

# Jubilate Deo

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Winter 2024

## Diocesan Convention March 8-9

By The Rev. Joyce Harder,  
Assistant to Bishop Edgar  
and Convention Coordinator

The 2024 Convention of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina is just around the corner and promises to be a joyful event of worshipping our Lord, fellowshiping in His name, and carrying out efficient and productive Kingdom work. The Church of the Cross, Bluffton is again extending



their spectacular hospitality on their Cross Schools Campus on Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9. The Convention will open on Friday with Holy Eucharist and the Bishop's Address at 4:00 p.m. in The Chapel, followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and a must-see video presentation. Registration for the business section of the gathering will begin at 7:30 on Saturday morning, and a continental breakfast will be provided. Members of the Diocesan Youth Commission will open the business meeting with Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m., after which Bishop Edgar will conduct the meeting. The aim is to end at noon. Participants will be provided with a boxed lunch, which they can eat on the grounds or take with them as they depart.

Guests are welcome and may register at [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org). Registration will close on Friday, March 1.

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## Churches Rise to Build and Renovate

By Joy Hunter, Editor

If your congregation has recently received updates from surveyors, architects, or contractors; if scaffolding has gone up somewhere on your church's property; or if the topic of a capital campaign is one you're familiar with; you're not alone. As we go to press, several diocesan congregations are engaged in construction and/or restoration projects.

### The Parish Church at Habersham, Beaufort, Begins Construction

This past October, Bishop Edgar joined with the congregation of the Parish Church at Habersham, for a groundbreaking ceremony. The 6,000 sq. foot building now under construction is being built on just over a quarter of an acre in a marketplace setting. "We are looking forward to being part of the fabric of the town of Habersham, where everything is walkable and you see your church family members multiple times a week," says the Rev. Jamie Sosnowski, Vicar. "God has positioned us perfectly to make an impact for the kingdom in the community all around us. And we will, with God's help." At press time the ground had been graded, concrete poured, and the framing had begun to rise. Construction is expected to take from 12-16 months.

### Christ Church Anglican Puts Up "Future Home" Sign

In December 2022, Christ Church Anglican in Mt. Pleasant, which turned their historic prop-

erty over to the Episcopal Church following litigation, received donations enabling them to purchase property on Faison Road in the Carolina Park area of north Mt. Pleasant, and begin a building fund. The congregation has now cleared the four acres of buildable land of undergrowth and erected a "future home of" sign which also invites people to its current worship location at a local elementary school. Their building committee has been at work since March 2023, surveying the staff and congregation for ministry and space needs and wants, visiting other churches for design ideas, and engaging an architectural firm and a civil engineering firm.

Drawings and some initial site work is expected to be completed in the coming months, followed by a capital campaign possibly beginning in the fall of this year.

### St. John's Parish Church in the Permitting Process

In October 2023, St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island, which also had to turn over their historic campus, bought a 20-acre parcel of property at 1643 Main Road. Interestingly, the property locally known as "Church Place" was owned by the congregation prior to 1812 and now will be their future home, as well. Currently wooded, the prop-

erty will eventually hold their new worship building, fellowship hall, discipleship classrooms, nursery, youth rooms, outdoor pavilion, and parking area.

"We're holding focus groups to receive valuable qualitative and quantitative feedback from the congregation," says the Rev. Jeremy Shelton, Rector. "We want to hear from the congregation regarding the design, usage and special capacities of the property."

They are now engaging contractors and engineers and are in the process of planning and seeking permits. "We hope to make substantial progress toward our forever home in 2024," says Shelton. "It will be a busy year for our building committee, vestry and me. Until then we're

relying on the Lord's presence and provision. 'Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it.'"

In addition to churches constructing new buildings, several diocesan churches are engaged in restoring and renovating their properties.

### St. Philip's Church Restoring Historic Campus

In 2021, the vestry of St. Philip's Church, Charleston, approved engaging an engineer and contractor to survey all their historic buildings and put together an estimated cost for total restoration and a rough

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MONA STURGIS

The Parish Church at Habersham's 6,000 sq. foot building now under construction is "part of the new urbanism," says the Rev. Jamie Sosnowski, Vicar.

## A Pastoral Letter to the Diocese From The Rt Revd Chip Edgar

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina,

Grace and peace to you through God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Most of you will not have been at the most recent Mere Anglicanism Conference held in Charleston this past weekend, January 18-20. You might well have heard of it, however, and the controversy resulting from the presentation by Calvin Robinson. If you have, it is likely you have heard that the Revd Robinson was "cancelled" due to his position on Women in Holy Orders. I write to correct that notion, and to tell you that he was removed from the final panel because his talk was deemed to have veered substantively from the topic he

was asked to address. Instead, he took advantage of the opportunity and opined on what he considers the exceeding evil of women in Holy Orders. Most importantly, he did so in a way which was inexcusably provocative, and completely lacking in charity and pastoral consideration of the people in attendance—especially the many women clergy both of our diocese and others who attended.

It might be said that more could have been done in the moment to address the situation, but I want to commend the Revd Jeff Miller, Rector of St Philip's Church, and host of the conference, for the deft way he tried to diffuse the situation, and the controversial, but bold step he took in removing the Revd Robinson from the remainder of the conference.

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## Bishop Edgar Appoints Kerner, Lawrence & Lawrence as Canons

Bishop Chip Edgar recently appointed clergy to step into three newly created positions as Diocesan Canons.

The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, who is on staff at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, will serve as Diocesan Canon for Prayer and Healing, the Rev. Newman Lawrence, who is the Rector of St. Jude's Walterboro, will serve as Canon for Men's Ministries and the Rev. Bob Lawrence will be our diocesan Canon for Global Missions. This will bring the total number of canons serving part-time in the Diocese to eight. In this model, each canon is employed part-time by the Diocese while also holding a position in a church or other organization.

"Having canons for certain ministry areas needing diocesan emphasis and support is a strategic way for our diocese to capitalize on the wisdom of someone in the trenches," says Bishop Edgar. "Compared to full-time diocesan ministry staff, it's more cost-effective, increases cooperation between parishes and the diocese, and allows us to focus on a greater number of potential ministry emphases."

Look for stories on these new Canons in this issue. Read about our Canon for Prayer and Healing on page four, our Canon for Men's Ministry on page six and our Canon for Global Missions on page eight.

# Camp Jubilee Registration Opens



As we look to the summer ahead, we are excited to return to host sessions at Camp Kinard and Awanita Valley. We are thrilled to see so many campers eager to gather back in their camp community and are encouraged by the number of new families that have signed up to take part in camp this summer. Finally, we are excited to share with campers about the love, joy, and restoration found in the Lord as we study the parable of the Prodigal Son. We believe this will be another year of fruitful ministry, and we

give glory to God for all he has, and will, continue to do in and through Camp Jubilee!

*If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about Camp Jubilee, visit [campjubileesc.org](http://campjubileesc.org) or contact Justin Johnson (Camp Director) at [jjohnson@adosc.org](mailto:jjohnson@adosc.org) or (843) 628-2363. We hope to see you at Camp Jubilee this summer. Let's Go Camping!*

As we are busy preparing for the second summer of Camp Jubilee, we must pause to reflect on and praise the Lord for all that he has done in and through this ministry over the last year. This time last year, we were not sure who would sign up to come to Camp Jubilee, and yet, often we hear people share how strong the community has been in this first year. We hosted camp in locations that were new and unknown to us and left the summer having built strong partnerships in ministry with our host sites. As we sought to SHARE the Gospel, SHAPE campers and staff, and SEND them back out to be salt and light, we witnessed lives transformed and surrendered to Jesus, renewed faith in the Gospel, and deeper hunger and growth in discipleship. We have continued to hear testimonies of campers who returned home to begin small groups for their friends, campers leading their families to Jesus, and staff who began new ministries on their college campuses!

## Camp Jubilee

Session Availability Updates

SESSION 1: K-2ND BUDDY CAMP @ CAMP KINARD JUNE 1-2, 2024	BOYS - SPACE AVAILABLE GIRLS - LIMITED SPACE
SESSION 2: 2ND-4TH @ CAMP KINARD JUNE 3-6, 2024	BOYS AND GIRLS - LIMITED SPACE
SESSION 3: K-2ND BUDDY CAMP @ CAMP KINARD JUNE 8-9, 2024	BOYS - LIMITED SPACE GIRLS - WAITLIST ONLY
SESSION 4: 4TH-6TH @ CAMP KINARD JUNE 10-14, 2024	BOYS AND GIRLS - LIMITED SPACE
SESSION 5: 7TH-9TH @ AWANITA VALLEY JUNE 16-21, 2024	SPACE AVAILABLE
SESSION 6: 6TH-8TH @ AWANITA VALLEY JULY 7-12, 2024	BOYS - LIMITED SPACE GIRLS - WAITLIST ONLY
SESSION 7: 9TH-12TH SENIOR! @ CAMP KINARD JULY 15-20, 2024	BOYS AND GIRLS - WAITLIST ONLY
SESSION 8: 3RD-5TH @ CAMP KINARD JULY 22-26, 2024	BOYS AND GIRLS - LIMITED SPACE

# Property Fund Raising Efforts Underway

## Your Help is Needed

By The Very Reverend Ken Weldon, Camp Jubilee, Executive Director

Camp Jubilee has found a spectacular 78-acre piece of waterfront property in Beaufort, S.C., and it is ideal for our future camp and retreat center. We

We believe this is the place the Lord has shown us to be the forever home for this ministry. It will be a place for the entire diocese for generations to come. We invite you to



GINNIE RAINES

have signed a contract are working to raise \$3.8 million to purchase it.

That means we need your help. If you're able to give a significant gift of \$10,000 or more, if you would be willing to match gifts others give, if you're willing to contact friends to encourage them to give, we hope you'll do so. We ask you to join us in giving *whatever* you're able to stretch to do.

prayerfully consider partnering with us to acquire this land.

Friends, we cannot let this piece of property get away from us. We know that our Lord can do this work and we believe that He is doing it. To Him be all glory, now and forever.

To donate visit <https://www.campjubileesc.org/give> and click "Property Development Fund." Let's go Camping!

## Churches Rise to Build

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timeline for completion. The restoration for each was to be "complete" and "generational" and included their sanctuary, parish hall, ministries building, chapel, and tea garden. Their sanctuary, built in 1838, was last restored 30 years ago. The ministries building and parish hall had been restored approximately 25 years ago.

They began work on the exterior of the nave of the sanctuary in 2022 and completed that work in the fall of 2023. The historic gates and fencing around the west cemetery and graveyard adjacent to the sanctuary were restored in 2023. This spring they'll work on both the exterior and interior of the sanctuary, estimating it will take from 18-24 months to complete. The other buildings will follow, project by project. "Safe to say," says Jim Stelling, Chair of their Building Committee, "we will have construction activities happening for several years to come."

### Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul Begins Work on Historic Portico

The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul has begun a long-awaited project to repair some significant problems with their building's portico related to foundational issues in its original construction, lingering effects from the Great Earthquake of 1886, and the use of elastomeric paint after Hurricane Hugo. If unaddressed, these issues could be potentially catastrophic not only for the portico, but also for the whole structure.

The solution devised by gifted engineers and preservationists is to deconstruct the pediment (the triangle structure at the top of the portico) down to the capitals at the tops of the columns and then reconstruct it with modern materials that are lighter and stronger, like steel and concrete. They will then restore the exterior to its original appearance and even restore some architectural features to the building that were lost in the Great Earthquake.



In 2023, Prince George Winyah moved their rectory to allow space for them to expand their parish hall. The addition to the campus will be somewhere in the range of 25,000+ sq. ft.

"It's an obligation we feel we must face for reasons of public safety and historic preservation," says the Very Rev. Peet Dickinson, Dean of the Cathedral, "but it's also an exciting opportunity for the Cathedral's front porch to convey the kind of beautiful welcome and hospitality the Lord has shown us all. We are restoring our front porch, that part of the building that is a symbol of Christ's incarnational love as it is connected to the sacred space of worship—and also moves out into the world."

### St. Paul's Anglican Completes Numerous Projects

St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summer-ville has also been working on restoration projects. Their "Rise Up and Build" campaign, which has been going on for two years, enabled them to complete work on several buildings on their campus.

"God has been generous," says the Rev. Tripp Jeffords, Rector. "We replaced roofs on every building that needed them, repainted all the buildings that had lead paint and rot, replaced the cupola and shutters on the historic church, gutted the bathrooms in Ambler Hall, and refinished the historic pine floors in that building."

Their funds also enabled them to replace the audio and video systems in two of their buildings. They're now in consultation on how to expand the space used for Trinity Christian Academy, hoping to add grades 9-12 to a school which currently holds classes for grades K-8. "Christian education is very important to us," says Jeffords. "We're using Holy Trinity Classical Christian School in Beaufort and Cross Schools, Bluffton, as our models."

"Our philosophy is 'Moving to the speed of cash,'" he says. "As the money comes in, knock it out, knock it out. We're now at a time of prayer and discernment. Before we sink another dime we're going away for a retreat to spend time in prayer to ask the Lord's direction for what he's calling us to."

### Prince George Winyah, in Georgetown Expands Property

It was more than 10 years ago that Prince George Winyah developed a master plan to bring needed worship, discipleship, and mis-

sion/outreach space to its campus. In 2023 they moved their 240-year-old, four-story 4,000 sq. foot rectory one lot over, allowing them space to expand their 200+-year-old parish hall.

The addition to the campus will be somewhere in the range of 25,000+ sq. ft., providing room for a multipurpose space, Christian Ed space, double their kitchen size, a large atrium, education and youth space, improved administrative space, and a preschool addition.

In September they will begin to repair and restore the roof trusses of their historic church. The Vestry is also considering replacing the aging HVAC system in the historic church. The estimated cost for these needed and long-awaited repairs is 1.5m.

The start date for repairing the roof of the historic church roof is September 2024 with the new buildings getting started in 2025, once fundraising efforts are finalized and approval by the Georgetown Architectural Review Board is received.

### St. Paul's, Conway Completes Roofing with More to Come

The Buildings & Grounds Committee of St. Paul's-Conway put together a property maintenance plan in 2022. In the spring of 2022, the church bell tower was repaired and repainted. In May of 2022, the church was got a much-needed new roof. In the summer of 2023, they repaired leaking dormers, and then repaired damaged sheetrock on the ceiling and walls of the church. Following the dormer repairs, the entire interior and exterior of the church was painted, along with the exterior of the parish hall. In December 2023, the asphalt parking lots were repaired, sealed, and re-stripped. In 2024 they anticipate reroofing their chapel and church office building.

"Our congregation has been very generous," the Rev. Jason Collins said. "There is a consensus that this is God's house and we must be good stewards of it."

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## New Archbishop to Be Selected in June

On June 23, 2024, the Anglican Church in North America will, God willing, announce the name of the new Archbishop. Archbishop Foley Beach, who has served in the position since 2014 is retiring. The next Archbishop will be selected from among the 29 diocesan bishops currently serving in the ACNA. A diocesan bishop is one who leads a diocese. The new Archbishop will assume the duties of the office at the end of the Assembly on June 28, and be officially installed later in the fall.

### How is a New Archbishop Chosen?

The election is done during a multi-day bishops' conclave which, this year, will begin on June 20, prior to the Provincial Assembly. All members of the College of Bishops will meet together in a private location for a time of prayer and contemplation. Each diocesan, or ordinary, will be invited to confidentially submit a name for the bishop they believe God is calling to the position of Archbishop. That list of names will then be the nominations roster going forward. Only diocesan bishops can vote. They may consult with the other bishops of the College who are in their dioceses—suffragans, assistants, and retired bishops—to select the next Archbishop.

There have been only two Archbishops in the ACNA's short history. Archbishop Bob Duncan served from June 2009 to June 2014. Archbishop Beach served two consecutive five year terms from June 2014 – June 2024. In 2018, when Archbishop Beach could have stepped down, he had been elected by Archbishops from around the world to Chair the Primates Council of the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON). He was, therefore, re-elected by the College to a second, 5-year term to continue as the Archbishop of the ACNA. He served in the role with GAFCON until 2023.

