve God's Kingdom. Talk with your parish priest about what you might do and the disciplines you might follow and discuss the possibility of making your confession during Lent. May the Lord bless each one of you as we all seek to better serve our blessed Lord who has done so much for us.

May each of you have a blessed Lenten Season,

+*Walter*

Rest in peace: The Very Rev. John Lathrop

On December 9, 2015, the Dean of Appalachia of the DEUS/APA and Rector Emeritus of St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Weaverville, North Carolina, died following surgery from an accidental fall. Fr. John was still going strong in his work for the Deanery until this tragic accident occurred. Our prayers are with Fr. John for his sweet repose and for the comfort of his wife Leslie

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and family. Fr. John was the driving force that expanded the Deanery and purchased and remodeled the beautiful Church building of St. Matthew's Church. Bishop Grundorf officiated at the Requiem Mass for Fr. John along with Bishop Jones and a host of clergy and laity from his Deanery on December 17, 2015. We, with Leslie's blessing, have established a memorial fund in honor of Fr. Lathrop. If you wish to honor Fr. Lathrop through this fund, please make contributions to "DEUS" and notate check memo field "Fr. Lathrop memorial fund."

Non-parochial Clergy Reporting Requirements

This is a reminder to all non-parochial clergy that you are required to send your Diocesan Bishop (or Vicar General for DOW) a letter at least once a year. Advent Season is preferred so if you haven't done so already, please send your letters before or during Lent. This will satisfy Canon 43, Section 1 of the APA Canons which reads in part: "And every Minister not in charge of any Parish or Congregation shall also report his occasional services, and if there have been none, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same." Please send me a letter or email during this Lenten Season. (Assistants and Curates are exempt because the Annual report from the Rector/Vicar includes all his subordinate clergy). I would enjoy and appreciate hearing from you. Unfortunately, those who fail to contact me will ultimately be dropped from the APA roles.

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, 2015) to their Bishop Ordinary. A copy is included in this Epistle. The form can also be found on our website at: www.anglicanprovince.org. From the home page go to "Resources" then "Parish Life" then "Annual Parochial Report." Please use the most current form. **Deadline is March 1.**

For the DEUS, please turn in your reports to Bishop Grundorf via the DEUS office.

For the DMA, please turn in your reports to Bishop Robert Giffin.

For the DOW, please turn in your reports to Canon Walt Crites, DOW Vicar General.

Save the Date-DEUS Synod

The **2016** DEUS Synod will be hosted by Saint Matthew's Church in Riverview (Tampa), Florida, the week of **July 11-15**. See page 5 for details.

Anglican Legacy Camp—June 19-24th

We will have a new camp site, Vineyard Camp, located at 1945 Vineyard Road Westfield, NC. which has all of the events that we enjoyed last year – so the fun will be the same, just the location is different. All of the forms are listed on the website and the site lists all information concerning the camp. The website is up for camp registration at www.anglicanlegacycamp.com. If there are questions, my cell phone number is 704-651-9070, my email is frmichaelcawthon@gmail.com.

We have been full the last couple of years so I suggest that registration occur sooner rather than later. Blessings, *Fr. Michael Cawthon*

Ad Clerum APA

The Very Rev. Nick Henderson has been appointed as the Dean of the Deanery of Appalachia effective as of January 1, 2016. Fr. Henderson replaces the Very Rev. John Lathrop of blessed memory who died in December 2015. Fr. Henderson will be the third Dean of Appalachia and has been serving as the Sub-dean over the past number of years. Thanks and blessings to Fr. Nick as he takes on this challenge.

Vacancies

- St. Peter the Apostle Mission, Kingsport, TN.
- Holy Nativity, Lima, OH.

Prayer List

Of your charity, keep in your prayers:

Fr. Coady; Fr. Bartlett; Fr. Peeples; Fr. Dick Miller, Fr. John Gibson, Fr. Carter; Fr. Poole's wife, Denise; Bishop Hanlan's wife, Joan; Dss. Debbie Kidd's husband, Dan; Fr. Lathrop's wife, Leslie; Fr. Blyth, Fr. Keithly Warner, Fr. Mallard; Fr. Bakley; Retired APA Treasurer, Bill Jourdan and wife, Doris, Fr. Longcamp, Dss. Jenkins; Fr. Daughtry; Bishop Dorman; Fr. Crites; Fr. Gardner; Fr. Richard Smith; Fr. Emerson's wife, Lindsay.

