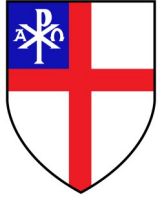


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BISHOP'S EPISTLE

DEUS Synod 2019

Each year it seems I repeat my assessment of the recent DEUS Synod as the most wonderful and uplifting time together I can remember. But the fact is, it is true. God has blessed us in so many ways that it is difficult to find words that describe how personally gratifying it is to be a part of this portion of Christ's Body. Each year the effort that is put forth by those who organize and manage the efforts before, during and after the Synod is amazing. It is truly a labor of love by the wonderful people of our APA/DEUS. This year's, Synod was superbly hosted by our Cathedral Church, under the leadership of Dean Ralph Waterhouse and Synod Coordinator, Nancy Loyd.

This 51st DEUS Synod was also an election Synod. As most of you know, the Right Rev. Chandler H. (Chad) Jones was elected Bishop Coadjutor. We extend to Bishop Chad all our love, blessings and good wishes as he begins this new ministry in the Church. I want to thank those who made this process go so well. It was well organized by our Chancellor, Glen Wieland, Esq., who along with the Secretary of the Standing Committee, Deaconess Debra Kidd and Executive Secretary, Lisa Ulrich, were in regular contact making sure that there was no room for error and assuring there was no detail left undone. The election of our coadjutor went smoothly without any concerns being raised. Our two other candidates, the Rev. James Johnson and the Venerable Erich Zwingert, were gracious with congratulations and well-wishes for Bishop Jones following the election. The lack of contentiousness was typical of Episcopal elections in the APA/DEUS.

For those unfamiliar with the term Bishop Coadjutor, a word of explanation is in order. The election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese is a rare event in the Continuing Church. A Bishop

Coadjutor means a Bishop "Co-Assistant," one who supports and assists the Bishop Ordinary and shares his Apostolic jurisdiction. A Coadjutor possesses the right of succession to the Bishop Ordinary upon the Ordinary's retirement, incapacitation or death. The Coadjutor must receive a 2/3 majority vote in both the House of Clergy and the House of Laity.

Another highlight of the Synod was meeting and getting to know the new seminarians and clergy who have come to the APA during the year. They were warmly received and made welcome. Numbers of our new men are being asked to serve in parishes as curates. Others who have had significant experience are being called to serve as parish priests. We have a number of men who are well-trained and excited about the future of 'Classical/traditional Anglicanism' and are ready to take on the challenge of building a parish. They love our liturgy and our sacramental life in the church and are looking forward to spreading the Kingdom of God in the Anglican Way. A number of them have families and when they are called to a parish which has had few or no children, the congregation will need to be prepared to hear the sound of babies and young children. These are sounds which should encourage all of us to know that the church has a bright future!

Those of you who were at DEUS Synod will have noticed that most of our new seminarians and clergymen who are coming to the APA, are not from the Episcopal Church, but rather are from an evangelical/protestant church background. So many of these men and their families have found their way to one of our churches often through the internet or social media. They have been searching for a more historic expression of the Christian Faith, which has led them, in some

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cases, to Anglicanism outside of the Episcopal Church and thankfully some have found the APA. I say this to remind you of how critical it is for the future of your congregation and our Traditional Anglican Churches, to promote Anglicanism and your church, but to do so with 21st-century methods. There is help available to do this within the APA.

DEUS Parish Highlights

I have received several positive comments particularly about encouraging developments in the DEUS following the Synod. The Parish Reports were again something of a highlight. St. James the Great Anglican Church, Smiths Station, Alabama, has just finished its rebuilding program and had a grand celebration just before Synod. Father John Klein and his wife Linda, along with the congregation, worked many months on the splendid restructuring of their building. I am looking forward to seeing their handiwork. All Saints' Church, Mills River, NC, went through a major renovation over the past year, adding much needed space to the Parish Hall, office space for the Rector, Father Erich Zwingert, and administrative and storage space. The church building received a facelift on the exterior and interior and the crowning and most noticeable part of the building is the new bell tower. The bells are being made by Mr. Rick Watson's company Meeks and Watson, Inc. and they will be the best! I am looking forward to my visit there in the Fall. St. Barnabas' Church, Dunwoody (Atlanta), GA is launching a building expansion program which will provide much needed parish hall space as well as office and administrative room. A presentation on how this major construction project will be managed and funded was made by Senior Warden Vince Clanton for the benefit of the Synod. St. Barnabas' Church has continued to grow and is in great need of additional space to meet their needs.