Interestingly, when a diocesan is elected archbishop, it does not mean he steps down from his role as bishop in own diocese. Instead, he holds both positions at the same time, adjusting his commitments to serve both.

The ACNA headquarters are in Ambridge, PA, but as with Archbishop Beach, much of the office work is done remotely and two offices, with staff in each, are maintained.

Please hold the process and our own Bishop Edgar in your prayers as he participates in this important work.

## Bishop Edgar Ordains Seven as Deacons

By Joy Hunter, Editor

“From the moment I entered the cathedral, my heart soared with joy,” said the now-Rev. Scott Poelker, one of seven ordained to the diaconate at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul on January 27. “It felt like I was carried aloft by the household of faith to the banquet of our Lord. I was fed spiritual energy for the task that lies ahead.”

Bishop Edgar spoke to them about the task ahead by reading from an 1860 advertisement for the Pony Express. “Wanted. Young, skinny, wiry fellows, not over 18. Must be expert riders, willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred.”

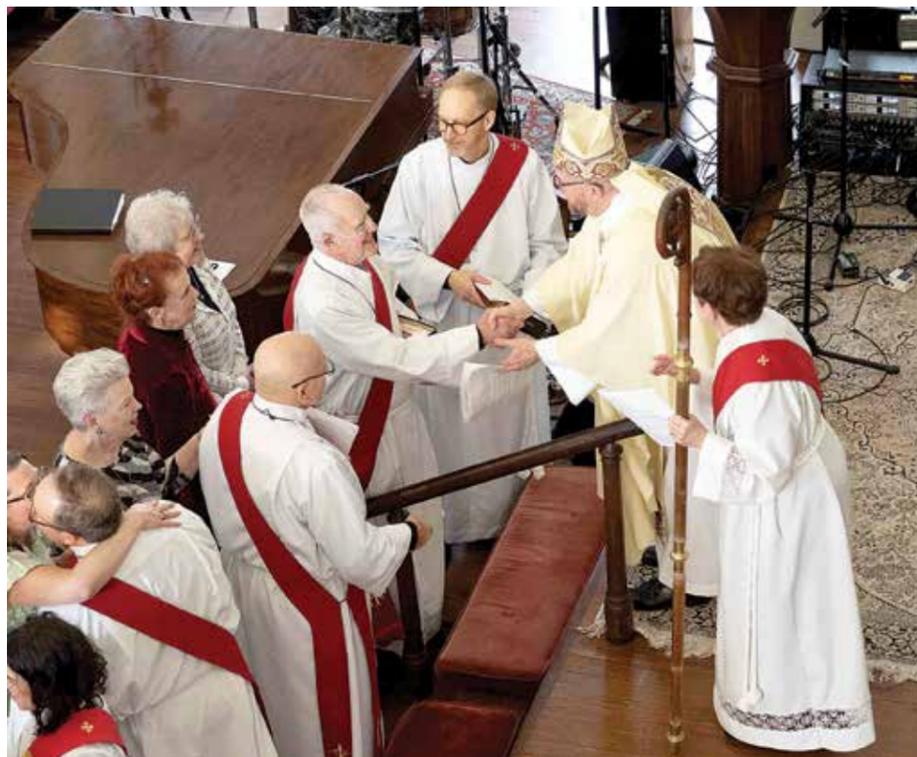
“Everything about it (the Pony Express)” said Edgar, “promised excitement, challenge, adventure, significance. Would you apply? If you knew that a course of action was inherently dangerous, would you sign on?” The Bishop tied the immediacy (and adventure) of the Pony Express job, to the word “immediately” used in the Gospel of Mark, but stressed the word didn’t mean what we usually associate it with. “Mark isn’t trying to tell us that Jesus was just flying around the Galilee, one thing to the next, fast as he could go...” Instead, he said, “Jesus was well-placed, doing exactly what the Father wanted him to do through the power of the Holy Spirit.” He stressed that this is what the deacons are called to as well.

“Today, deacons (almost!), you are here because, not just in your own hearts and minds, but immediately in line with the discerning work of the Church, which we trust is immediately in touch with the call of the Holy Spirit.”

### Meet the Newly Ordained Deacons

#### Joel Billings

Joel Billings is a member of St. John’s Church in Florence and is currently employed with the Florence County Sheriff’s Office as the full-time Chaplain/Deputy. He has been married to his wife, Lindsey, for 30 years, and they have been blessed with three sons, Trenton, Grant and Blaine. He has been a past member of the parish choir and is a lay reader for Sunday services. Joel’s ministry in and outside the church has included vacation



JOY HUNTER

Bishop Edgar greets the newly ordained deacons following their vesting. Above he shakes hands with the Rev. Doug Ringer, his Chaplain.

Bible school leader, assisting youth ministry, group Bible study leader, Young Life of Florence committee member and chairman, and serving full-time for seven years with an international missions agency, Operation Mobilization. (See story pg. 13)

#### Thad Bullock

Thad Bullock is a member of The Parish Church at Habersham, in Beaufort, one of the newest mission congregations in the Diocese. He was part of the original organizing team and now serves as the church’s Senior Warden. Prior to joining The Parish Church, he was a member of St. Helena’s in Beaufort, since 2002. He is currently in the Master of Divinity program at Columbia International University. Before answering the call to full-time ministry, he received his undergraduate degree in English from Catawba College, and he has had a 20-plus year career in the premium appliance industry. He and his wife, Minnie, have two



married children Thaddeus and Seth. During his free time, Thad enjoys hiking, playing golf, and reading.

#### Chet Houston

Chet Houston is a member of the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort. After a career of over 26 years, Chet retired from the United States Marine Corps in 2015 and began working with the Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Beaufort as the Executive Director, until he accepted a position aboard the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island in October of 2019. He graduated from the University of Maryland, University College with a Bachelor’s Degree in management studies, and also holds an MBA from Norwich University. He and his wife of 32 years, Marcy, live in Beaufort and have three grown children. As result of multiple military moves, Chet has been blessed to serve in multiple congregations and parishes in



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## A Pastoral Letter to the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

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Any failure to address the situation in a more direct, up-front manner, is mine. And for that failure, I apologize. Especially to the women present who were deeply insulted by his remarks.

The Anglican Church in North America, and the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, and I, as bishop, are deeply committed to the idea that both those who favor women’s ordination, and those who oppose it, do so in fidelity to scripture and are both welcomed and valued in our common life. We refer to this recognition of both positions throughout the ACNA with the unwieldy moniker, “dual integrities.”

I do require, as a matter of godliness among us, that we always treat those with whom we disagree with love and charity and kindness.

While that is a less than helpful designation, it points to the deep reality that both views ought to be held with integrity, are welcome, respected, and will be defended on either side.

I, as your bishop, believe that the ordination of women comports with the teaching of scripture, most importantly, and is not ruled out by the tradition of the church. I welcome and encourage women in all levels of ministry. At the same time, given my commitment to “dual integrities,” I will support any who disagree with me. There will never come a time when I require anyone to act contrary to their conscience and commitments.

I do require, as a matter of godliness among us, that we always treat those with whom we disagree with love and charity and kindness. The kind of demeaning talk that marked the

Rev’d Robinson’s presentation will not be countenanced.

In my admittedly short experience as a member of the ACNA’s College of Bishops, I have seen that our willingness to commit to each

other in the spirit of “dual integrities,” has brought us into deeper fellowship and love, not less. It is easy to love those with whom you agree. The great reward comes from pressing into relationships of love with those with whom you disagree.

It is my prayer that, throughout my episcopacy, this will mark the life of our diocese, as well.

Now, to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or imagine, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3.20-21)

+Chip Edgar, Bishop The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

This notice was sent to our subscribers list on January 24, 2024.

## St. Matthias, Summerton to Celebrate 125th Anniversary

On the Feast Day of Saint Matthias (February 24), in the year of our Lord 1899, the Rt. Rev. Ellison Capers rode into Summerton from Columbia to consecrate the newly completed square wooden structure built for worship. The congregation was formed from members of St. Matthias’ Church (Pinewood, est. 1757) who were living in Summerton and wished to worship closer to home. And it was at this time, nearly 125 years ago, the small congregation known as St. Matthias’ Church began formal, organized worship and witness in the town of Summerton.

Just before the beginning of the WWI the little wooden building was remodeled, adding stained



The Original St. Matthias

glass and some ornate fixtures. Later, prior to the Great Depression, a more significant remodel was completed. This remodel saw the addition of a beautiful pipe organ (still in use today), which required the building to be expanded and rearranged. The roof was raised and pitch increased, the outer walls were covered with stone, and a deep chancel with rood screen was added. Since then, only a few changes have been made.

As the Feast Day of Saint Matthias approaches us this year, the parish family of St. Matthias’ Church is preparing for a grand celebration on the anniversary of our 125th year. We will worship and give thanks to

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# Kerner, Canon for Prayer & Healing, Joins Diocesan Staff

A Jubilate Deo Interview by Joy Hunter with The Rev. Canon Dr. Sandi Kerner

**Sandi, you've got a new role!**



I do! I am now the Canon for Prayer and Healing for the Diocese.

**Have you been able to develop a vision for the ministry?**

I would love to raise up and encourage healing prayer ministry in all our churches and communities, and ensure that this ministry would be readily accessible for people both to receive and to participate in giving in that ministry.

**Do you know if we have many prayer ministers throughout the diocese?**

That's what I'm working on – to begin to know who's who and which churches do offer healing prayer ministry. Some may offer prayer on Sunday mornings, and others, in addition, have developed more extensive prayer teams where they'll meet with somebody two on one to pray, to really work through some issues in their lives. What I'd like to do is make connections with churches to identify somebody in each church, so we know the people who are interested in healing prayer or have a passion for it, and the people who are already doing it and are engaged.

**Does somebody have to have a specific gift for prayer ministry? Does everybody have the gift of healing prayer?**

Everybody can pray for healing, and I hope they do, whether that's in their families or with friends or in their church or in their small group. But I do think some people have a particular gift of healing prayer who are just gifted in listening to God,

listening to people, laying hands on people – people who are filled with the Holy Spirit. These individuals are also really filled with compassion and are good listeners. These are the qualities that indicate there is both call and gifting in healing prayer ministry.

**Do you see yourself working exclusively with prayer ministers?**

I see myself working with clergy, with rectors, with people who are in charge of pastoral care and healing, whether they're lay or clergy, but also with people who are interested in learning more about it, to experience it, and maybe as they experience healing for themselves, out of that emerges a call which often happens in people's lives.

**Tell me about your background. What makes you suited for serving in healing prayer ministry?**

I've experienced so much healing over the years, and it was an interest of mine a long time ago. While in high school I attended a large Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference at Notre Dame University. Francis MacNutt led a healing service there

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**Cultivate**

**A LENTEN QUIET MORNING**

Saturday, March 2, 2024, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Cathedral of St. Luke & St. Paul

Come away for a morning in Lent to reflect on scripture, savor the quiet, renew your mind, listen in prayer, and find rest for your soul. Lunch will be provided. Suggested donation: \$10. All are welcome! Register at [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org).

Leader: The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, Canon for Prayer & Healing

# Lessons from a Sabbatical

Time Away Leads to Being Fully Present

By The Rev. Patrick Schlabs, The Cathedral of St. Luke & St. Paul, Charleston

The following article first appeared in the newsletter of the Cathedral.

One of the best things I read on my sabbatical was Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the*

*Prodigal Son*. It was given to me by a dear friend who knows me well enough to know I needed it. Nouwen examines a Rembrandt painting that depicts the joyous reunion of the prodigal son with his loving father and shows it to be a window to understand our relationship to God. Each of us may have a propensity to be like one of the brothers, but we're all eventually invited to experience the welcome,

forgiveness, and healing of our heavenly Father. Each of us must know that no matter how far we travel, our Father runs to meet us and bring us home. Nouwen notes that our response to the love of the Father is the simple discipline of gratitude. And when I returned from 12 weeks of sabbatical, I found myself overwhelmed with gratitude.

I was so grateful to my sisters and brothers at the Cathedral for allowing me the time and resources to find rest and renewal. In my time away, I was able to spend much wonderful time with my wife and kids. We relaxed at the beach on Edisto, explored the Pacific Northwest, and experienced new cities together.

We also spent a lot of mundane weekdays running errands, playing in our neighborhood park, and trying to survive the summer heat. I had quality and quantity time with my family and soaked in this good



*I had quality and quantity time with my family and soaked in this good (and fleeting) season of life. One of my favorite memories was telling stories while sitting on a porch on Edisto Island on a surprisingly cool summer night. I'll never forget hearing my kids cackle as I told stories of some of my most embarrassing moments from growing up. I will forever treasure moments like that from my sabbatical.*

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My normal life is inundated with emails, texts, and slack messages. It can feel like my entire existence is mediated via screen. This can make it nearly impossible for me to be fully present anywhere. So I'm grateful that the sabbatical gave me the chance to rediscover

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## Seven Ordained to the Diaconate

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different states and one foreign country. Chet grew up in the Episcopal tradition as a torch bearer, acolyte, and youth group mentor. As an adult, he has served as a LEM, chalice bearer, usher, Alpha group host, cursillista, vestryman, and a member of various committees.

**Scott Poelker**

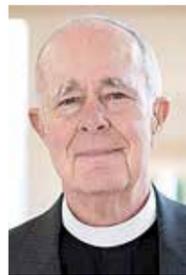


Scott Poelker has been a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville for 30 years, where he has served as Senior Warden (twice), adult education teacher, prayer minister, Stephen Minister, lay eucharistic minister, scoutmaster, and food ministry volunteer. He has also served in the

Anglican Diocese of South Carolina as Trustee and assistant coordinator for the 2019 Behold the Man pilgrimage to Israel. Scott recently retired from a 44-year career, serving as the Senior Vice President for Business Affairs at Trident Technical College and as an officer in the Navy Civil Engineer Corps. His experience includes financial management, project management, and facilities design and construction. He has degrees in engineering from Duke and Georgia Tech and a graduate

certificate in higher education leadership from the University of South Carolina. Scott was rescued from a path of self-destruction by the Lord Jesus and his wife Pam. Scott and Pam have been blessed with 43 years of marriage, two adult children, and three grandchildren.

**Doug Ringer**



Doug Ringer is a member of St. Philip's Church, Charleston, where, along with his wife of 56 years, Scharlene, he has worshiped since moving into the area eight years ago. Doug has been active in the St. Philip's healing prayer ministry as well as providing Eucharist to homebound church members.

He leads a weekly combined Morning Prayer/Eucharist service at the Canterbury House in downtown Charleston and the Atria assisted living and memory care facility in Mt. Pleasant. Doug is presently engaged as the Bishop's Chaplain, accompanying and assisting Bishop Edgar on his official visits to various locations within the Diocese. He is a B.S. graduate of the University of South Carolina and has an M.A. from Appalachian State University. Doug worked as a Special Agent with NCIS

for several years before segueing into the CIA, where he was a case officer for 29 years before retirement. Doug and Scharlene have two daughters and four grandchildren.

**Earl Sease**



Earl Sease has been a member of Christ-St. Paul's Church in Hollywood since 2012.

He has served on the vestry as Junior Warden, is currently serving as a lay eucharistic minister, serves as a Reader and Chalice Bearer, ministers in two nursing homes weekly offering a service and communion for the sick, and is involved with Pastoral Care, visiting those in the parish who are unable to attend church. He has been active in helping those in the community in need, such as building wheelchair ramps and assisting in home repairs. Earl served in the Marine Corps, then graduated from The Citadel as a veteran student. He retired at age 57 from The Prudential Insurance Co. after working as a financial planner. Earl and his wife, Trudy, have been married for 35 years and have two children and four grandchildren. By the Grace of God, at the age of 80, he looks forward to this next chapter as a Deacon.

**Heather Okuda**



Heather Okuda is being ordained by Bishop Edgar on behalf of the Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Anglican Chaplains.

