

Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Canon for Clergy Care Report

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It continues to be a privilege to meet regularly with so many of our Diocesan clergy. In this last quarter, the Lord has brought forth three “new” pastoral relationships with clergy of our diocese. The transition from colleague and fellow presbyter to pastor and counselor is a work of the Holy Spirit, and I am always surprised with the joy and increased accountability and fellowship that accompany this relational change. Jesus calls us into community with Himself and community with one another. The blessing of simply spending time with colleagues and fellow presbyters to pray, to talk about real things, and to be in fellowship is not a small thing.

- It has been a blessing to connect with the other Diocesan Canons. I am grateful for the leadership of the Venerable Hunter Jordan our Archdeacon. My regular meetings with him are always a source of strength and joy. His friendship, counsel, and energy are a great encouragement to me personally and a gift to our diocese and to the church.
- I continue to be in regular contact (in person when possible) with the rectors and with those parishes and missions who lost properties in the litigation. The Lord is blessing those parishes mightily and strengthening their leaders, both clergy and lay, in countless ways. New properties have been purchased. New building plans are moving forward. New entities have been created. God is restoring that which was lost. We can all give thanks for the Lord’s faithfulness and generosity particularly in these circumstances. I encourage you all to continue to keep in your prayers: The Rev. David Dubay (St. John’s/Holy Trinity), The Rev. Ted Duvall (Christ Church), The Rev. Will Klauber (Good Shepherd), The Rev. Bill Oldland (St. Bartholomew’s), The Rev. Jeremy Shelton (St. John’s), The Rev. Jason Varnadore (St. David’s), The Rev. Drew Miller (St. James), The Rev. Janet Echols (St. Matthews-Ft. Motte), and The Rev Canon Ken Weldon (Camp Jubilee).

For many of our clergy (and all people unfortunately), there is a sense of being overwhelmed and isolated. I recently met with a priest who said, “I haven’t been able to miss a Sunday in the last six months.” This is not healthy place to be. We, as a diocese, and I as Canon for Clergy Care need to work on putting systems in place to combat this isolation and loneliness. Please pray for our clergy always but particularly pray against the epidemic of isolation. Sadly, as we are increasingly connected electronically, there is a reality of being increasingly disconnected in real and intimate ways. It is important to remember that Jesus put on flesh and dwelt among us. He did not send us a text or an email. He came to his people in the flesh and in person. Might we emulate the master as we reach out to one another in His love.

Yours in Christ,
The Revd Canon Ken Weldon
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