The report on Parochial Schools is another of the exciting things happening in various churches in our Diocese. Leading the way is the Lindisfarne Hall School in Fernandina Beach, Florida. Father

Brad Cunningham was able to show the present construction of the school buildings which are planned for opening in the Fall semester. There are two other schools planned in Florida which are anticipating opening in the next year or so. These three schools will plan to coordinate and cooperate as they seek to provide a solid Classical Christian School education for our children and others.

Reception of new Mission Church

The Synod was pleased and honored to receive into the APA/DEUS, St. Athanasius Anglican Church, Glen Allen, Virginia, by unanimous vote. The Mission Church was represented at the Synod by the Senior Warden, John Dixon and his wife Corinne. Father Robert Placer has been called and assigned to serve St. Athanasius Church as their Vicar. Welcome aboard!

Unveiling of new APA Sunday School Literature

After years of discussion and search for those who would be willing to take on this project, the prototype of the first year's curriculum was presented by Amy Clark of St. Alban's Cathedral. Father William "Bill" Martin took on the task of writing the lessons for the first year and Amy along with her husband Matt, who is the illustrator, wrote all the user instructions to help the teachers make the lessons come alive. It is a truly professional work done by competent, experienced educators. The title of the year's curriculum will be "The Life of Christ from Bethlehem to Emmaus." We hope and pray that this will be available from the publisher by October 2019. More details to come when we have a certain date of availability.

Synod Developmental Session

The Developmental Session for Synod was conducted by Canon Glenn Spencer and two of his clergymen from All Saints' Church, Charlottesville, Virginia. These are the elements they consider to be essential in the success of their parish including Liturgy, Education,

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Spiritual Direction, Fellowship. Following the initial introduction by Canon Spencer, Father Sean McDermott and Deacon Mark Perkins gave a detailed overview of each subject. Then individuals were able to select one of four small breakout sessions to attend. Each session seemed to be well-attended and participation was active. The breakout session leaders were: Bishop Chad Jones, Liturgics; Father Mark Menees, Spiritual Direction; Father Paul Rivard, Education; and Canon Glenn Spencer, Fellowship.

Diocese of Mid-America Synod Sept. 6-7, 2019

The dates are set and plans made for the Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America, which will be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, IL. The preliminary start will be with the Board of Examining Chaplains Meeting on Friday Morning and official opening Friday afternoon, continuing until Evening Prayer and Dinner Friday night. The Synod will resume with Sung Eucharist Saturday morning and continue business throughout Saturday morning, followed by lunch and a Standing Committee meeting.

Save the Dates: Winter Conference and Combined APA and DEUS/DMA/DOW Synods

The Winter Clergy Conference for 2020 will be held in Dunwoody (Atlanta), GA **February 5-7**, Wednesday evening until Friday morning. The dates for this Conference are a little later than in the past, but this is in order not to conflict with the Synods of the G-4 which will be the week of January 13-18, 2020. The original plan was to coordinate our Clergy Conference with the G-4 Synod, but the logistics just did not work. I announced to the G-4 Archbishops early on that we could not change our scheduled Synods for 2020 both Diocesan and Provincial. Having a third Synod in January would be financially prohibitive. The APA Provincial Synod is on a Triennial schedule and the ACC is on a Biennial schedule. The APA will be represented at the G-4 Synod by our Bishops who can be there and other leaders as well. It is important that we show our support of our *Communio in Sacris* relationship with our G-4 brothers and sisters.