Okuda, who serves as a full-time hospice chaplain at Capstone Hospice in the greater Atlanta area, received her MDiv with a concentration in Professional Chaplaincy from Liberty University in 2022. Prior to discerning her career as a chaplain, she worked as a publicist in the book division of a public relations firm in New York City. She has a Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in Nonprofit Management from Seton Hall University and a Bachelor's Degree in Multimedia Journalism with a minor in Studio Arts from CUNY. In her free time, Heather loves to write creatively while in nature, compete in trail running races, and listen to audiobooks. She is married to Hiroshi Okuda, and together they are raising Kai Noah and Ren Luka in addition to pet-parenting four rescued cats, a therapy dog, and a bearded dragon.

View a photo album of the ordination at <https://adosc.pixieset.com/ordinationofdeacons/>

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina



## Newman Lawrence Appointed Canon for Men's Ministry

### Joins Jay Crouse to Serve Diocese in Key Area

By Jay Crouse, Coordinator for Men's Ministry, Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

Since serving as Coordinator for Men's Ministry, beginning in January 2015, under the leadership first of retired Bishop Mark Lawrence and now Bishop Chip Edgar, along with a fully invested Diocesan Men's Ministry leadership team, we have been so blessed with rich growth and development.

As we moved into 2022, I realized it was time to begin the process of moving forward with a succession plan. As it turned out, Bishop Edgar began implementing a diocesan ministry strategy of creating Canon positions for diocesan ministry leaders. Together, Bishop Edgar and I created a three-man prospect list from names provided by our Diocesan Men's Ministry Leadership Team. We also created a viable men's ministry Diocesan budget to include a stipend for our first Canon for Men's Ministry. Our list of three candidates was narrowed to one, the Rev. Newman Lawrence, Rector of St. Jude's, Walterboro, SC. After receiving support from his family and Vestry, Newman accepted this new call to begin on January 1, 2024.

#### What's Next?

First, unless Bishop Edgar provides me with a horse, I have no plans of riding off into the sunset. So, with that assurance, I plan to walk alongside Newman for a period of time. Working together, two by two (Luke 10:1) throughout the Diocese will really allow us to expand the territory we can pursue. Our first priority will be to dig deep in the following areas:

- Take the time for reflection and visioning to discern where God is calling us next
- Do a survey of where we are today: strengths/weaknesses
- Review all aspects of our ministry: vision/mission/strategy
- Review our Diocesan organizational structure
- Expand our leadership team
- Continue to maintain a Men's Ministry office in the Diocesan House

In addition to partnering with Newman, I would like to focus some much-needed time on:

- Our Behold the Man men's and couples' pilgrimages to the Holy Land
- Ministry to men at the Cathedral (our home church) to expand and support the spiritual formation needs of the incredible growth of men in their 30s and 40s who are attending our church.
- Focus on the key elements of Christian spiritual formation for men in all of our churches.
- Invest time in developing relationships at ACNA in order to offer the men's ministry model created in our diocese with dioceses and churches throughout ACNA.

Thanks be to God for the gift of being called to the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina in 2014 to serve in men's ministry.

# Catching Up with Newman Lawrence our New Canon for Men's Ministry

A Jubilate Deo Interview by Joy Hunter, Editor

**Newman, tell me a bit about your involvement in men's ministry. How did you first get interested in it?**

My first involvement with men's ministry was actually through retail in the early 2000s. I was a manager at The Outdoor Shoppe in Charleston/Mt. Pleasant and I was helping guys get geared up for this new men's hike ministry that a lot of churches started doing. I wanted to go, but in my position it was hard to get away on weekends. I heard the stories from guys, though, and told myself that one day, that would be a ministry I was involved in. Over the years, I have led men's Bible studies and small groups, Basic Weekends, the Christian Men's Conference, helped with disaster-relief efforts and mission trips, and, of course, several hikes. I have also been serving on the Diocesan Men's Leadership Team for the past three years.



**Is there one part of men's ministry you particularly want to be involved in or enhance?**

Our Diocese is unique in the ACNA and broader church in the number of events we have geared towards men. Jay (Crouse) has done a wonderful job of building a team of leaders around these events and all of them have had an incredible impact on the hearts of men. These events fill us up and encourage us to be better and more Godly men, husbands, fathers, and grandfathers but I would love to see us add some missional aspects to all this. We have a lot of "come and hear" events. I would like to add some "go and do" opportunities to our repertoire.

**What are you most looking forward to as Canon for Men's Ministry?**

I am most excited about connecting with guys across the Diocese. Hearing and sharing stories with each other about how the Lord is working in our churches and communities, but more importantly in our homes with our spouses and children, that is exciting gospel stuff.

**Jay has expressed his hopes for the coming year, if you have any to add, what would they be?**

My biggest hope would be to add feet to our repertoire of events. As I stated earlier, we need opportunities to go on mission trips together. Missions are an important part of ministry and they put hands and feet on the words that feed us in conferences and retreats. I think this could look like some involvement with ARDF in our region with the mission opportunities that arise after natural disasters. I think this can happen at the Deanery and Diocesan level as well, not just the parish level, and that helps bring together a brotherhood of Christian men. Jesus didn't just tell his disciples to sit around and listen to him. He also sent them out, and we need to follow suit.

**Are there any experiences from your background that led you to have a heart for men's ministry?**

I have had some great mentors in my life in the form of Godly men. Some of those are within my own family, others were youth ministers, camp directors, bishops, and other clergy. I knew pretty early in my walk with Jesus that reaching men was a unique challenge in ministry but one I felt I was being called into. Here's a funny story for you. I knew who Jay Crouse was before I ever actually met Jay. It wasn't until he visited Trinity School for Ministry while I was in seminary that we actually met, though. As he introduced himself to me, the first words out of my mouth were, "I want your job one day." Apparently, that made an impression because here I am now.



TRISH LAWRENCE

"We have a lot of 'come and hear' events. I would like to add some 'go and do' opportunities to our repertoire," says Canon Lawrence. Above, he enjoys the outdoors with his twin sons and daughter.

**You have twin boys....and a daughter, too. What are your hopes for them (as it relates to men's ministry)?**

As a father of three children, two of whom are twin six-year-old boys, I want to raise up children who know and love the Lord and have a relationship with Him. I want my sons to become Godly men, good husbands and fathers, leaders in their church, and respected in their communities. I want my daughter to see this as well and marry a man that I pray is the same.

To get in touch with Newman to talk more about men's ministry you may email him at [RevNewman.Lawrence@gmail.com](mailto:RevNewman.Lawrence@gmail.com).

## Diocesan Convention March 7-8 Continued from Page 1

### Elections

We will be electing individuals to serve on the Standing Committee (two clergy, two laity), Diocesan Council (two clergy, two laity), Ecclesiastical Court (one clergy, one laity) and Provincial Assembly (nine clergy, nine laity.) The following is a list of nominees. To view their photos and biographical information, visit [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org).

#### Standing Committee

**Clergy: (2) needed for (3-year term):** The Rev. Bill Clarkson, Holy Apostles, Barnwell; The Rev. Luke Deman, St. Timothy's, Summerville; The Rev. Will Klauber, Church of the Good Shepherd, West Ashley; The Rev. Dr. Jady Koch, St. Luke's Church, Hilton Head; The Rev. Cindy Larsen, Grace Anglican Parish, Little River; The Rev. Hamilton Smith, St. Thomas, Mt. Pleasant; The Rev. Jeremy Shelton, St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island

**Lay: (2) needed for (3-year term):** Deb Brooks, Trinity Church, Edisto Island; Frank E. Gibson, III, The Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort; Bob Kunes, St. Philip's Church, Charleston; Pat Patterson, St. John's, Florence; Shirley Wiggins, Church of the Redeemer, Pineville

#### Diocesan Council

**Clergy: (2) needed for (3-year term):** The Rev. C. J. Ausmus, Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant; The Rev. Taylor Daniel, Campus Communion at College of Charleston

**Lay: (2) needed for (3-year term) and (1) for (1-year term):** Sallie Brach, The Cross, Bluffton; Joanna McMurphy, St. Philip's Church, Charleston; Elizabeth Tezza, Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island; Patrick Weiber, St. Luke's Anglican, Hilton Head

#### Ecclesiastical Court

**Clergy: (3) needed for (3-year term):** The Rev. Jason Collins, St. Paul's Church, Conway; The Rev. Brian McGreevy, St. Philip's Church, Charleston; The Rev. Mike Sheedy, Redeemer, Orangeburg; Hamilton Smith, St. Thomas, Mt. Pleasant

**Lay: (2) needed for (3-year term):** Lori Moore, St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island; Gene Scarborough, Epiphany, Eutawville

#### Provincial Assembly

**Clergy: (9) needed for (1-year term):** David Booman, The Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter; The Rev. Canon Laura Bowman, Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island; The

Rev. Janet Echols, St. Matthew's, Ft. Motte; Charles Echols, St. Matthew's, Ft. Motte; The Very Rev. Ron Greiser, Resurrection, Surfside Beach; The Rev. Canon Dr. Sandi Kerner, The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston; The Rev. Dr. Jady Koch, St. Luke's, Hilton Head; The Rev. Cindy Larsen, Grace, North Myrtle Beach; The Rev. Canon Bob Lawrence, The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston; The Rev. Jim Lewis, Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant; The Rev. Patrick Schlabs, The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston; The Rev. Greg Smith, St. Michael's Church, Charleston

**Lay: (9) needed for (1-year term):** Zach Barton, The Cathedral Church of St. and St. Paul, Charleston; John Benson, Prince George Winyah, Georgetown; Janis Breazeale, St. Matthew's Parish Church, Fort Motte; Anna Bruner, The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston; Mallory Gum (youth), Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant; Joy Hunter, Good Samaritan, Summerville; Cathy Jacobs, St. Paul's, Summerville; Justin Johnson, Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant; Mark Kanaparthi, All Saints' Church, Florence; Lynn Lawrence, The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston

View nominee photos and biographical information, at [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org).

# Gospel Collaboration and Regional Ministry Initiatives

## New Rhythm for Student Ministries

By Joy Hunter, Editor

When Hunter Myers talks about middle and high school ministry in our diocese, the theme most often repeated is “gospel collaboration.” As a part-time Canon with a full-time position as the Student Ministry Director at the Cathedral, he’s clear the work can’t be accomplished alone.

“I’m fairly good at what I do,” he says, “but we have so many gifted student ministry leaders in the diocese. They each bring gifts we

help make sure all the important questions are being answered, and we have a person who’s cultivating those responsibilities, like leadership development, discipleship resources, events, youth commission, safety and compliance, rector engagement, and things like that.”

Other examples of gospel collaboration included fall 2023 student retreats. For Regenerate, the high school retreat held this past fall, two parish student ministry leaders, Melissa Bennett from Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island, and Camden Windham from St. Helena’s, Beaufort, served as the speakers. For Mondo, the middle school retreat, Myers brought in Stewart Ryall, a student pastor from Florida he knew from his time as an

undergraduate. “He’s just an excellent communicator and made the gospel very accessible and clear for our middle schoolers. It’s important to expand our network in order to learn how to better communicate the Gospel to teenagers in ways they can receive.”

The two retreats, which were both held at Camp Bob Cooper, drew in 235 students from across the diocese.

“The retreats will be held in the same location in the fall of 2024, with expanded recreation options,” says Myers. “We want to do it in the same location two years in a row at least, just so we get our feet under us and establish a bit of consistency until we have a diocesan retreat center!”

### The New Yearly Rhythm

One of the things Myers is most excited about for the coming year is the new “yearly rhythm.”

“In the spring we’re going to support regional student ministry initiatives,” he says. “In the summer we’ll mostly leave space for Camp Jubilee and leadership development initiatives. Then in the fall, we’ll host our diocesan middle and high school retreats.”

The spring regional initiatives are a new development. Myers put aside funds in his budget to award three \$500 grants to student ministers who are creating new ways to minister in their own region.

The efforts must meet one of four aims: meeting new and unreached students, calling students to respond to the Gospel, forming students in Christ’s likeness, or equipping and sending students in the power of the Holy Spirit. In addition, the initiatives must include student leaders in the planning and/or leading and they must be intentionally collaborative.

### Regional Initiatives and Collaboration

“The regional initiatives are one way we can say, ‘Hey, the diocese is for you and your work of discipleship with young people,’” says

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## Alpha Youth “Catalyzes” Students’ Faith

By Margaret Cotton, Alpha South Carolina

What if the future leaders of the church are not in the churches today? What if these leaders aren’t even Christians today? What if the harvest is plentiful but we don’t have eyes to see it? If these questions are true, what do we need to do differently today?

American youth culture is shifting and according to recent studies, when it comes to the person of Jesus, a majority of youth feel Jesus isn’t worth their time (Pinetops Foundation).

Alpha is a globally proven and effective tool for people to discover it and develop a relationship with Jesus. Increasingly, people, and more specifically our youth, are not satisfied to just listen and accept truth. They want to process and discover it for themselves, discussing their doubts and their questions.

You may be familiar with Alpha but didn’t realize there is also an Alpha for youth. Alpha Youth covers the same basics but is nine weeks instead of 11 and is more age-appropriate for 13-18 year olds.

This past summer, Camp Jubilee used Alpha Youth at their summer camp. The camp director, Justin Johnson, commented:

“Thank you to you and the Alpha team for making it possible for us to host Alpha Youth with some of our middle and high school students this summer.” He remarked that around 127 students participated and “having access to Alpha Youth has been very fruitful in helping our campers go deeper and get a better understanding of who Jesus is.”

Bennett, one of the leaders, commented “My campers came back with some really great questions and thoughts that allowed us to dive deeper in our small group. I also feel like I learned a lot from watching the videos.”

Hunter Myers, ADOSC Canon for Student Ministries and Student Ministry Direc-

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MEGHANN MILLER

Both Mondo, our middle school retreat and Regenerate, our high school retreat, were held at Camp Bob Cooper. Above, students enjoy Mondo.

all need to disciple this generation in Christ.” One of his tasks has been to recognize and affirm other student ministers’ gifts, and then encourage them to exercise those in larger contexts.

“The slow work has been creating an operational team in the diocesan student ministry department so each person has an area of responsibility,” he says. “My job is to

## Pray. Whether or Not You “Feel” Like It!

By the Very Rev. John Burwell, Rector, Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg

Because God, our heavenly Father, is a personal being, we can develop a time of close communion with Him, just as we do with our close human relationships. A. W. Tozer writes that as we learn to pray, our prayer life can grow “from the initial most casual brush to the fullest, most intimate communion of which the human soul is capable.” And that’s what we really want—deep communication with God. It happens when we keep praying.

But have you noticed? Life is dynamic. One week all is well and the sun is shining, and the birds are singing, and all is right with the world. But then comes a day—or a week—where it’s cloudy and my birds are being eaten by raptors and nothing is going right. Life has its downs as well as its ups. If you were to plot life on a line, it might look like this:



As opposed to this:



Like life, prayer is also dynamic. Sometimes I’m in deep communion with God, but other times I find it hard to even find something to say. Do you struggle to maintain a consistent prayer life? Many of us do. We know that prayer is important, but it can also be downright difficult. We have moments of deep communion with God and then we have times when it feels like we’re just going through the motions. Why do we struggle so in our prayers?

The life of faith is a marathon. The ups, the downs, and the plateaus in our prayer life are a reflection of this race. And just as in a marathon we need to keep running, so we keep praying. The point is: Don’t give up!

That is God’s encouragement, too. The apostle Paul said, “Pray continually” (1 Thess. 5:17), “keep on praying” (Rom. 12:12 NLT), and “devote yourselves to prayer” (Col. 4:2). All of these statements carry the idea of remaining steadfast and continuing in the work of prayer.

There is never a day when we don’t need to pray. Even those days “when we don’t feel like it” we need to keep right on praying. If you are currently in a prayer slump, ask a friend (or two) to petition the Lord for you. If necessary, let the friend pray with you, and you do the best you can to pray in his/her presence. Sometimes an extra person is all we need to “prime the pump” and get our own prayer life flowing again.

## Monthly Gathering for Children & Family Ministry Leaders



Are you looking for a way to connect with other children and family leaders? The Diocese has a monthly Lunch & Learn gathering and we would love for you to join us for fellowship, encouragement and learning.

