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PRESIDING BISHOP'S EPISTLE

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Dearly beloved in Christ, I pray this Epistle finds all of you well! No doubt all of you are very busy preparing for an intense fall schedule. It is my privilege to offer this eighth Presiding Bishop's Epistle as we rapidly approach autumn 2024. This letter will provide a review of events from July through September of this year with a look ahead at future happenings.

It was my sheer joy and delight to solemnise the marriage of Father Randall Russell and Lisa Becksford at Saint Philip's Church, Blacksburg, Virginia on 20th July. We wish Father Randall and Lisa every grace and blessing from Our Lord as they begin their new life together. The wedding reception was held in a beautiful space at Lane Stadium of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a unique and most thrilling experience. The next day, it was a gift once more to make an episcopal visitation and give Confirmations at Saint Philip's Blacksburg on 21st July.

From 29^{th} July to 2^{nd} August, we revelled in the fun, fellowship, community, and deliberations of our 56th Synod of the Diocese of the Eastern United States, sponsored by Saint John's Church, Greensboro, North Carolina and held at the Sheraton at Four Seasons Hotel, the largest conference centre between Washington, DC, and Atlanta. I wish to thank most profusely Archdeacon Mark Menees, Laura Bell, and all the faithful of Saint John's for a truly exceptional and glorious Synod, and Prebendary Erich Zwingert for his expert work in serving as Diocesan Synod Coordinator. Many of us joked about the wonderful aesthetics and size of the hotel, and how much exercise we all helpfully received that week! Our smart watches went apoplectic with the level of walking and miles tracked. The Synod was one of the most successful and gratifying we have ever encountered in the history of our Diocese. One must certainly note the Pontifical Solemn High Mass celebrated at the Phillips Chapel of the Canterbury School, Greensboro, a magnificently spacious gothic building ideal for the most advanced form of our sacred liturgy.

During our time together, we heard excellent presentations on the growth and expansion of the Kingdom of God and the Holy Catholic Church through the APA: we learned about the new property and building of Saint Gabriel's Church, Coral Springs, Florida with Father Scott Koszalinski, the new chapel of Saint James-on-the-Glebe Church, Gloucester, Virginia with Father Kevin Fife, the new mission of Saint Columba's Church, Shreveport, Louisiana with Deacon Jason McInnis, the Church merger at All Souls' Church, Asheboro, North Carolina with Father Michael Sclafani, the building project of Saint Paul's Church and School, Melbourne, Florida with Father Brian Oldfield, the building project of Holy Cross Church, Knoxville, Tennessee with Father Scott Greene, the building project and funding update of Saint Dunstan's Academy with Father Mark Perkins, and the All Saints Church and School, Mills River, North Carolina with Father Erich Zwingert. Outstanding progress is being made all over our holy Church and Diocese.

The theme for the 2024 Synod was 'Priesthood: Vocations for the Present and Future.' We urgently need more priests. Without more priests, we cannot staff our current Churches, and we will be unable to create new mission Churches. But there is no lack of enthusiasm in responding to the call of ministry when men are assured that the Church is sound and holds the Catholic and Apostolic Faith. The fact is that we are facing a demographic priest shortage, and that was the theme of our Synod this year. The shortage is developing now. Some might say that that could be a good problem to have, given our general growth, but the bottom line is that we need more priests and deacons, good and holy priests and deacons. Soon we will have more parishes and missions than priests or deacons to serve them. The only way by which the Lord Jesus will give us more clergy is if we pray for an increase of vocations, deliberately and intentionally. Please pray and work for an increase of vocations to the Sacred Ministry. Almighty God, give us priests!

Immediately following Synod, I made an episcopal visitation and gave Confirmations at Christ the Redeemer Church, Warner Robins, Georgia on $4^{\rm th}$ August. Then followed the Anglican Joint Synods – Polish National Catholic Church Dialogue Meeting held at All Saints' Cathedral (PNCC) in Chicago, Illinois from $12^{\rm th}$ to $14^{\rm th}$ August and I participated via Zoom. On the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pontifical High Mass was offered at Saint Barnabas Cathedral Atlanta.

On the weekend of 18th August, it was a thorough pleasure to join the men and boys of Saint James-on-the-Glebe Church, Gloucester, Virginia on a fantastic charter boat fishing excursion off the shore of Virginia Beach and Yorktown and then to make an episcopal visitation and give Confirmations in the parish the next day. The feast that ensued after Sunday Mass was replete with the bluefish and Spanish mackerel caught the day before. Simply splendid.

On 24th August, I was invited to serve as preacher for the Priestly Ordination of Father Bill Dell Wall Junior at Saint George's Cathedral of the Anglican Church in America (ACA), Columbus, Georgia. This important G3 event involved clergy from all the Anglican Joint Synods Churches. On 2nd September, it was a profound honour to be asked to offer the Requiem Mass for one of our own beloved APA priests, Father Stokes Jerome Smith Junior, at Saint Francis Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Please pray for the blessed repose of the priestly soul of Father Stokes and for his family. Bishop Bill Perkins graciously stepped in for me at a moment's notice to conduct an episcopal visitation to Saint Matthew's Church, Riverview, Florida with the blessing and dedication of the recently renovated nave and sanctuary necessitated by weather effects.