We will have our **combined APA and all our 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. I know 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 closing

I want to thank all of the clergy and laity of our APA for the prayers and love extended to Mary and me. I look forward to serving you and working with our Bishops of the DEUS, Bishop Robert Giffin of the DMA and Vicar General Canon Robert Hawkins of the DOW, along with Missionary APA Bishop, David Haines, as we seek to build God's Kingdom where he has placed us. I also ask that we all pray for the ongoing work of the Joint Synods of the G-4 Churches as we seek to work together so that the bonds among us will be strengthened over the years to come.

In Christ's love, **+Walter**

Ad Clerum APA

Ordinations:

DEUS: The Rev. Mr. Kevin Fife was ordained to the Diaconate on July 6, 2019, at St. Matthew's, Weaverville, NC, by the Rt. Rev. Chandler Jones. Deacon Fife is serving as Curate at All Saints, Wilmington, NC, under Bishop David Haines, Rector.

DEUS: The Rev. Mr. Mark Perkins will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on Sept. 28, 2019, at All Saint's Church, Charlottesville, VA, by the Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, D.D. Fr. Perkins will continue to serve as Curate at All Saints, under Rev. Canon Glenn Spencer, Rector.

DEUS: Stephen Miller will be ordained to the Sacred order of Deacons on October 19, 2019, by the Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, D.D., at St. Matthew's Church, Weaverville, NC, where he will serve as Curate under Fr. Gregory Miller, Rector.

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Institution:

DEUS: The Rev. Fr. Brian Oldfield was instituted as Rector of St. Paul's Church, Melbourne, FL, by the Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, D.D., on June 2, 2019.

Reception:

DEUS: The Rev. David Masterson was received from the Diocese of the Holy Cross on June 6, 2019. Fr. Masterson was called and assigned as Vicar at St. James Church, Gloucester, VA.

Transfers/Canon 10:

DEUS: The Rev. Wesley Walker transferred from the Missionary Diocese of All Saints on August 1, 2019. Fr. Walker is serving as Curate at St. Paul's Church, Crownsville, MD.

DEUS: The Rev. Nana Kwasi Ellis from The Episcopal Church (originally ordained in the Anglican Communion church of Ghana, West Africa) has been called and assigned to St. Phillip's Church, Pinellas Park, FL, as their future Vicar. Father Ellis is in the Canon 10 process and serving with permission from TEC and approval by the BEC/SC and DEUS Bishops.

DEUS: The Rev. Myles Hixson has been called and assigned to Holy Cross Church, Farragut (Knoxville), TN as Vicar. Father Hixson is in the Canon 10 process and serving with permission from the ACNA and approval of DEUS Bishops.

Deposition:

The Rev. Kevin Sweeny was deposed due to a Renunciation of the ministry, Abandonment of Vows on April 11, 2019.

Vacancies

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

Prayer List

Of your charity, keep in your prayers:

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

APA Presiding Bishop, DEUS Bishop Ordinary Itinerary

Aug. 3-4: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmation, Presentation of License to Officiate to Deacon Kevin Fife, Meeting with Vestry, All Saints, Wilmington, NC.

Aug. 6: Celebrated Transfiguration Day Mass, St. Alban's Cathedral, G-4 Archbishop Conference Call.

Aug. 16-18: Episcopal Visitation, Meeting with Mission Committee, St. Phillip's, Blacksburg, VA.

Aug. 17: Meeting with Fr. Myles Hixson in preparation to his relocation to Holy Cross Church, Farragut, TN. Meeting held at St. Phillips' Church, Blacksburg, VA.

Sep. 3: G-4 Archbishop Conference Call.

Sep. 5-10: Attending the DMA/APA Synod, Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, IL. (Bishop Giffin Ordinary.)

Sep. 13-15: Episcopal Visitation, Holy Cross Church, Farragut (Knoxville), TN. Celebration of Church Named Feast Day, Exhalation of the Holy Cross.