For more information contact Dorothy Lancaster at dlancaster@stphilipschurchsc.org, or Dee Goehring at dee@stmichaelschurch.net. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for all future meetings and plans, please contact Dee.

### Upcoming Lunch & Learn dates:

Tuesdays, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, September 10, October 1, November 12 from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., location rotates between St. Michael’s & St. Philip’s and will be announced through an email to those interested the week before our gathering.

## Diocesan Youth Commission Seeking Applicants

The Diocesan Youth Commission is seeking applicants for the 2024-2025 school year. The Youth Commission is a vital way we raise up generations of students formed in Christ who transform churches, communities, and culture. This team exists to cultivate young servant-leaders in Christ. We are seeking high school disciples of Jesus who demonstrate maturity in followership and wisdom in leadership. Youth Commission serves student ministry events as well as at Diocesan Convention each year. Along with leading and serving, we teach skills including how to study scripture, how to form healthy teams, and how to lead worship using the 2019 Book of Common Prayer. Students must also serve in their parish alongside their participation in Youth Commission. In addition to the Canon for Student

Ministry, a team of student ministers and clergy oversee and disciple the Youth Commission. We commit to making Youth Commission a safe and formative space for young people.

**Applications are due by April 15, 2024**

Membership in Youth Commission is a high calling with significant responsibilities. We limit the team to 15 students. A team of student ministry leaders from the Diocesan Student Ministry Department interviews and selects team members, and not all who apply are accepted. To learn more and apply visit [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org).



## Clergy Spouse Retreat

By Beth Edgar, The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

The clergy spouses held their retreat in Litchfield, January 25-27. Susan Yates of The Falls Church Anglican in Falls Church, Virginia spoke on 'Being Confident in our Calling'. Each year the spouses gather to refresh, renew, and reconnect with each other and with God. Some spouses have come every year, others haven't been for a few years, still others came for the very first time. Every age and stage in life showed up to get away and experience a time of refreshment together.



Susan Yates is a seasoned clergy spouse, speaker, author, and blogger. She spoke with love, compassion, and truth as she led us deeper into our relationship with Jesus, our spouses, our children, and our friends. Shared experiences, like losing a church building and a house in legal battles, and raising 'preacher's kids' in the limelight at church, allowed everyone to connect with her on some level. Our hearts and minds were renewed by Susan's messages that were filled with the word of God, wisdom, and humor.

Life as a clergy spouse brings unique joys and challenges. Sharing those with others who walk a similar road is life-giving. The retreat set aside time for small groups that allowed space for reflecting on Susan's talks, and also for getting to know a few people on a deeper level. Months ago, the retreat committee asked a few people what they wanted out of a retreat. The two most common responses were to grow deeper in faith and to grow deeper in relationship with other clergy spouses. It was a gift to share in both of those things.

The schedule allowed for quiet time alone, a walk on the beach with friends, a nap, or any other thing that brought renewal and refreshment. One of those activities was making prayer beads. Our own Paige Grimball gathered the supplies and guided us through creating prayer beads to aid us in our focus when praying. Each evening after dinner and a talk or prayer and worship time there was a reception, providing an extended time of fellowship. The laughter and din of conversation was a joyful noise.

Reconnection came in many ways. Groups laughing, two people quietly conversing, sharing meals, and sharing rides all fostered a sense of belonging between participants throughout the retreat. There is a real sense of community among the clergy spouses of our diocese, and it was evident in our time together. Young and old, newbies and veterans, all showed up with a desire to connect and go deeper. Old friendships were rekindled,

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## Daniel Island Launching as Separate Parish

By The Rev. Jonathan Bennett, Holy Cross, Daniel Island

A growing phenomenon in our culture, heightened by the COVID pandemic, is children not leaving home. Or, children moving back into their parents home at some stage, often after college. In fact, an article published in December 2022 revealed that approximately half of all young adults in the US, ages 18 to 29, now live with their parents. Most of them citing economic reasons for doing this, including a desire to save money (51%) and an inability to afford rent (39%). Which can be a very good thing, setting them up for financial success and stability when they leave.

However, what if the kids never leave and don't want to?! Over the last decade or two a term has been coined for this called "Failure to Launch Syndrome," which is a common way to describe a young adult who's struggling with the transition to adulthood. It can be defined as an inability to leave home and support oneself, regardless of the underlying cause.

This syndrome has become so common that even Hollywood made a movie about it, called "Failure to Launch," starring my wife's favorite, the incredibly handsome and charming Matthew McConaughey (!). McConaughey plays a 35-year-old professional layabout, happy to stay at home where he's waited on hand and foot by his increasingly concerned and frustrated mom Sue, who eventually hires a character played by Sarah Jessica Parker, to use her feminine wiles to lever him out of the family home!

Now, why do I tell you all this?! Well, as I reflect on the history of the Holy Cross Daniel Island campus, I am aware that there's always been a danger that we would "fail to launch," and suffer the stunted growth that comes with such a failure.

To give you a little history, I was working as the Senior Youth Pastor at Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, back in the early 2000s when it was announced that there was going to be a second campus. My wife (Melissa) and I were at the groundbreaking for the Daniel Island campus in 2005, and we worshiped there for the first two years of its existence, until we were called away, in 2008, to work at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center and to worship at Church of Our Saviour on Johns Island. But, even in those first two years, I could already see the potential for the campus model being used as a way to launch or plant new churches; to have a campus established with the help of an already established "mother church," with all the strength that offers, but then launch it out after a few years once it was ready to stand on its own two feet.

And so, in 2015, when our former Rector, Chris Warner, called and asked me to consider a call to serve as Campus Pastor at HC DI I leapt at the chance, but not before I shared these thoughts with him and asked if he was open to the campus launch and release.

He told me he was, and while it took seven years, by the beginning of 2022 things lined up, and we began a process of discernment to confirm this was the right time. The clergy and vestry of the Church of the Holy Cross (Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island) took time during Lent, and then throughout the summer, to prayerfully discern whether or not God was in fact calling the Daniel Island campus to be launched out as its own church. After this time of discernment, the vestry and clergy were unanimous in their support for the launch. It was found to be financially viable, but more importantly, good for the health of both campuses and for the growth of God's kingdom.

Therefore, in the fall of 2022, a Daniel Island Launch Committee was formed. This team, led by me, Jonathan Bennett (Associate Rector & Campus Pastor) consisted of David Rogers, Lisa Barrington, Marlo Greene, Chris Hamlin, Eddie Schroder, Carl Wist and Rusty Seymour. The team God gave us had an incredible amount of experience and gifting to lead us through this process, as well as a deep commitment to Holy Cross Daniel Island and Sullivan's Island. Our goal was to ensure that both campuses were launched well in this new phase of Holy Cross' life.

The time frame we were given was that by the spring of 2024 we would become our own Parish, being officially recognized and received as such by the Diocese at our annual Diocesan Convention. In 2023, order to help



JESSICA WILLIS

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this become a reality, we worked towards having two separate and parallel budgets within our overall church budget to help the transition to two separate budgets in 2024. We also worked on developing a staff team that could handle the needs of not just being a campus but being a parish. We established new bylaws, and prayerfully discerned a new name, Church of the Holy Spirit, which was similar but different, and reflected the way we felt God had led us throughout this process. It is also unique within our Diocese.

We also moved towards two separate vestries by January 2024, and on Sunday, January 28, 2024, we gathered after our church services for lunch and selected our first ever vestry and lay delegates for Diocesan Convention. It was a joyful occasion!

At the Diocesan Convention in early March we will, God-willing, be received as a Parish in the Diocese, and then on Wednesday, March 13, at 7 pm, I will be instituted as the first Rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island, and we will celebrate our launch that evening too. Then we will immediately begin to live into our calling to keep "growing up" and "growing out."

Plans have already begun for a building expansion to meet the growing needs and opportunities on Daniel Island and beyond. With growing worship services, and a growing music academy and pre-school, as well as being a hub for community activities, we need more classrooms and meeting spaces, more offices and storage space. We will also continue with plans for a church plant in the quickly growing Cainhoy area just a few miles from Daniel Island. We believe launching out is just the beginning of this work God has called us to!

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## Praise and Glory: A "War Room" Reminder of God's Blessings

### Let's Count our Blessings Together this Lent

By Dab Dent, Diocesan Anglican Women Praise and Glory Chairman, Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg

In the 2015 movie "War Room," Ms. Clara had a wall of remembrance of answered prayer. When she felt discouraged, she looked at all the prayers God had answered and was reminded that God is still in control.

One way we can create our own "War Room," or blessings reminder, is to place a Praise and Glory Jar on our counters.

The Praise and Glory offering of the Women of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina is one way we, in the Anglican Diocese

of South Carolina, can draw closer to God.

Our God is worthy of all honor and praise and glory for the great things He has done. He offered His



As your offerings fill the jar, you will be reminded of God's blessings and His love for you.

only begotten Son to redeem us. He showers us with blessings every day. You have the opportunity to praise Him and glorify Him every day in a tangible way by recounting His blessings in your life and dropping an offering in a jar.

As your offerings fill the jar, you will be reminded of God's blessings and His love for you. To be encouraged like Ms. Clara, you might want to write specific blessings you've received on slips of paper and put them in the jar along with the offering. You can literally count your blessings as the jar is filled.

Lent is the perfect time to start this as a Lenten discipline. You may find you don't want to stop after Easter! In 2023, Old St. Andrews Parish

Church undertook this as a Lenten discipline for the Sunday School. They collected \$3,025 in offerings.

When the jar is filled, count your blessings and convert the cash into a check made payable to The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. Write "Praise and Glory" on the memo line of your check and then mail it to The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, PO Box 20127, Charleston SC 29413.

What happens to the offering collected? Each year a worthy project is chosen by the Anglican Women of the ADOSC to receive the Praise and Glory offerings. The project for 2024 is Camp Jubilee.

Ladies, Mark your Calendars!

## Anglican Women's Annual Gathering

### May 4



We invite you to join us on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Annual Gathering of Anglican Women. We'll meet at Christ the King on Pawley's Island.

Our speaker is Joy Mast and she'll be speaking on Overindulging. Additional information will be listed on the Diocesan website as it becomes available. Visit [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org) to learn more.

# The Rev. Bob Lawrence Appointed Canon for Global Missions

This past January, Bishop Chip Edgar, recognizing the important work the Rev. Bob Lawrence is and has been doing in world missions, appointed him to serve as the Diocesan Canon for Global Missions.



While Bob can't give an exact date for when his interest in missions was first sparked, he does remember being moved by

the preaching of Bishop Festo Kivengere when he was at Grace Church in New York City back in the late 1980s. "I've had an active interest in world missions and relationships, cross culturally and internationally, really all of my adult life, but certainly throughout my ordained ministry," he said.

Bob currently serves the Diocese as chair of the Committee for Anglican Missional Partnerships, advocate for the ACNA Global Mission Initiative, and representative for Anglican Global Mission Partners. He participates in a monthly Zoom call as well as an annual face-to-face meeting with mission advocates representing every diocese of the ACNA. Bob is also a trustee for New

Wineskins Missionary Network and for Great Lakes Outreach, and recently served as the Assistant to the Interim Director of the Anglican Leadership Institute throughout 2023.

Each of these roles involves significant networking across cultural and international boundaries. With his wife, Lynn, he has participated in missions to Burundi, Uganda, Ethiopia, and South Sudan.

As the Executive Director of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center Bob initiated and deepened relationships with dozens of brothers and sisters from other countries when he hosted those who were in the United States prior to and following the New Wineskins missions conference. His zeal for supporting international relationships grew from conversations over meals and bonds formed transporting guests to and from other churches.

One of his ongoing goals is to see that every parish in our diocese has an intentional relationship somewhere within the wider Anglican Church. "Minimally, that would be nothing more than praying for some other person and ministry

somewhere else in the world," says Bob. "And that's happening. You go to a place like Holy Apostles, Barnwell, and they regularly pray for their international relationships in their weekly prayers of the people. They may not be able to send a lot of money, they may not be able to send people, but there are still intentional relationships with folks in Egypt, Honduras, and the Netherlands."

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Early on in Bob's work with the Anglican Communion Development Committee that sentiment was regularly communicated throughout the diocese. "It was echoed as a continual goal for every parish of the diocese to be in an intentional, mutually enriching international relationship. And again, minimally, that's nothing more than having somebody that you know, that you care about, that you follow, and that you pray for in a public way."

Beyond that, Bob would love to see "those kinds of relationships which lead to mutual engagement where there are people coming and going, where we're hosting international guests locally and engaging them in the ministries of the diocese, and where we're sending teams

and resources to come alongside and help them in areas where they welcome our assistance."

Another of Bob's ongoing goals has been to connect with every church to learn who they are praying for, who they're supporting, and where they are engaged in ongoing international relationships and mission.

"We are part of a global church," says Bob. "In fact, even more so now as part of the ACNA. We exist as a separate Anglican province because of the global church, specifically the Global South, who gave us safe refuge when we left the Episcopal Church. We, the ACNA, were birthed from the global church. So, it's important to continue to foster those kinds of friendships and relationships."

Bob is a 1990 graduate of the General Theological Seminary in New York City. He served at Trinity, Portsmouth, VA, St. Matthew's, Darlington, St. Michael's, Charleston, and Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant before serving from 2010 to 2022 as the Executive Director of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. He also served 28 years in the U.S. Navy as a Naval Aviator and then Chaplain. Bob is married to Lynn, who shares his passion for international missions. They are the parents of three married sons, Stratton, Newman, and Will Henry, with seven grandchildren among them who know them as Jaja and Lula.

## Churches Rise to Build

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### Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island

In 2023, The Church of Our Saviour on Johns Island installed a more effective roof, gutter, and downspout system, improving their drainage system to take water away from their church buildings, and completed a significant upgrade to their audio/visual systems in the sanctuary.

The next step in the repair and renovation phase is to replace the windows and doors in the parish hall and office area and a few windows in the sanctuary that could not be saved with stepped-up maintenance actions. Once the new windows and doors are installed, they will begin painting the outside of the church and enhancing the overall appearance of the entire facility.

After Easter, the office wing of the church building will undergo a significant renewal and remodeling. The facility will comply entirely with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the parish hall and kitchen will be refurbished, and the offices will be reorganized for easier access and communication. The last part of Phase I will include new signage inside and outside the property. Phase II will consist of a new multi-use facility and covered pavilion to meet the increasing ministry opportunities in the community.

"We are extremely grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and financial support provided by our church family," says the Rev. Karl Burns, Rector. "We enter 2024 with a sense of excitement and anticipation as we prayerfully look forward to what God is going to do with Church of Our Saviour as we seek to connect to Christ and community."

### Diocese "On the Move - Vibrant, Active, Growing"

In commenting on the many efforts under way, Bishop Edgar said, "I've always loved a good church construction project. Doesn't matter if it's rehab, repair, redesign, or a new build, construction is one of the vital signs of church life. Construction points to a church on the move--vibrant, active, and growing in some way beyond what its current configuration can accommodate. As I get to travel around the diocese, I'm blessed by all the signs that we're moving forward in so many areas."

## St. Matthias

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Almighty God for all the saints who have come before us. We honor their legacy as we continue to witness to the Truth of salvation found in our Lord Jesus Christ in our community as we welcome our Bishop, The Rt Rev'd Charles "Chip" Edgar, III and our Bishop Emeritus, the Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, for services of baptism and confirmation.

We welcome your prayers, and if possible your presence, as we begin the next 125 years of orthodox, biblical faithfulness through traditional expression with a missional focus as the Body of Christ in our community and Communion. To God be the glory! Service schedules and information can be found on the parish website [www.StMatthiasAnglican.org/calendar](http://www.StMatthiasAnglican.org/calendar).

# Long-Term Relationship Connects Students from Beaufort, South Carolina to Juba, South Sudan

By The Rev. Canon Robert S. Lawrence, Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Father John Chol Daau is an Anglican priest in Juba, South Sudan. He has visited the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina on multiple occasions over many years whereby he has developed and nurtured ongoing relationships with individuals, schools, and parishes. Some of these early relationships

who have partnered with him in ministry.

