

# Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

## Canon for Clergy Care Report

### Diocesan Council

### December 19, 2024

Clergy care continues to be a priority for the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. This fall semester, I have met with several priests and deacons for the first time. I am beginning to see our diocesan clergy as my “parish” and am learning more about them individually and as a whole. Clergy care, like any other pastoral care, is unique to the individual bishop, priest, or deacon. Each one has different needs and expectations from their pastor.

- I am currently meeting with 5 rectors regularly to counsel for counsel and encouragement. This fall I was also invited into conversation with 3 other priests who were working through both personal and professional struggles. I count it as a joy and a privilege to walk alongside these faithful men and women of God.
- I have continued to meet with those rectors who are in transition after the lawsuit. While they are in many different places in the transition (literally and metaphorically), each of them continue to face the challenges of change.
- The Clergy Retreat at Bonclarken Retreat Center in early November was a time of rest, renewal, and reconnection for our diocesan clergy. This time away with colleagues and friends is always a blessing for our clergy, thanks to the Retreat Committee and our diocesan staff, especially the Rev. Joyce Harder, for all the hard work putting this retreat together.
- The frontline of clergy care in our diocese continues to be our faithful and dedicated deans, The Very Rev. Karl Burns (Westy Charleston), The Very Rev. Peet Dickinson (Charleston), The Very Rev. Shay Gaillard (Beaufort), The Very Reverend Ron Greiser (Georgetown), The Very Reverend Denman Isgett(Orangeburg), and The Very Rev Ken Weldon (Florence). Each of these priests cares deeply for their Deanery clergy and serve as pastors and encouragers to those priests and deacons within their deaneries.

The Lord continues to put clergy in front of me for counsel, encouragement, or to simply alongside through a specific season or situation. The Lord has used these times to deepen and strengthen relationships with the clergy of our diocese it is an honor to serve our diocese in this capacity. I trust the Lord will continue to use this ministry for our great good and for His greater glory.

Yours in Christ,  
The Reverend Canon Ken Weldon, *Canon for Clergy Care*