Sep. 27-28: Ordination of Mark Perkins to the Sacred Order of Priests, All Saints' Charlottesville, VA.

Sep. 29: Episcopal Visitation, All Saints' Church, Charlottesville, VA.

Oct. 4-6: Episcopal Visitation, Celebration of International Thanksgiving, St. Barnabas' Church, Dunwoody (Atlanta), GA.

Oct. 18: Ordination of Stephen Miller to the Sacred Order of Deacons, St. Matthew's Church, Weaverville, NC.

Oct. 20: Episcopal Visitation, All Saints, Mills River, NC.

APA Missionary Bishop Haines Itinerary

Aug. 19-26: Episcopal Visit to IPAPAE churches in Ecuador.

Sep. 28: Attending Ordination of Rev. Mr. Mark Perkins to the Sacred Priesthood, All Saints Church, Charlottesville, VA.

DMA Bishop Ordinary, Bishop Robert Giffin

Sep. 5-10: DMA/APA Synod, Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, IL.

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DEUS Bishop Coadjutor Jones Itinerary

Aug. 4: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Christ the Redeemer Church, Warner Robins, GA.
 Aug. 19: Retreat Conductor, Retreat for Mission to the World (MTW), Ignatius House, Atlanta, GA.
 Sep. 8: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, St. George the Martyr Church, Simpsonville, SC.
 Sep. 15: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, St. Matthew's Church, Riverview, FL.
 Sep. 16: Meeting of the Society of the Holy Cross, Monastery of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit, Conyers, GA.
 Sep. 21-22: Episcopal Visitation, Teaching Mission on moral theology and Anglicanism, All Souls Church, Asheboro, NC.
 Oct. 13: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, St. Thomas Church, Alto, GA.

DEUS Suffragan Bishop Perkins Itinerary

Aug. 13: Southeast Florida Traditional Anglican Clericus, Delray Beach, FL.
 Set. 10: Southeast Florida Traditional Anglican Clericus, Delray Beach, FL.
 Oct. 08: Southeast Florida Traditional Anglican Clericus Delray Beach, FL.
 Fall 2019: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmation(s), Holy Trinity Church, Fernandina Beach, FL.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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
 29 Rev. Mr. Charles Miller

August Anniversaries

05 Rev. Bradley Cunningham, *Priesthood*
 08 Rev. Randall Russell, *Diaconate*
 11 Rev. James Johnson, Jr., *Diaconate*
 13 Rev. William Martin, SSC, *Diaconate*
 13 Rev. Canon Robert Tregenza, PhD, *Diaconate*
 14 Rev. Mr. Allen Ryan, *Diaconate*
 15 Rev. Daniel Squires, *Priesthood*

August Birthdays (cont.)

17 Rev. Canon Walter Crites, *Priesthood*
 18 Rev. Mr. Mark Perkins, *Diaconate*
 20 Rev. Mr. Richard Hitchcock, *Diaconate*
 23 Rev. Chris Gardner, SSA, SM, *Priesthood*
 23 Rev. James Johnson, Jr., *Priesthood*
 23 Rev. Mr. Arthur Walker, *Diaconate*
 24 Rev. Michael Northup, *Priesthood*
 30 Dss. M. Clare Burgess, *Set Apart*

September Birthdays

05 Rev. George Ates
 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
 23 Rev. Canon Glenn Spencer
 24 Ven. Erich Zwingert, SSC
 29 Rev. Peter Joslyn
 29 Rev. Yossi Sarid, BCC

September Anniversaries

03 Rev. Daniel Rieger, PhD, *Diaconate*
 07 Rev. Michael Stranz, BCOS, *Diaconate*
 07 Rt. Rev. Arthur Rushlow, *Priesthood*
 08 Rev. Dick Miller, *Diaconate*
 10 Rev. Matthew Harlow, *Diaconate*
 13 Rev. Canon Robert Jennings, *Diaconate*
 15 Rev. Yossi Sarid, 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*

October Birthdays

01 Rev. Eric Holle
 01 Rev. John O'Brien, Major USAF
 01 Rev. Robert Placer
 01 Rev. Mr. Mark Perkins
 03 Rt. Rev. William Perkins, Jr., CBS, SM

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October Birthdays (cont.)