In Juba, the capital city of the nation of South Sudan, Father John was led almost 10 years ago to create a school for the children of Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) as the outskirts of the city became increasingly swollen with internal refugees

Through Father John's friendship with Chad Lawrence, who was simultaneously developing a school in Beaufort, SC, a relationship was created some years ago between Holy Trinity Classical Christian School in Beaufort and Good Shepherd Academy in Juba. That relationship has continued through the years with Fr. John visiting Holy Trinity and having opportunities to speak to its students. It was also mentioned in the recent annual Christmas Letter of 2023 shared by Father John and Good Shepherd Academy with its supporters.

One of the many stories I want to share with you comes from the teacher of some kindergarten kids in Beaufort, South Carolina. They asked us to tell them about kids in Juba who are their age. So we sent them pictures of GSA children. You may

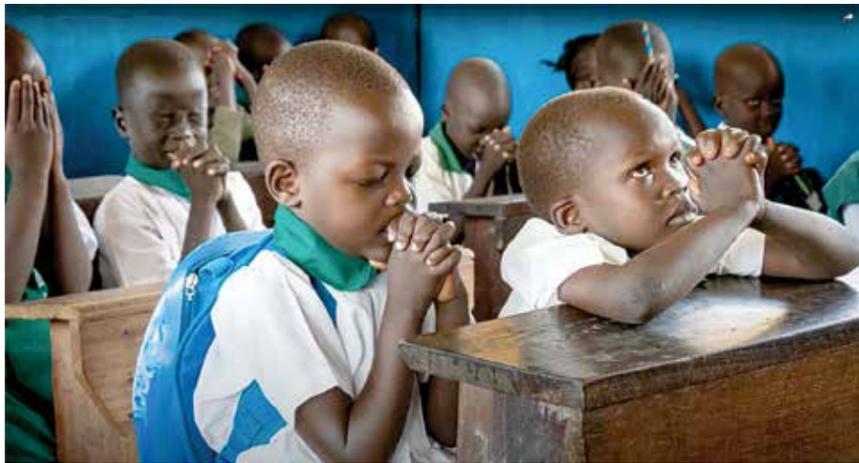
also enjoy seeing them by going to "The Blessing" at [www.gsef.org](http://www.gsef.org). Another story tells of Banks, Jonathan, Rostan and a few other students at Holy Trinity in Beaufort who have opened their hearts to pray for GSA students and to raise funds for our students. These students have raised more than the pennies, nickels, and dimes we normally think come from young people. They are paying for

the tuition of some of the GSA children! We know they will continue to humbly care for the orphans, poor, sick, downtrodden, and illiterate members of society for years to come. GSA is just the beginning of their care for others.

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Mission born of mutual relationships among friends continues to grow God's Kingdom in places like Juba and Beaufort. While this is but one example of the kinds of mutual mission ministry that is happening in parishes around the diocese, it is one well worth sharing. The quote from Fr. John's letter includes mention of a video to be shared with the students in Beaufort as a "thank you" for their support. Created from images of the children of the Good Shepherd Academy, it is a heartwarming representation of gratitude and thanks for what is being made possible. If you are interested in viewing the video, it can be found at [https://youtu.be/v\\_bIJ9JBOOE](https://youtu.be/v_bIJ9JBOOE)

For further information about Fr. John Chol Daau and the Good Shepherd Education Fund, visit [www.gs-ef.org](http://www.gs-ef.org)



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A relationship has developed between the children at the Good Shepherd Academy in Juba South Sudan (shown above) and Holy Trinity Classical Christian School in Beaufort.

began when he was a student at Trinity School for Ministry with Chad Lawrence and David Booman. Father John has also been a regular participant in the tri-annual New Wineskins for Global Mission Conference where he has been both a plenary speaker and a workshop leader. Commensurate with these visits he has been hosted in homes and churches of the diocese by those

who sought protection in the capital city from famine, warfare, and tribal unrest in other parts of South Sudan. Drawing from his own experience of having to flee his homeland as a child for a refugee camp in Kenya as one the Lost Boys of Sudan in the 1990s, Fr. John has a heart of compassion for children. The Good Shepherd Academy was born of this need and his heart.

# Trinity Packs 36,000 Meals – In a Day

## Feed & Feast at Trinity, Myrtle Beach

By The Rev. Chance Perdue, Rector, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach

Wherever you are right now, there are hungry people nearby. In Horry County, where I live, more than 53,000 people experience food insecurity. Caring for the poor is a biblical mandate. God commands His people to feed the hungry and, as St. Augustine said, whatever God commands, He also grants. The people of Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach, and the Georgetown Deanery know this to be true in a fresh way. For the God who commands us to feed the hungry also granted us the grace to gather with brothers and sisters from around our deanery on September 30 and pack over 36,000 shelf-stable meals to be shared with

local food banks and various other ministries. Folks from parishes around our deanery came to join in; Bishop Chip and Beth Edgar were in attendance—and not as casual observers. Prince George Winyah, St. Paul's, Conway, and the Chapin Foundation of Myrtle Beach also graciously donated to help cover the cost.

Trinity Church conceived, planned, and hosted the event, which we decided to call “Feed & Feast.” We partnered with a wonderful organization called Meals of Hope, which my family and I have worked with in the past, and we were excited to share this ministry with our parish. We gathered on a Saturday afternoon to package meals in assembly lines. It was fast-paced; it was multi-generational; and it was a lot of fun! After we'd exceeded our goal of 35,000 meals, we set out chairs and shared an actual meal with one another, celebrating the goodness of both receiving and sharing the love of Jesus. The chicken bog was the best in Myrtle Beach (if you know, you know) and the shrimp for the shrimp and grits were caught, cleaned, and donated by a beloved parishioner. To share the



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love of Christ by fighting hunger and to receive that love around tables with one another was, as far as I'm concerned, nothing less than an icon of the Kingdom of God.

The whole event, which was capped off by our annual visitation from Bishop Chip the following morning, is the sort of thing that can easily make a rector's head swell to proportions which make normal-sized

hats problematic. Pride, as I'm sure you know, is sort of the granddaddy of sins. This means that, as the Rector of Trinity Church in Myrtle Beach, I do a good bit of repenting and have to work at staying watchful because my parishioners frequently tempt me toward prideful bragging that I've got the best group of folks in our diocese. Fortunately, it has nothing to do with me, because this parish has a history of God's love flowing through His people which long precedes the incumbent. Folks who've spent time here will also tell some version of that same story—ask Hunter Jordan, Rob Sturdy, or Paul Fuener. They'll corroborate the facts. What that leaves me with, then, is gratitude. What can I do but give thanks to the

God whose grace is poured out so abundantly in this place, through these people?

Yes, I'm writing this to encourage others in our diocese to find ways of bringing their deaneries together. Yes, I'm hoping a ton of you will want to host meal-packing events with the wonderful folks at Meals of Hope. But I'm also just terribly grateful to have the opportunity to bear witness to the very real, tangible, holy presence of Christ right here



in our corner of His world. The needs of the people around us are not abstract—they are very real. So, too, the mercies of God and the healing power of his grace are not abstractions—they're as real as your heartbeat, and just as shareable as bread and wine. How good and pleasant it is when the needs of a community intersect with the grace of God being poured out through His people. It just makes you want to bless the Lord, doesn't it? Thanks be to God.



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# LAMB Expands to Open 32-Crib Daycare

By Grace Gehlken, the LAMB Institute

God always leads in love! Over the years, the missionaries, staff, children, and supporters of the LAMB Institute have learned to trust in the never-failing love of our Heavenly Father as they... follow the Lamb wherever He goes (Revelation 14:4).

for violence and corruption, by missionary and South Carolina native, Suzy McCall. Suzy was first led to establish a missionary training school for Honduran youth who longed to serve others with Jesus's agape love. Suzy said, “When the ministry was a missionary training school,

and there are Christian radio stations and other opportunities and invitations to come to know Christ. The Holy Spirit put in on our hearts to pray about what might be “a love gift” we could offer our neighborhood. How could our neighbors see Christ in our ministry in a way that was meaningful to them?”

And so, with this question, the vision for God's Littlest Lambs' Daycare and School was birthed. In 2004, the daycare was started in the Flor del Campo community to offer single mothers a safe place to send their babies while they worked during the day to provide for their family's most basic needs.

Over the years, God has multiplied this “love gift” in beautiful ways. The daycare grew into a school as the children grew older and more were identified who needed help. From there, a children's home was started to save those coming from situations of abuse and neglect. As those children began to grow and age out at age 18, a program was launched to support those who grew up in the children's home as they pursue their education and career dreams. Eventually, the ministry would come to operate a bilingual school, holistic community development program, and a youth program designed to keep Honduran children off the streets and out of gangs through evangelism, sports, music, and art. And most recently,

the ministry added a lifelong home for those with special needs who will never be able to live independently from daily care. All of these ministries are led and managed by an amazing staff of Honduran leaders who, when last counted, totaled 110 Christ-filled servants. By leading with love and pouring into the people of Honduras, the ministry has multiplied more than anyone could ask or imagine.

Now, the original daycare “love gift,” is multiplying too! God has not only stirred a passion to expand, but He has provided both the donor resources and the space to do so. “For 20-plus years, our daycare has filled a huge need in our neighborhood, and with the expansion we will be able to reach out to more families and offer security and love to more little ones,” said Suzy.

Six months ago, construction began on a new, 32-crib daycare across the street from the current 12-crib daycare and school. Caesar Lamb, LAMB's first university graduate and now architect, and Lety McCall, one of Suzy's adopted children who has a passion for interior design, worked together for vision cast the plans and design for

the new daycare facility. Because both Caesar and Lety are Honduran, and both have grown up in the LAMB family, being a part of this project proved to be a special way for them to use their God-given gifts and talents to expand love to more children and the community.

“I have always had a passion for interior design and making spaces special. This project, in particular, motivated me because I knew I wanted the daycare to be a place of peace for children who usually aren't blessed to have a beautiful space made specifically for them,” said Lety.

“When you are a child, you should have a space where you can learn, play, rest and live. That place should be fun, safe, accessible, beautiful, colorful, and full of love—a place you want to return to every day. God's Littlest Lambs' Daycare will be that place,” said Caesar.

In 2025, LAMB will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary, and hopefully, opening the doors of its new daycare! What a beautiful, full-circle moment to reflect on how God has led LAMB throughout the years, multiplying that original “love gift” into a multifaceted ministry dedicated to loving each child like Jesus.



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LAMB is a Christ-centered, multifaceted ministry based in Tegucigalpa, Honduras that seeks to reach out to the world with the love of Jesus Christ. In 2000, LAMB was founded in the community of Flor del Campo, a poor neighborhood on the outskirts of the city known

the students and I walked through the neighborhood frequently to evangelize door-to-door and in some of the stores and bars, even at the bus stops! After a while, though, it became clear to us that evangelism was going on all around us. There are many churches in Flor del Campo,

# Not Our Congregation, Our Parish

By The Very Rev. Roger Griffin, Dean of Mexico, ACNA

They may not be in our congregation, but they are in our parish. Mexico continues to be a challenge and a blessing for Joanne and me. It is a beautiful country with a deep and rich culture and beautiful people. It is also a country with serious problems of violence and corruption.



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Through our ministry travels we have been challenged by the great needs here, especially for a clear presentation of the Gospel. Among many other activities, Joanne and I attend a social group called the Aguascalientes Language Exchange, a group of young Mexican professionals who are developing their English skills. They like that we are native English speakers and that we love their country. We've been attending for several years now and have been adopted as honorary "Mom and Pop." They know I am an Anglican priest and this often leads to some interesting conversations and opportunities to minister. When

someone in the group is having problems it's not unusual for them to contact us. Joanne and I are here to love Mexico and Mexicans so, like everyone we meet here, they may not be in our congregation but they are in our parish.

I am often surprised at what God does with us in the group. Several months ago at one of the gatherings a young lady, Katy was visiting for the first time. I introduced myself and during our conversation she asked what I'm doing in Aguascalientes. When I told her that I am a minister, tears formed in her eyes. She said she and her Bible study group had been looking and praying for someone like Joanne and me.

The group Katy belongs to is called "Iglesia Aguascalientes." She invited us to their Wednesday night service where we discovered a group of 20 or so faithful Christians desiring to know more and serve the Lord. Since then, we have been invited to the group to minister, supply a spiritual covering and support ministry for Pastor Alfredo and his wife, Estefanía.

God loves Mexico and Mexico needs God. Your prayers for us, for Iglesia Aguascalientes and for Mexico are deeply appreciated.

*The Griffins will be in Charleston in February and most of March, including at the convention. If you would like to connect with them while they are here contact Roger at rogergriffin2k@gmail.com.*

and Judith MacNutt and their team. And then later, my husband and I both came on staff there as well, teaching and praying for healing with people, and overseeing prayer ministry. I learned a lot from just being in that atmosphere and going to all the conferences they had and praying with people. And in every parish where I've served, I've also started a healing prayer ministry. These days, I continue to go back to Christian Healing Ministries to assist with Schools of Healing Prayer and healing prayer services there.

The Order of St. Luke the Physician is another ecumenical order focused on healing prayer ministry. I serve on their national board, as the secretary and do speaking engagements for them, on occasion.

**Will you be holding retreats or workshops?**

I plan to, as invitations come. We offered a workshop here at the Cathedral last May with the Rev. Dr. Russ Parker (Church of England) as the speaker. In the last six months I've done workshops in parishes to get healing ministry either started for the first time or restarted. I'd love to do retreats for groups or parishes.

**Looking at the state of contemporary Christianity, where are Christians in terms of prayer today? Do we understand prayer? Do we know how to pray?**

My experience is some people understand or experience prayer as something performance

## Kerner, Canon for Prayer & Healing, Joins Diocesan Staff

for 30,000 people. He was a little tiny figure down on the football field in the Notre Dame stadium. I sat there as a young teenager thinking, "How in the world is he going to do this?" And he invited us into John 13, the scripture where Jesus washed the disciples' feet. He read the Scripture to us. Then he said, "Close your eyes and imagine. Picture Jesus is coming to you now with the towel and basin, and he kneels before you and he wants to wash your feet. Let him speak to you. You speak to him. Let him touch you. Let him heal you. Let Him do whatever he wants to do with you." In a few moments I began to hear weeping all the way through the stadium, because Jesus was encountering each one in a very personal, tailor-made way, and it was beautiful. That really piqued my interest in healing prayer. After that, I started reading a lot about it and praying for myself, but also asking other people to pray for me to be healed.

Years later, in our parish of St. Luke's in Bath, Ohio, I learned a lot about the healing prayer ministry. They had a very extensive healing prayer ministry, not just on Sundays at Communion, but two-on-one prayer ministry, where people would come for prayer appointments and pray through some issues. Both my husband and I received prayer ministry that way, and then we became part of the team that offered it. When we moved to Jacksonville, Florida, a few years later, we volunteered at Christian Healing Ministries with Francis

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The 2024 Provincial Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America will be held June 25-28 on the campus of Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. This will mark the 15th anniversary of the ACNA. While the gathering does have a business meeting bringing together delegates from each diocese, most of the time, is actually a conference with worship, fellowship and teaching with breakout sessions on a wide range of

topics. In a video invitation, Archbishop Beach said, "It's actually it's like a big family reunion of the Anglican Church in North America...I hope to see you there. One last thing. We're going to elect a new archbishop, and this will be a chance to meet him and to hear him and to see what God is going to do in the future. God bless you and see you there." Learn more at: <https://anglicanchurch.net/assembly-2024/>

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based. It's "I've got to have my quiet time. I have to read my Bible. I have to check this off my list." Whereas prayer, if you go deeper is so much more than that. It is that ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ and deepening the sense of the Spirit living in you and working through you and inspiring you. It's listening to the Holy Spirit for how you live your life, for how you minister. The life of prayer is more like a stream that runs underneath at the core of our being, rather than a checklist. It is the foundation of our ongoing relationship with the Lord. It's not just words. It's also presence. It's being mindful of God's presence in your life and through your life. It is based more on encounters with Jesus, as the Living Word, and with His Word, transforming us into Christ's likeness.