RIP—Fr. John Lathrop

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Presiding Bishop's Itinerary

Jan. 6, 2016: Meeting with Benedictine Brothers Ned and Kirk Gerber from Australia and Chicago, respectively, Oviedo, FL.

Jan. 10: Episcopal Visit and reception of new members at St. Luke's, Port Orange, FL.

Jan. 20-22: Winter Conference--St. Alban's, Oviedo, FL.

Jan. 22: Standing Committee DEUS, Oviedo, FL.

Jan. 24: Confirmations, Holy Trinity Church, Fernandina Beach, FL.

Jan. 27: Teleconference, Archbishops of ACC, APA, ACA, DHC.

Feb. 2: Meeting with Clergyman from DNE relocating to Florida.

Feb. 6-7: Episcopal Visit All Soul's Church, Asheboro, NC.

Feb. 10: Celebration of Ash Wednesday Noon Mass at St. Alban's, Oviedo, FL.

Feb. 13-14: Baptism and Confirmation, Holy Cross Church, Knoxville, TN

Feb. 18: Archbishop's teleconference

DEUS Suffragan Bishop Jones Itinerary

Jan. 9-10, 2016: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, St. Michael the Archangel Church, Matthews, NC.

Jan. 18-22: APA Winter Conference, DEUS Board of Examining Chaplains meeting, and DEUS Standing Committee meeting, Saint Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL.

Jan. 27: Episcopal Visitation, Christ the Redeemer Church, Warner Robins, GA.

DEUS Suffragan Bishop Perkins Itinerary

Jan. 10, 2016: Episcopal visitation, Confirmations and receptions, St. Paul's, Melbourne, FL.

Jan 12: Southeast Florida Traditional Anglican Clericus, Boca Raton, FL.

Jan. 20: APA Winter Conference, DEUS Bishop Advisory Committee meeting, DEUS Standing Committee meeting, St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, FL.

Feb. 7: Confirmation and celebration of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, Delray Beach Annual Parish Feast day, Delray Beach, FL.

Feb. 9: Southeast Florida Traditional Anglican Clericus monthly Lunch, Boca Raton, FL.

Feb. 18-23 Episcopal visit to Haiti. Visit churches in Haiti and perform Confirmations.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays

01	Dss. Linda Burns, OSB/Cn
01	Rev. Don Edlemann
01	Rev. Frank O'Donnell
02	Rev. Mr. Scott Koszalinski
03	Rev. Mark Menees, OSB/Cn
13	Rev. Dr. Robert Peebles
14	Most Rev. Dr. Larry Shaver, Obl OSB
15	Rev. Vincent Varnas
20	Most Rev. Walter Grundorf, D.D.
24	Rev. Bradley Cunningham

January Anniversaries

02	Rt. Rev. Clark Dorman, <i>Priesthood</i>
05	Rev. Dr. Gene Mallard, D.Min, <i>Priesthood</i>
09	Rev. Louis Johnson, EDD, <i>Priesthood</i>
10	Rev. Daniel Squires, <i>Diaconate</i>
17	Rev. Roger Bell, <i>Diaconate</i>
18	Rev. Canon Burdett Geer, <i>Diaconate</i>
19	Rt. Rev. G. Raymond Hanlan, <i>Bishop</i>
19	Rev. David Sokol, SSM, <i>Priesthood</i>
23	Rev. Dennis Washburn, PhD, <i>Priesthood</i>
25	Rev. George Harding, <i>Diaconate</i>
25	Rev. Gregory Miller, <i>Priesthood</i>
29	Rev. Wade Miller, <i>Diaconate</i>
31	Rev. Mark Menees, OSB/Cn, <i>Diaconate</i>

February Birthdays

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

February Anniversaries

02	Rev. John Gibson, <i>Priesthood</i>
03	Rev. Dr. Creighton Barnes, <i>Priesthood</i>
12	Rev. Frank Bartlett, SSM, <i>Priesthood</i>
12	Rev. Kenneth Bailey, Jr., <i>Priesthood</i>
13	Rev. John Poole, <i>Diaconate</i>
17	Rev. Charles 'Gene' Mallard, D.Min., <i>Diaconate</i>
22	Rev. John Lohmann, IV, <i>Priesthood</i>
24	Rev. Don Edlemann, <i>Priesthood</i>
27	Rev. Canon Michael Ward, SSA, <i>Priesthood</i>
28	Rev. Michael Smith, <i>Priesthood</i>
29	Rev. Nicholas Henderson, <i>Diaconate</i>