05	Rev. David Conway
05	Rev. Ronald Massey
05	Rev. Michael Stranz, BCOS
08	Rev. Yvon Thermidor
11	Rev. Irving Cook
16	Rev. William Baker
16	Rev. Frank Bartlett, SSM
16	Rev. William Baker
18	Rev. Daniel Malcolm
18	Rev. Mr. Allen Ryan
19	Rev. Gregory Miller
20	Rev. Canon Edward Warner
22	Rt. Rev. A.L. Jaya Rao. P.
23	Rev. Canon Robert Jennings
23	Rev. Mr. Thad Osborne
24	Rev. Mr. Josef Mayntz
26	Dss. Cynthia Hensley
26	Rev. James Johnson
27	Rev C. William Carter
28	Rev. John Gibson
28	Rev. Mr. Richard Hitchcock

October Anniversaries

01	Rev. Thomas Burr, <i>Priesthood</i>
03	Rev. George Ates, <i>Diaconate</i>
04	Very Rev. Nicholas Henderson, <i>Priesthood</i>
05	Rev. David Conway, <i>Priesthood</i>
06	Rt. Rev. Robert Giffin, <i>Bishop</i>
07	Rev. Richard Bakley, <i>Priesthood</i>
07	Dss Cynthia Hensley, <i>Set Apart</i>
07	Rev. Stephen Sommerrock, <i>Priesthood</i>
08	Rev. Mark Siegel, <i>Priesthood</i>
08	Rev. Robert Tufton, <i>Diaconate</i>
10	Rev. Canon Robert Hawkins, V.G., <i>Priesthood</i>
11	Rev. Mr. Thomas Burr, <i>Diaconate</i>
13	Rev. Eric Holle, <i>Priesthood</i>
14	Rev. M. Tracy Smith, SSA, <i>Priesthood</i>
15	Rev. John O'Brien, Major USAF, <i>Priesthood</i>
16	Rt. Rev. Larry Shaver, Obl, OSB, <i>Diaconate</i>
17	Rt. Rev. Larry Shaver, Obl, OSB, <i>Priesthood</i>
18	Rev. Ben Holland, <i>Priesthood</i>
19	Rev. John Lohmann IV, <i>Diaconate</i>
20	Rev. William Baker, <i>Diaconate</i>
20	Rev. Christopher Smith, <i>Diaconate</i>
22	Rt. Rev. C. Peter Brewer, <i>Bishop</i>
22	Rev. C. William Carter, <i>Priesthood</i>
23	Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, D.D., <i>Diaconate</i>
26	Rev. Richard Baskwill, <i>Diaconate</i>

October Anniversaries (cont.)

26	Rev. Irving Cook, <i>Priesthood</i>
28	Rev. William Baker, <i>Priesthood</i>
28	Rev. Rosemond Etienne, <i>Priesthood</i>
28	Rev. Pierre Nacius, <i>Priesthood</i>
28	Rev. Christopher Smith, <i>Priesthood</i>
28	Rev. Yvon Thermidor, <i>Priesthood</i>
28	Rev. Wilfrid Ulysse, <i>Priesthood</i>
29	Rev. Vincent Varnas, <i>Diaconate</i>
30	Rev. Dr. Creighton Barnes, <i>Diaconate</i>
30	Rt. Rev. Robert Loiselle, <i>Diaconate</i>
31	Rev. Canon Robert Tregenza, PhD, <i>Priesthood</i>
31	Rev. Canon Edward Warner, <i>Priesthood</i>

Mea Culpa: In the last edition of the Bishop's Epistle we missed the consecration anniversary of the Rt. Rev. David Haines of July 19. Belated blessings to Bishop David.

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