**Do you do individual prayer appointments with people? Are you available for that?**

Yes, I offer individual prayer appointments and I am available for that as my schedule permits. I've also been doing some spiritual direction as part of my work for the Cathedral and for the Diocese and beyond. Spiritual direction is meeting with people for listening to where they are in their life with God and how they're moving forward, where they're struggling or encountering obstacles. When we get to those places that are hard, or difficult, or bring up pain or trauma, we pause and do some inner healing prayer to heal those places within that are still hurting or wounded. Often there are lies we've taken in from our experiences about who we are, about who God is. And so those get exposed as we look at those places of trauma and hurt and then bring them into the light of God's love and allow God to speak truth and light to us in those places. That's inner healing. There's obviously physical healing, as well. Praying for physical

ailments, things that require soaking prayer, things that require longer term prayer. We do occasionally offer a soaking prayer service at the Cathedral, usually Sunday nights. People can come for about an hour, remaining in God's presence and soaking, whether that's for physical healing, emotional, or spiritual healing. Whatever it is, you can receive prayer silently without having to name aloud what it is you would like prayer for, but just sit and receive and let God touch you and encounter you right there in that healing space.

**If a church doesn't have a prayer ministry or a healing prayer ministry, how would they get one started?**

Pray about it. Two, three, four people just coming together to start praying, "Lord, this is what we desire, this is something we think we need." Of course, you'd have to involve the rector. Involving the vestry would be good, too. But to begin to create that expectancy of what God might do and then do some reading and some study together as a team, whether that's bringing somebody like me in for a workshop or just an exploratory kind of half day retreat, just to talk about it, to study and to pray with one another.

One of the best studies I've seen is from the Order of St. Luke the Physician. There's a course called The 26 Miracles, which looks at all of the healing miracles of Jesus in the Gospels. Doing that study would be a great way to get started, to begin with a scriptural foundation.

To get in touch with Sandi to talk more about healing prayer ministry you may email her at [sandi@your-cathedral.org](mailto:sandi@your-cathedral.org) or call her at The Cathedral at (843) 256-5104.

# Language and Culture Coach Finds Joy Assisting Missionaries Worldwide

By Anne Schaffer St. Michael's Church, Charleston

Imagine you are in Southeast Asia, and the first question a stranger asks you is "How old are you?" Or you're a man in the Middle East, and a woman refuses to look you in the eyes. Or you're in Africa, and complete strangers keep stopping by your home unannounced, expecting you to welcome them, when you're about to have important ZOOM meetings.

If you're from around here, you're probably thinking these people need some manners. But what if I told you the people in each of these scenarios are very respectful in their cultures? If that's hard to believe, keep reading, and look for explanations at the end of the article!

Now think of a missionary you know who has left the comfortable, predictable life they are familiar with and moved to a different country with an entirely new set of customs and beliefs, not to mention language. If just the thought of this causes your anxiety level to rise, think of how the missionaries feel. Just because they are called doesn't mean they don't have to go through a lot of hard work and stress to learn a new way to live and communicate. They do!

How on earth can a single person, a couple, or a family—at various life stages—make such a change? This is one reason missionaries are on a constant search for partners or supporters: because we need each other and because prayer is effective as James taught us (James 5:16).

Another great help is the support that missions agencies offer. Most mission organizations, including my own (SAMS=Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders), provide pre-field training to help their missionaries prepare for the cross-cultural differences and stress they will encounter. Many organizations are realizing the benefit of having a language/culture coach to help missionaries unpack the information they learn on a surface level and apply it to their own situation. The coach

also helps missionaries tackle the overwhelming task of learning a new language as an adult.

I have had the privilege and honor of stepping into this role for SAMS in 2023. While the priority is first SAMS and secondly other Anglican missionaries, I can and have coached missionaries outside of SAMS. With a global role, I meet with missionaries serving all over the world. While I do not necessarily speak the languages or know the cultures of every missionary I meet with, I am trained with general knowledge about language acquisition and cultures to ask key questions and provide resources that help them in their journey of language learning and cultural adaptation. I am often humbled and grateful with our missionaries in what a difference our time together makes for them, providing not just skills, but freedom and hope.

While I offer a support role for missionaries, I also rely on the support of others through prayer, encouragement, and financial partnership. Partnership is key because all of us together, as the Body of Christ, bring what we have to the table. Together we all bring the Gospel. While we in the Anglican Diocese of



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Anne Schaffer, shown above on a Zoom call, coaches missionaries all over the world.

South Carolina are blessed to have so many resources and such access to this Good News, let us not forget just how precious and powerful this message is: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16) May we not just receive the blessings, but consider how we can pass them on.

In light of this, I would like to encourage you to learn more about the different Anglican missions organizations and networks: SAMS (<https://samsusa.org/>), AFM (<https://anglicanfrontiers.com/>), and AGMP (<https://newwineskins.org/agmp>). On these sites you'll recognize some members of our Diocese!

As promised, here are the cultural explanations that help us to understand the people that came across as rude, but were actually showing deep respect. An Asian will ask a

stranger their age to know how to properly address them. This includes using different language, and in certain countries body gestures, to show honor to that person. A woman looking a man in the eyes in an Arabic culture is suggestive and inviting, so a woman who diverts her eyes is showing respect for the man as well as for herself.

Whereas westerners initiate friendships by asking a lot of personal questions to get to know someone, an African initiates friendship with frequent short visits. Also, the culture there is more focused on people than tasks and less focused on time. The "interruption" would be welcome and encouraging to a newcomer there!

What's so tricky about these situations is that understanding them requires learning, training, and I would add coaching to explore the behavior and what's under the surface. It can make the difference between offending someone and opening the door for relationship and hopefully an opportunity to share the Gospel.

If you would like to partner with me in the work of the Gospel by providing language and culture coaching to our missionaries serving all over the globe, here are a few ways you can do this: please contact me at [anneschaffer@sams-usa.org](mailto:anneschaffer@sams-usa.org) to receive my newsletters, to pray for me, or if you would like me to share about the ministry with your small group or church. If you would like to give a one-time or monthly donation, you can give on my SAMS page online <https://give.samsusa.org/missionary/anne-schaffer> or send a check to SAMS PO Box 399, Ambridge, PA 15003 and write "Anne Schaffer" in the memo. Thank you and God bless you!

## Clergy Spouse Retreat

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and new ones were formed. Most, if not all, left feeling supported, seen, and valued.

The glue that held everything together, though, was prayer. In September, I volunteered for two weeks at the Anglican Leadership Institute, held on Martha's Vineyard. One of the first nights there I met two women from the Anglican Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast. They asked what I was doing, if anything, in the Diocese and I told them that I (and some others) were planning a Clergy Spouses Retreat. The first thing they asked was if they and their women's ministry could pray for our retreat. They not only prayed up to and throughout the retreat for us, but they wrote notes of encouragement to every spouse registered for the retreat and committed to pray for two weeks after the retreat for each person. What a gift from the body of Christ in and around Houston, TX to their largely unknown brother and sisters in the Lowcountry. We also asked some prayer ministers from All Saints Church Pawleys Island in the Diocese of the Carolinas to come and pray with individuals during worship. Many took advantage of that time and were blessed by the prayer team's willingness to come and serve us in that way.

It is a gift, and one not to be taken for granted, this community the spouses have in our Diocese. May God be glorified through us.



## Always Forward Church Planting Conference

Ten clergy and laity from the ADOSC attended the Always Forward Church Planting Conference in Greensboro, NC, September 27-29. "We left encouraged and inspired by the Gospel mandate to plant churches and the fellowship in which this great work is to be done," said the Rev. Canon Todd Simonis, Canon for Church Planting.



## Anglican Frontier Mission Offers Four-Week Video Curriculum

Anglican Frontier Missions (AFM) recently completed their four week, video-driven missions curriculum titled Fulfilling the Great Commission Anglicanly. Produced by AFM, this curriculum contains short readings, ample time for large and/or small group discussions, and even some (modest) homework! It was designed to edu-

cate and empower North American Anglicans to make disciples and plant churches among the world's 7,000 unreached people groups (2 billion people). Much of Fulfilling the Great Commission Anglicanly comes from AFM's Silver Anniversary book, *Shadows from Light Unapproachable*. Learn more by visiting <https://anglicanfrontiers.com/>

## Old St. Andrew's Tea Room and Gift Shop March 4-16

### Charleston's Oldest Tea Room Continues Beloved Tradition

The annual Tea Room and Gift Shop sponsored by Old St. Andrew's Church, Charleston will be held March 4 - March 16, 2024. Lunch will be served Monday - Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will feature Lowcountry favorites from time honored recipes.

The Tea Room menu will include she-crab soup, okra soup, chicken salad and shrimp paste sandwiches, salads and homemade desserts. The Gift Shop features handmade craft and food items. Church tours are offered each day.

Proceeds from the Tea Room and Gift Shop support the mission, outreach and parish programs of The Church Women of Old St. Andrew's.

Reservations for groups of four or more can be made by contacting the office at (843) 990-6281 or [office@oldstandrews.org](mailto:office@oldstandrews.org).

### About Old St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Parish Church (OSA) was established and built in 1706. After rice and indigo brought

immense wealth in colonial days, the parish suffered through the nineteenth century. After the death of the Rev. John Grimké Drayton in 1891, the church was dormant for the next



57 years. After it reopened in 1948, the ladies of the church often spent all day cleaning and preparing the church for worship services. Since there were no restaurants nearby, they often brought their lunch and found themselves sharing it with tourists who stopped in to see the church on their way to the Ashley River plantations. This simple act evolved into the much-anticipated Annual Tea Room and Gift Shop. The church history is detailed in a new book by Paul Porwoll - *Against All Odds: History of Saint Andrew's Parish Church, Charleston, 1706-2013*.

## In Thanksgiving for The Rev. Canon Michael T. Malone

We give thanks for the life and ministry of the Rev. Canon Michael T. Malone. Canon Malone died on Sunday, December 31, 2023.

A funeral service to honor his life was held on Saturday, January 6, 2024, in Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Michael Bye and the Rev. William D.



JOY HUNTER

“Bill” Oldland officiating. A reception was held immediately following the service.

Ordained in 1962, Canon Malone served churches in North Carolina, Florida, and South Carolina, including 14 years as rector of St. Bartholomew's Church in Hartsville, SC. Prior to his retirement, Mike served for 14 years as Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of South Carolina under Bishop Edward L. Salmon, Jr. For many years he oversaw the training program for vocational deacons in the diocese. Please keep his wife, Ann Huntley Malone, their family, loved ones, and all who mourn his death in your prayers.

### Words of Wisdom on the Vocational Diaconate from Canon Malone

Who are these folks (vocational deacons)? They are a special breed. They are people with hearts for servant ministry. They don't want to be priests! They have ministries in their community, in the name of their parishes, serving as chaplains and teachers and in hospital and prison ministries. They are theologically articulate, pastorally sharpened. And in their congregations they lead and guide others into these skills and ministries. They are the spark plugs. In the ordination service, the bishop exhorts them, “You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world.” Our deacons grew into such ministries, including significant liturgical roles in the congregation, and in the words of an old novel, it became for them a “magnificent obsession.” The quiet call they heard at two in the morning was still there at noon. They sensed, and their congregation agreed, that ordination to the vocational diaconate could enhance their ministries and give important credentialing. The traits of a promising aspirant are energy, mature social skills, demonstrated “track records,” and a thirst for learning and growing in their faith.

*The Rev. Janet Echols currently oversees the training of Vocational Deacons. Contact her at janetechols@yahoo.com.*

## David Cumbie Called to Lead Holy Cross

The Rev. David Cumbie was instituted and installed as the rector of the Church of the Holy Cross by Bishop Chip Edgar on Friday, December 15. In a letter to his

Area Director in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He was born and raised in Charlotte, is a proud graduate of NC State and studied at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in

congregation following the service Cumbie reflected, “This past Friday was especially wonderful as I was instituted as the fifth Rector of Church of the Holy Cross.

It was beautiful and such a personal encouragement to me as I begin this new call. I was particularly moved by the Rev. Dr. John Yates III's homily and strongly encourage you to listen to it.” You may hear the sermon here: <https://holycross.net/Sermon/rector-institution>

Prior to coming to Holy Cross, Cumbie has served as the lead pastor/rector of Church of the Apostles in Houston since 2017. Before that, he served as Associate Rector at Holy Trinity Anglican in Raleigh and as Young Life

Boston, Massachusetts. His ministry gifts include shepherding, teaching and evangelism. His wife of 18 years, Langley, has served on staff with Young Life, and as Children's Ministry Director at Church Of The Apostles. She is gifted in discipleship, teaching and hospitality. They have three children (twins, Mary Camden and David, 13; and Bennett, 9) David especially loves cheering for the Wolfpack, playing basketball, backpacking, grilling and great books!



JESSICA WILLIS

Above, the Rev. David Cumbie, the new Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, serves communion during the service of his institution.

### People News

The Rev. Ed Davis recently retired from actively serving as a deacon. Following his ordination in 2005,



he served at the Cathedral of St. Luke & St. Paul from 2005 - 2009 and then at Old St. Andrew's Church, Charleston until 2015. Since 2016, Ed has served as a

deacon at Christ the King Anglican Church in Alexandria, VA. As a vocational deacon Ed served as a Boy Scout Chaplain and as chaplain at Camp Ho-Non-Wah for nine years. He served as chaplain for the Charleston Port and Seafarers' Society for nine years and was chaplain for Canterbury House for six years. “I have enjoyed my 18 years as a deacon,” he said. A native of Virginia, Ed graduated from the Virginia Military Institute, and received his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. After nine years of teaching in Virginia colleges, he joined the faculty of the Citadel where he taught for 30 years as Colonel and Professor of Political Science. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. Active in Boy Scouts, he was awarded the Silver Beaver, the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow, and the Episcopal St. George Award.



The Rev. Dan Farley, who had been serving as a deacon at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston, has moved his

Letter Dimissory to the Anglican Catholic Church in the Diocese of the South. “I have been praying and contemplating this move for some time,” he wrote in a recent note. We pray for God's blessing on him and his wife, Susan, as they embark on this new journey of service and ministry.

Please keep the Rev. Jason Hamshaw, Rector of All Saints, Florence, his wife, Chelsea, and their family in your prayers. Jason was diagnosed with early stage 4 colorectal Cancer. In a note to the congregation, the Hamshaws wrote, “This is not news anyone looks to



hear, but we do praise God for all that he will bring about through this. We are trusting Him completely for every day and every step, following the words of the apostle Peter to ‘humble ourselves under God's mighty hand, that He will lift you up in His time.’ and we ‘cast our cares upon Him, for He cares for us.’ We have a great God, full of tender compassion for His children and we know He is the Great Physician.”

The Rev. Dr. Jady Koch, Rector of St. Luke's, Hilton head, and his wife, Liza, are overjoyed to announce the adoption of their son, Bradford Lee Koch. Bradford was born



on October 15 and joined the family officially on November 25. This makes six children in the busy Koch household, so pray for good health and peace for them all.

After serving Porter-Gaud School on an interim basis in the fall, Abbie Panuccio has been appointed as the permanent



Middle School Chaplain. A parishioner at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul, Panuccio is a Greenville native and a graduate of Clemson, where she came into the Anglican tradition through Christ the Redeemer church. She is currently an online student at Trinity School for Ministry, in addition to her chaplaincy role. Head of School, DuBose Egleston, said of the appointment, “School chaplaincy is a unique opportunity and calling. Chaplains serve in many roles including teaching, leading worship, and providing pastoral care. In her short time here, Abbie has demonstrated great gifts for building relationships with students, and her heart for the Lord. We are grateful for her ministry to more than 400 students and faculty in our Middle School.”

The Rev. Zach Miller accepts call to serve at Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach. In a letter to the parish, the Rector, the Rev. Chance Perdue, wrote: “Fr. Zach grew up in the diocese as a member of St. John's Parish on Johns Island. He comes to us with a range of previous ministerial experience including diocesan camp,



St. Andrew's in Mt. Pleasant, Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island, the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort, and Holy Trinity Clas-

sical Christian Academy, also in Beaufort. He's thoughtful, humble, prayerful, and a gifted teacher and preacher of the Gospel who desires to see folks grow in union with Jesus.” Please join us in prayer for Fr. Zach and Trinity Church as they begin an exciting new season of life and ministry together!