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March Birthdays

- 02 Rev. Lawrence Adams, PhD
- 05 Rev. Louis Johnson, Ed.D
- 07 Dss. Elizabeth Jenkins
- 07 Rt. Rev. Arthur Rushlow
- 11 Rev. Mr. Eugene Godbold, PhD
- 20 Rev. Guerrier Mews
- 30 Rev. Mr. David Keller

March Anniversaries

- 01 Rev. David Coady, SSA, *Priesthood*
- 03 Rev. Kevin Burks, *Priesthood*
- 07 Rev. Ernest Pinto, *Priesthood*
- 07 Rev. Canon Glenn Spencer, *Priesthood*
- 11 Rev. Frank Bartlett, SSM, *Diaconate*
- 11 Rt. Rev. Robert Loiselle, *Bishop*
- 17 Rev. G. Allen Fisher, *Priesthood*
- 18 Rev. Robert Tufton, *Priesthood*
- 19 Rt. Rev. G. Raymond Hanlan, *Priesthood*
- 19 Rev. Frank O'Donnell, *Priesthood*
- 21 Rev. Eric Holle, *Diaconate*
- 21 Rev. David Keller, *Diaconate*
- 22 Rev. Canon David Haines, *Priesthood*
- 22 Rev. Mr. Scott Koszalinski, *Diaconate*
- 23 Rev. Canon Raymond Unterburger, *Diaconate*
- 24 Rev. Clarence (Chip) Sills, *Priesthood*
- 26 Most Rev. Walter Grundorf, D.D., *Bishop*
- 28 Rev. Mr. Thad Osborne, *Diaconate*
- 29 Rev. Mr. Josef Mayntz, *Diaconate*

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

SAVE THE DATE! DEUS Synod 2016

The 2016 DEUS Synod is going to be held in Tampa, Florida; hosted by St. Matthew's; on July 11 – July 15.

Our venue is located in downtown Tampa, on our new Riverwalk and steps away from a streetcar that can transport participants to restaurants in Ybor City. We are very excited to have secured this space and with all there is to do while in Tampa.

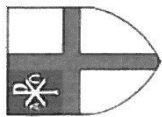
We intend to provide a child care service during the Synod sessions, making this a family friendly trip. The Glazer Children's Museum is a short walk away. Tampa is home to a world class aquarium, also just steps away from our venue.

Winter and Hope, stars of the Dolphin Tale movies reside at the Clearwater Aquarium which is a 30 minute drive from downtown Tampa.

While enjoying the Synod, consider extending your time in Tampa as the hotel is offering the Synod room price or 3 days prior to the 11th and for 3 days after 15th.

Soon we will provide many of the options available in the Tampa Bay area. So pack your summer clothes and your beach hats and get ready for Fun in the Sun, as well as the camaraderie at our Synod.

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Annual Parochial Report

For the year ending December 31, 20_____

To be delivered to the Bishop Ordinary by March 1 every year. (Canon 43)

Church Name: _____
 City & State: _____
 Clergyman in charge: _____
 Parish Status: Parish Mission
 Diocese: DEUS DMA DOW

Membership and Ministry Information

Number of Members	Number of Ministers
Adult Communicants:	Bishops:
Communicants under age 18:	Priests:
Baptized, not yet confirmed:	Deacons:
Total Members:	Lay Readers:
Last Year's Total Members:	Postulants, Aspirants:

Check here if Canonical Retirement Payment has been made. (Canon 18)

Financial Information

Income	Expenses
From Tithes & Pledges:	Tithe to Diocese:
From All Other Sources:	All Other Expenses:
Total Income:	Total Expenses:

Number of Church School Participants

Adults:	Children:	Total:
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Number of Sacramental and Ministerial Acts

Baptisms:	Confirmations:
Marriages:	Burials:

Signature of Rector/Vicar/Minister-in-charge _____ Date of Report _____