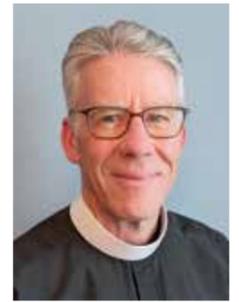
As of Sunday, October 1, Jean Pierre “JP” Poisson assumed responsibilities as Student Minister for



Christ Church Anglican in Mt. Pleasant. JP, 35, a native of the Lowcountry and a Charleston Southern grad, has a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Theological Seminary and many years of successful experience in student ministry. JP and his wife Rebecca have three daughters, Colette, Juliette, and Elodie. The Rev. Ted Duvall, Rector, wrote in the announcement to the Christ Church Anglican congregation, “JP's strong faith, theological education, experience, and wonderfully personable demeanor will be a great follow-up to the foundation Alonzo (their former student minister) built with our youth and their families.”

## Strickland to Serve as An Assistant Chancellor

The Rev. William E. “Chip” Strickland recently accepted a call to serve as Pastoral Associate at St. Paul's Anglican Church. In addition, following a nomination from our Chancellor, Ben Hagood, Bishop Edgar has appointed him to



serve as an Assistant Chancellor. He joins Assistant Chancellor Whit McGreevy and Chancellor Ben Hagood in providing legal advice to the Diocese. Prior to moving to the Diocese, Strickland served for 14 years as the Chancellor for the Diocese of Albany under Bishop William Love, who is now a member of the ACNA. A native of Oxford, Mississippi, Chip worked in government and politics and practiced law, retiring in 2018. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2008. Strickland is a Chaplain with the South Carolina State Guard, serves as a volunteer guide at Middleton Place, and is a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels. He is married to Elizabeth (Beth). They have two grown daughters, Emily, who lives in Summerville, and Hannah, who lives in New Hampshire. They welcomed their first grandchild, Michaela, in 2023.

# Deacons to Provide Bibles for Police Officers

By the Rev. Sam Turbeville, All Saints' Church, Florence

One of our Compline prayers is for the Lord to “watch over those who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other’s toil.”

Our local law enforcement officers are among those who keep watch both day and night. Like those who stood guard protecting Nehemiah’s workers so that they could rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, our officers protect our communities, allowing the inhabitants to live their lives in safety. Officers are essential to our peace and safety. Many churches enjoy worship services while right outside the church doors, officers guard the parked cars. Our common life depends upon their toil.

Sadly, not every officer knows the good news of life offered by the Lord. The rotating day and night schedules are not conducive to officers being regularly involved in the life of a church. An officer’s day is spent primarily in the company of lawbreakers. Constant exposure to the world’s darkness takes its toll.

Paul writes in Romans: For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And

how are they to preach unless they are sent?”

Joel Billings and I both serve as Chaplains in Florence County. I serve with the Florence Police Department and Joel with the Florence County Sheriff’s Office. In these roles we are working to share the good news with officers in our county.

The officers in Florence County experienced unspeakable evil when, in 2018, they were serving a warrant for child abuse and were fired upon. Seven were shot and two died while attempting to protect children from predators.

Officers regularly rush in to defend the defenseless from evil at the risk of their own lives. It is unacceptable that any of these brave men and women should not know our Lord and Savior. How horrible would it be for any who dedicated their lives to the protection of our community to hear “I never knew you; depart from me.”

To that end, Chaplain Joel came up with the idea of putting custom Bibles with introductory materials designed specifically for first responders in the hands of police officers in our community.

Crossway, the sole publishers of the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible, has a custom Bible Program. These are the same Bibles some of our churches have in our pews. The

custom Bible will have each agency’s badge heat-stamped on the cover, and will include eight pages of content specific to law enforcement with Scriptural references to connect the reader to God’s word. The supplemental pages will help officers see that their authority is instituted by God and that as they are soldiers in the physical battle of good and evil, that there is a spiritual battle waging in the spiritual realm with Michael the Archangel leading the Lord’s army. It will speak of the Armor of God. Officers are very familiar with their physical armor and their physical weapons. They may not know that spiritual armor is essential for the unseen battle they are in. The content will also address the hazardous duty of the officer’s calling and where their help ultimately comes from. Many men and women go into the law enforcement profession not knowing that constant exposure to the unspeakable and shameful atrocities that



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fallen man is capable of doing can have devastating effects on their heart, mind and soul. And when society calls them heroes, sometimes it makes them feel even more ashamed to ask for help. After all, heroes shouldn’t need help themselves.

You, as the church, can serve those who serve and protect us by helping us put a Bible in the hands of each and every officer. Officers trust in their “chariots and horses.” May the Word of God help them to trust in the name of the LORD our God.

To learn more about the program and to contribute, contact me, the Rev. Sam Turbeville, at sam.turbeville@mcleodhealth.org.

## New Rhythm for Student Ministries

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Myers. “Rather than saying, ‘Bring your kids and your leaders to our spaces,’ we’re saying, ‘We want to equip you for the good work of ministry you’re doing where you are.’”

Regional gatherings are an important way to provide resources and encourage efforts throughout the whole diocese. “I want to help sponsor regional gatherings in deaneries,” he said. “There aren’t youth ministers in every parish, part-time or full-time,” says Myers. “The number of professional youth ministers is dwindling nationally, as well. I think one way of closing that

gap, of raising youth ministry champions, is by not asking everybody to come to Charleston for youth leader gatherings, but actually going where our parishes are and collaborating with the work they’re already doing.”

ADOSC student ministers continue to meet through the semester at Fusion, the longstanding student ministry leader gathering. At Fusion, student ministers get an opportunity to dwell in the love of God together, learn from one another, and grow as servant leaders.

One of the things Myers ap-

preciates about serving in the diocese is the way people collaborate. “We’re good at getting people at the table working together,” he says, “So, let’s lean into that. We can be kingdom-minded wherever we go. I’d love for our ADOSC student ministry leaders to have a reputation for biblically faithful Gospel collaboration.”

A number of individuals have stepped up to the plate. The Rev. Corey Prescott, Rector of St. John’s, Florence, is the new clergy chair of the department. “I found it very helpful, as a layperson and as a part-time Canon, to have a respected priest in our department to shepherd and shape student ministry,” says Myers. “Corey is known as a champion for the discipleship of

young people, and I was blown away that he said yes to leading this team with me.”

For those churches whose budgets can’t fund a full-time student minister, Myers encourages collaboration. “It might be the case that you can’t hire a full-time youth minister, but you can collaborate with another parish or another church in your area. A student ministry leader can be paid or volunteer, clergy or lay, part-time, or full-time. I hear rectors begin to say, ‘We might try this...’ but if you don’t have a champion for youth ministry, it’s hard to im-

plement even the best idea. Every parish has to intentionally raise youth ministry champions for this good work. My team’s commitment to rectors is this: we’ll equip and encourage your youth ministry leaders! I believe we are the premier diocese in the Anglican Church in North America when it comes to the flourishing of our students and student ministry leaders.”

To learn more and support the work of student ministry, email Hunter at hunter@your-cathedral.org.

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## Alpha Youth “Catalyzes” Students’ Faith

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tor at The Cathedral Church of St Luke & St Paul, has utilized Alpha Youth during the summer at his church. He comments “Alpha is the first experience our rising sixth graders have of our student ministry and it catalyzes their faith in Jesus. We are reaching students we’ve never met and reigniting the faith in long-time church kids. Youth Alpha has changed the culture of our student minis-

try...and provides opportunities for students to lead other students relationally and spiritually. I cannot recommend Alpha Youth enough, especially if you equip, empower, and commission your students to take the lead!”

As we look to the next 20 years, Alpha South Carolina wants to intentionally invest in our young people so we can impact our churches in the future. Here at

Alpha South Carolina we are even working on a version called “Alpha Sprouts” for our very young children – kindergarten to fifth grade. It works great if a church is running Alpha and would like something that pairs well while they are running an adult Alpha.

If your church is longing to see God do more with your youth, Alpha could be the spark of change! All training, coaching and resources are free of charge.

For more information, contact Margaret Cotton at (843) 729-1676, visit the Alpha USA website at [alphausa.org](http://alphausa.org), or the South Carolina website at [alphasc.org](http://alphasc.org).

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## Spring Retreat for All Women “Hope in the Holy Spirit”



April 12-14, 2024

The South Carolina Assembly of the Daughters of the King invite all women to join them at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center for this special gathering.

Our Speaker: Sherry Schumann

A gifted story-teller and speaker, Sherry serves as the president of Christian Grandparenting Network. While she spends much of her time working with grandparents, she loves whenever the Lord affords her opportunities to study God’s Word with women of all ages.



She has written three books, *Prayers that Stir the Hearts of Grandparents*, *The Christmas Bracelet* and her latest book, *The Grand Expedition: A Practical Guide to Praying for Your Grandchildren*.

Sherry’s life in rural South Carolina is simple and beautiful. She has been married to her soul mate for four decades. They are blessed with three grown sons, three daughters-in-law and seven adorable grandchildren. Sherry’s heart rejoices whenever their home echoes with the sounds of their children’s (daughters-in-law, included) and grandchildren’s voices.

Learn more and register at <https://www.doksc.org/2024-dok-retreat>

# The Rev. Andrew O'Dell Releases Album

**Andrew, I hear you began your sabbatical with a project most clergy wouldn't attempt. Can you describe it?**

I really have to give credit to Patrick Schlabs. About a year ago, he and I were working on some music for the clergy conference and I happened to have my notebook of original songs with me. When Patrick saw them, he said, "Hey, have you ever thought about recording those?" I hemmed and hawed because, while there had been a time in my life when I thought the songs might be worth

me from the bondage of chasing after people's approval. So, now I've come through on the other end, and with Patrick's encouragement, I'm kind of like, "Well, maybe these songs could help some people along the way. Let's just give it a shot and see what happens!"

**Why now?**

Again, I have to give credit to Patrick. He's a great coach, and I couldn't have done this without him. I'm trusting God is in the timing of our friendship and this collaboration. Definitely, having the sabbatical was key to making room for something like this, so I'm grateful to St. Philip's as well, but this past summer was also a pretty big milestone for us as a family because both of our kids are now in college, which means Ellen and I are now empty nesters, so it was a good time to pause and look back.

**What are the songs about?**

There are only four songs. Two were written almost 30 years ago, back when I was in college, one was written 20 years ago when Ellen and I were expecting our first child, and then I wrote the fourth just a couple of years ago.

The most recent song deals with middle age. It's a little bit humorous, but also touches on what can go wrong when we hit that milestone, and what I think we're called to do when we get there.

Moving back from that, the song I wrote 20 years ago, when we were about to become parents, is a fun little song. It's written from the perspective of me telling our child that one day I want to show her some of the wonders of the world. And, just on a side note, one of the cool things about this past summer is that we finally got to take the trip I'm singing about in that song, so it was a 20-year dream come true.

And then, the two songs from my college days are a little more serious. One deals with what we have to work through as Christians whenever we face something difficult. In the case of the song, I'm talking about the death of a family friend who was younger than me. In that song, I'm trying to hold together both

the reality of the pain and the doubt but also the power of our hope.

The last song is a kind of mission song—a rally cry for what Jesus calls us to do. I used to listen to a lot of Cat Stevens and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, and I think it probably came out of some of that, but from a Christian perspective.

**How long have you been working on this?**

The songs have been a work in progress, but as for the album project, Patrick and I really got to work in April (of '23), choosing which songs would make the cut and then working on them.

And [laughs] I'm sorry for turning this into "the Patrick show," but, I gotta say, one of the things I've really come to appreciate is that when you've got a project like this—an album or a book or any kind of creative communication—you've got to have a great editor, someone who can come in from the outside and help you to see what might need to be tightened up or distilled or expressed in another way to make the thing better and more focused, and you need someone you can trust who's got some wisdom and insight, and Patrick is really good at all of that. He's a great coach. He's a great editor. He's got great instincts, too, so when we'd get together, he'd make suggestions, and I'd go home to work them out. It's been such a fun experience!

**Where did your inspiration come from?**

[laughs] I hope God! But I think it mostly comes from seeing what He's doing or what he has done in my life and then just trying to put it to music.

**And some others are featured on the album. Who else is playing?**

We've got some great people on the album! We've got Patrick on some of the electric guitars, keyboards and bass, Daniel Miles, from St. Helena's, playing fiddle and mandolin, Andrew Avent (son of The Rev. Hank Avent) plays guitar and sings background vocals, Matt Zutell (who runs sound at The Cathedral) plays drums and keyboards (he also engineered the album and worked as an Assistant Producer to Patrick), a fellow named Dries Vandenberg plays electric guitars and bass, and a fellow named Steven Sandifer is on the upright bass. It's been a lot of fun working with these musicians!

*Act II is available for streaming and download on all of your favorite platforms. Contact Andrew, who is a Senior Associate at St. Philip's, at [andrew@saintphilips.church](mailto:andrew@saintphilips.church) if you prefer something you can pop into your CD player.*

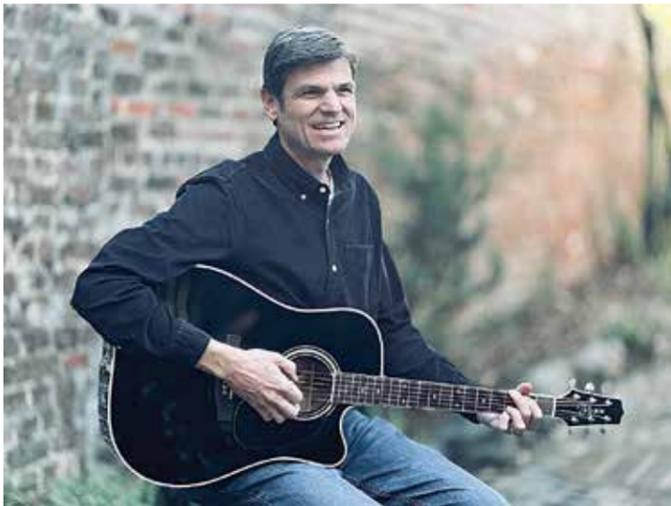
## Lessons from a Sabbatical

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and adopt a few practices that will allow me to be grounded in place, time, and being. I spent a lot of time outdoors, taking long walks exploring my favorite streets and neighborhoods of downtown Charleston. I made consistent time away from technology so it could be replaced by prayer, study, and exercise. And I learned that one of the easiest ways for me to be fully present is by preparing a meal. Something about spending hours finding recipes, chopping vegetables, making tortillas, and mixing sauces left me exhausted, yet energized. And sharing these meals with family and friends helped me recover a sense of healthy embodiment.

One of my favorite parts of sabbatical was getting to worship with so many different churches. At one church, we studied the Bible gathered in a circle with 15 people. At another, we sang soaring anthems along with several thousand other voices. We gathered with Baptists, Presbyterians, other Anglicans, and those with no denominational affiliation. It was such a joy to see the many ways the Lord is working in his Church across our city and nation. But even as my family and I enjoyed these visits, our time with other churches served to remind us how much we love our Cathedral family. Just about every Sunday our kids pleaded with us to "just drop them off" at the Cathedral while we visited somewhere else. And even when we did visit other churches, I found it difficult to resist watching the Cathedral online and would often get a bit teary hearing you sing and come to the Lord's Supper together.

It was so good to experience the breadth of God's kingdom, but I find myself so eager to return to the particular kingdom expression that is the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul. I'm excited to hug you on Sundays and catch up over coffee or lunch. Most of all, I'm excited to experience Christ's likeness among you and cultivate that same likeness for the sake of our Charleston neighbors. I'm grateful for the time away, but it's even better to be home.



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sharing, I'd given up on the idea. But Patrick, God bless him, is gently persistent. And with the sabbatical on the horizon, it seemed like the right time.

**What are you hoping for with the project?**

I really hope the songs will be a gift to someone. Maybe they'll make someone laugh or encourage someone or even give hope to someone as they face the challenges of life.

I've been writing music since I was about 12, and there was a time when I wanted to become famous and play for big crowds. What I quickly learned is that people weren't as enthusiastic about my music as I was [laughs]. So that kind of put a lid on the whole "being famous" thing, and I went through a season of thinking maybe my songs weren't for other people — maybe they were just God's way of helping me get through difficult times or put words to things going on inside me that I couldn't articulate. And in a weird way that experience of not becoming famous or having my music take off was a gift, because it released



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## New Members in Ruth Chapter of DHC

*By Virginia Bartels, Saint James Anglican Church, Charleston*

The Ruth Chapter of Saint James Anglican, James Island, held a special service of installation and renewal of vows for Daughters of the Holy Cross (DHC) on January 28, 2024. Chapter president Maxine Swafford and former chapter president Virginia Bartels had provided training over three months for candidates Agnes Stone and Darlene Sanders as they studied the Candidate Discernment Manual, completed their project, and prayed about God's call on their becoming a lifetime part of this order. At the

service, the Rev. Louise Weld called forth all the Daughters, blessed the two new DHC crosses, and placed them around the necks of Agnes and Darlene. Then the current members of the Ruth Chapter renewed their vows before the congregation. We are part of a national organization of women who are dedicated to prayer, service, study, and evangelism. Afterwards, a reception was held in honor of our new members. The Rev. Richard Grimball is the chaplain of Ruth Chapter.

## The Tea Room Tradition at St. Philip's Continues

April 22-26

St. Philip's 2024 Tea Room is just around the corner! Stop by April 22-26 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a lowcountry lunch! We will be offering our famous okra soup, chicken salad sandwiches, ham biscuits, shrimp salad, and more! Listen to the live music and finish your meal with tea or coffee and a delicious homemade dessert. You'll love our Huguénote Torte! (Here's an insider tip: pick up your dessert as soon as you get seated—before someone else takes the one you had your eye on!) After you eat, take a few minutes to browse our gift shop, conveniently located between our indoor and outdoor dining areas. Our historic sanctuary will be open for prayer, and docents will be available in the narthex to offer information and answer questions.



## Clergy Enjoy North Carolina Clergy Retreat

Our diocesan clergy met November 6-8, 2023 at the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC, for their annual retreat, with Bishop Chip Edgar as the speaker.

"I didn't realize how much I needed this clergy retreat," said the Rev. Tripp Jeffords. "Refreshment in the mountains couldn't have come at a better time for me! I was thoroughly impressed by the beauty of the Bonclarken retreat center and their fine staff. It was a great blessing to reconnect with friends and share in much-needed fellowship with other clergy. Bishop Edgar's talks on the life and ministry of St. Paul were much-needed reminders of what healthy ministry looks like, lived under the power of the cross and Christ's resurrection glory. It was an added blessing to hear Bishop Edgar share several examples of his own personal successes and failures in his many years of ordained ministry. Wonderful few days!"

"Bishop Edgar spoke about the effect encountering the Risen Lord had on Paul's entire being and life," said Deacon Joyce Harder. "Paul had mastered the Jewish way of life as well as the Torah. He had all the facts, but meeting the Lord caused Paul to view those same facts from a wholly new perspective. Completely

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## Overflowing School for Sudanese Refugees Needs Partners

By Kristen Jacobs, Diocesan Partnership Office, The Anglican Diocese of Egypt

Hidden in the outskirts of Cairo, Egypt, in a neighborhood that can only be described as "rough" both aesthetically and in terms of safety, a school occupies two floors of a converted apartment building. This school, run by the Anglican Diocese of Egypt, has a faithful presence in this difficult community made up of Sudanese refugees and migrants. The Sudanese have arrived in Cairo for many reasons in recent decades, but in 2023 the numbers multiplied exponentially when a brutal war broke out in Khartoum.

Despite its tiny physical size, St. Raphael School offers education to almost 300 Sudanese children from kindergarten through secondary school. It uses the Sudanese curriculum, employs Sudanese teachers, and is led by Mr. Helmi, the Sudanese Headmaster. The staff serves these young people, even as they face many challenges themselves. On top of the enormous trauma of having to flee a war zone, these families' lives in Egypt are far from easy. They face discrimination, poverty, and gang violence. The school works hard to provide a simple breakfast for the students each day—a 25-cent bean sandwich, for example—knowing they will otherwise be learning on empty stomachs.

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must cram around desks designed for one or two. The teachers pass between classes at each bell instead of students, since there isn't enough space for the entire school to move at once. There are very few bathrooms, no kitchen, and insufficient administrative space. Beyond this, the situation with the landlord has made the future uncertain and improvements impossible.

But thanks be to God! In October the Diocese found a vacant building in the same neighborhood with ample space for classrooms, bathrooms, and offices, and even open areas for school assemblies during the week and a new church

on weekends. The property, a seven story apartment building with an open ground and first floor for assemblies and church has been purchased, but the school now faces the challenges of renovation and moving. The current estimate for renovations is about \$57,000 and we are still estimating the cost of furnishings. We can move the school while still using the old desks and whiteboards, but at some point we plan to update everything to better fit the needs of each age group. In addition, the neighbors are apprehensive about the influx of Sudanese a new school would create.

We ask for your prayers that the Lord would bring harmony with our new neighbors, and for us to be able to show them the value of our presence in this community which we seek to serve. We also face the big financial hurdle of paying off the building, cleaning it, and equipping it as an appropriate space for the school and church.

We humbly request your partnership in this project to establish the new school building and church for the Sudanese refugees in Cairo. We are seeking both prayer and financial assistance during this season of Lent and beyond.

Interested churches, small groups, and individuals can contact [partnershipoffice@dioceseofegypt.org](mailto:partnershipoffice@dioceseofegypt.org) for more information. Thank you!

*Kristen Jacobs is employed by the Diocesan Partnership Office in the Diocese of Egypt. She is married to the Rev. Jeff Jacobs. Jeff was sent from St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville to the Diocese of Egypt in 2022, where he serves as a Cathedral Priest.*

## Ten Reasons to Partner with the Anglican Church in Peru

By The Rev. Jeremy Shelton, The Parish Church of St. John's, Johns Island

Six years ago, St. John's Parish Church began a mission partnership with the Anglican Church in Peru – in addition to our longer-term relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Northern Uganda.

We are, without doubt, abundantly blessed to have a relatively new opportunity to spread the good news alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ, who are part of the Anglican Church of South America.

COVID-19 globally and is still recovering from related economic issues. The Diocese and its first indigenous bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jorge Aguilar, is in the process of rebuilding by training new priests and laity. But your help would make a difference.

We've discovered 10 distinct advantages to having a global mission partnership in the western hemisphere.

### Ten Reasons to Partner with the Anglican Church of Peru:

1. The Anglican Diocese of Peru serves the poorest of poor, making mission partnerships critical.
2. Peru is in the same time zone, minimizing the effects of travel.
3. The Pacific coast provides a year-round pleasant climate (Similar to San Diego).
4. There are convenient and accessible flights to Lima via Atlanta or Miami.
5. Lodging is affordable and you'll enjoy world-renowned Peruvian food.
6. Ease of overcoming the language barrier (English translators, Peruvian Spanish among easiest to understand)

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*A young Peruvian girl attends worship at the Sagrada Familia (Sacred Family) Church in the Lima, Peru barrio.*

Many churches in our Diocese have existing relationships with brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. Why begin a new partnership in Peru?

Because, quite candidly, our Peruvian brothers and sisters need your help. Peru suffered the most deaths per capita from

## Three Congregations Gather for Blessing and Celebration of Ministry

By Jane Read, Saint James Anglican Church, Charleston

*"In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." Ephesians 2:22*

On Wednesday, January 31, representatives of three churches gathered for a wonderful Celebration of Ministry. After Saint James Anglican on James Island lost its property in 2022, they were fortunate to find a new home in the Landmark Church Building owned by First Baptist Church of James Island, which worships in a new sanctuary across the street.

With the blessing of First Baptist, Saint James spent the past 18 months renovating much of that building. The bulk of the work is now complete, and Saint James is able to make full use of this lovely temporary home.

In 2023, Saint James invited another displaced parish, Holy Trinity Anglican, to hold their weekly

worship services in the sanctuary on Sunday afternoons. By the grace of God, three congregations now worship regularly at the corner of Dills Bluff and Camp Roads on James Island!

The special service on the night of January 31 was set aside to thank God for his provision, officially bless the clergy of Saint James in their new roles, and to bless all the clergy and ministries represented on this corner. The Rev David Dubay and some of the music team from Holy Trinity set the tone for the evening worship with "Your Love Is Strong" by Jon Foreman. Lessons and prayers were offered up by lay readers from all three parishes. After

the reading from Matthew's Gospel, 14:13-21, The Rev Charlie Murry, Pastor of First Baptist, gave an inspiring message about the compassion Jesus has for all people and the miracle of giving, caring, and sharing.

Bishop Edgar laid hands on and prayed blessings over the Rev. Charlie Murry, the Rev. David Dubay, Rector of Holy Trinity, and his



PAIGE GRIMBALL

*Above, (l to r): the Rev. Richard Grimball, the Rev. Louise Weld, the Rt Revd Chip Edgar, the Rev. Charlie Murry, the Rev. David Dubay and the Rev. Angel Lizaro.*

Associate, the Rev. Angel Lizaro. The bishop anointed and blessed the Rev. Richard Grimball as Priest-In-Charge of Saint James and the Rev. Louise Weld as his Pastoral Associate.

The praise band from First Baptist had everyone clapping with their offering of "Let It Rise" by William Murphy. The music team of Saint James shared a quiet blessing of "Benedictus" by Brian Lewis during communion. Before enjoying a delicious meal at beautifully decorated tables, the whole congregation praised God singing "Amazing Grace."

To God be the glory!



Register

**CHRISTIAN MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
 Faith in the Home

Date | February 23-25, 2024  
 Location | St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center  
 Registration | [ChristianMensConference.com](http://ChristianMensConference.com)  
 Music | Todd Fields

**2024 Conference Speakers**

**Dr. Josh Mulvihill**  
 Executive Director of Church & Family Ministry, RenewaNation

**Dan Davis**  
 Founder, Animate Mentoring

## 2024 Christian Men's Conference

### Faith in the Home: Mentoring and Grandparenting

February 23-25, 2024

Join us this year February 23 – 25, 2024 to learn about mentoring in your family's faith, and the role of grandparenting in bringing up a faithful generation. We will be meeting at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. Local vacation rentals are available, as well.

bers can serve as guides through the stages of adolescence, parenthood, and mid-life passage, and provide direction and support so relationships can flourish as life changes over time.

#### Dr. Josh Mulvihill

Dr. Josh Mulvihill is the Executive Director of Church and Family Ministry at RenewaNation. Josh served as a pastor for nearly 20 years, has a PhD in Family Ministry, serves on the board of Awana, is the Assistant Editor for The Review Magazine, and is the author or editor of ten books on parenting and grandparenting including *Biblical Grandparenting*, *Biblical Worldview*, and *50 Things Every Child Needs to Know Before Leaving Home*.

#### Our Speakers for 2024

For this year's Men's Conference, we are blessed to have two speakers: Dan Davis and Josh Mulvihill. Each brings a unique experience to the roles of Mentoring and Grandparenting in the home.

#### Dan Davis

Dan spent three decades as a leader in the professional camping industry. During that time, he developed a keen sense of how important the relationship with a trusted mentor is. In 2020, Dan launched Animate Mentoring so he and other team mem-

It is our prayer that you will be able to use these teachings to bring you closer to God, through a greater love and understanding of His son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and to make the world a better place in which to live.

## ADOSC Spring Men's Hike

May 2 - 5, 2024

Table Rock State Park

This hike will be a King's Hike format with camp being a short distance from the parking lot and day hikes in the area with day-packs. Suggested donation of \$50 / person. We will be meeting a few times, probably virtually, to prepare for the hike.

If you are interested in joining the hike, scan the QR code and let us know. There are only 30 spots available. Signup by April 1, 2024.

Want more information about this hike or men's hikes in general? Connect with us at (843) 310-2050 or email [info@christian-menshike.org](mailto:info@christian-menshike.org)



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## St. Paul's Tea Room & Gift Shop

February 26 - March 1 & March 4 - 8

When it's spring-time in Summerville, it's time for the light-filled Doar Hall to be transformed into a beautiful dining experience with smiles and friendly service. Tables with fresh flowers and linens welcome visitors to enjoy an array of tasty dishes and homemade desserts. The dining room can seat 220 people at one time. They are open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. A take-out option is also available to enjoy on their grounds or at home or work.

The tea room offers specialties that its loyal patrons anticipate each year, including tomato pie, she-crab soup, okra soup, fresh salads and sandwiches, and a variety of home-



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made desserts. The gift shop will showcase the work of local artisans, native plants, and estate items.

For groups of six or more, please call the church for reservations beginning Wednesday, February 7, at (843) 873-1991.

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7. There are multiple mission opportunities suited for all kinds of people, spiritual gifts, and callings.

8. Serving with the Anglican Church in Peru is an ideal way for families to join in God's mission.

9. Working and socializing with native Christian leaders who love the Lord will transform you.

10. It's a beautiful country. While there you can visit the historic Church of the Good Shepherd in Lima, "White City" of Arequipa, or Machu Picchu.

St. Paul's, Conway and Trinity, Edisto (in our Diocese), as well as All Saints Anglican Church, Weddington, NC (Diocese of the Carolinas) have mission partnerships in Peru.

If you don't have a mission partnership or are looking for another connection in the western hemisphere, please consider helping our Anglican Christian friends in Peru. St. John's will be blessed to send a couple of our Peru missionaries to visit your church with more details.

## Clergy Retreat

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humbled, Paul experienced and taught the church that in our weakness is God's strength made perfect. We can become better pastors of people in our care operating out of gentle, compassionate weakness that reflects Christ's heart of love for us in His sacrifice."

"This was one of the better retreats we've had," said the Rev. David Dubay. "The teaching was valuable and practical, and we got a deeper insight into the direction we're going as a diocese, both in clarity of vision and theology."

The East Cooper Concert Series presented by Christ Church Anglican in Mount Pleasant is bringing Andrew Peterson's Resurrection Letter Tour to the area on March 15. Learn more at <https://www.christch.org/eccs.html>

## Upcoming Events

View full calendar at [adosc.org/events/](https://adosc.org/events/)

- 2024 Christian Men's Conference, Feb. 23-25
- St. Paul's, Summerville Tea Room, Feb 26-Mar. 8
- Lenten Quiet Morning, March 2
- OSA, Charleston Tea Room, March 4-16
- Convention of the ADOSC, March 8-9
- Anniversary of Bishop Edgar's Consecration, March 12 (2022)
- Holy Spirit, Daniel Island Launch Celeb, Mar. 13
- Clergy Renewal of Vows, March 21
- DOK Spring Retreat, April 12-14
- St. Philip's, Charleston Tea Room, April 22-26
- Diocesan Men's Hike, May 2-5
- Anglican Women's Annual Gathering, May 4
- GrandCamp, June 17-24
- ACNA Provincial Assembly, June 25-28
- Cursillo #194, July 11-14



## New DHC Chapter at Resurrection

Church Of the Resurrection, North Charleston has a new chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. They installed new members and leaders at a service on November 12, 2023.

After three months of Daughters of the Holy Cross discernment classes led by Berta Puckhaber (already a DHC member at another DHC Chapter), Church of the Resurrection priest and DHC Resurrection Chapter chaplain Rev'd Mark Avera installed eight candidates into the newly initiated "Resurrection DHC Chapter": Mary Frances Ahl, Jane Allen, Case Durham, Yvonne Duty, Janice Guest, Cheryl LeGrand, Carleene Skipper, and Joan Wynter. DHC leaders were installed within this service as well: President, Berta Puckhaber; Vice President, Yvonne Duty; Secretary, Cheryl LeGrand; and Treasurer, Mary Frances Ahl. Nine Daughters (as pictured) are charter members of the DHC Resurrection Chapter. To God Be All the Glory. A celebration reception followed in the parish hall.

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