Upcoming events for the rest of the year include: an episcopal visitation to Holy Cross Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, with a fall festival and special dinner in anticipation of the future building project; the annual Women's Retreat of the APA, at which I shall serve as retreat conductor, to be held at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit, Conyers, Georgia with a record number of participants; the annual international community celebration day at Saint Barnabas Cathedral Atlanta; participation in the Diocese of the Central and Western States Synod via Zoom; an episcopal visitation to Saint Alban's Church, Joppa, Maryland; the Perseus Men's Conference at Saint Francis Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, at which I shall serve as a keynote presenter; an episcopal visitation to Saint Peter's

Church, Kingsport, Tennessee with the consecration of the church with mortgage burning; a Eucharistic Festival Day and episcopal visitation at Saint Paul's Church, Melbourne, Florida; an episcopal visitation to Saint Gabriel's Church, Coral Springs, Florida with the consecration of the new church building; and an episcopal visitation to Saint Michael the Archangel Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

It remains the most sublime happiness of a lifetime to provide pastoral care and support to and for you, to travel throughout our country, to visit and cheer as many of our churches and faithful as possible, and to witness in person the vitality and advancement of our Communion. Together we are continuing to manifest and enlarge the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church in her Anglican expression. Please continually pray for our clergy, people, and parishes. We are pressing on the Kingdom! Please remember you are welcome to contact me personally at any time on 404.313.9448 or bishopchjones@anglicanprovince.org. Each of you abides ever in my love and prayers. God bless you!

In Our Blessed Lord,

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Global Missions

Visit to the Indigenous Pastorale of the Anglican Province of America in Ecuador (IPAPAE) August 14 - 21, 2024

On August 14, 2024, the APA team consisting of Bishop David Haines, the Very Rev. Paul Rivard, and the Worthy Endeavors translator, Dr. Matthew McBurney, traveled to Quito, Ecuador for an episcopal visit to the churches there.

On August 15, Bishop David broke ground and blessed the site for a new church (Mount Sinai Anglican Church) for the Kichua migrant community in the Quito area. Following the ground breaking the Bishop celebrated Mass and preached at the temporary facility that the congregation currently uses as a church.

On August 16, the team met first at the home of the Vicar General for the IPAPE, the Very Rev. Luis Alberto Tuaza, in in Riobamba before traveling to the community of St. Isabella in the Canton of Guamote to review and bless a cistern project that was funded by Worthy Endeavors. In the afternoon, Bishop David met with the clergy at the Cathedral in Guamote and taught a class on the History of Anglicanism in North America that the group had requested. In the early

evening, the team visited St. Theresita church and community in the Guamote area before returning to Riobamba for the night.

On August 17, the team visited St. Paul's Anglican Church in the community of Gramapamba where Fr. Paul baptized five individuals, Bishop David preached and confirmed fourteen young people and the Rev. Canon Carlos Ayol celebrated the Mass in Kichua. A community meal followed the service and the team attended a church board meeting to discuss several issues of concern for the local community.

On August 18, the team attended the principal Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Guamote, where Bishop David preached and ordained the Rev. Gustavo Mendez Aldas to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood and Fr. Luis Alberto Tuaza celebrated the Mass in Kichua and Spanish using the 1928 BCP. Following the service, the team enjoyed a celebratory meal with the clergy and attendees and then the bishop and the team met for a clergy conference to discuss a number of issues that had arisen in the Pastorale.

On August 19, the team got to visit the market in Riobamba and relax a little before preparing for the journey back to Quito and to the USA scheduled for Tuesday, August 20. The APA team arrived back in Atlanta in the early hours of August 21.

The Rt. Rev. David W. Haines Missionary Bishop for Global Partnerships, APA

<u>Upcoming DCWS Synod—October 11-12, 2024</u>
The Diocese of the Central and Western States Synod meetings will be held on the 11th and 12th of October. They are excited to return to an in-person synod this year! Christ Church Anglican, Florence, Kentucky, has graciously agreed to be the host parish for the year. The vestry and planning committee have started the planning process and more information will follow soon. Bishop Giffin wishes to thank Fr. John Longcamp, Heather Grothaus, Sr. Warden, and Christ Church Mission Committee for their willingness to have Christ Church serve as host parish!

Ad Clerum APA

New Appointments/Assignments

DEUS: The Reverend Father Stephen Miller, Curate, Holy Trinity Church, Chaplain and Teacher, Lindisfarne Hall, Fernandina Beach, Florida, July 1, 2024.

Receptions into APA:

DEUS: The Reverend Mr. Jason McInnis was received from the Reformed Episcopal Church on July 30, 2024. He is serving as Deacon-in-charge, St. Columba's Mission, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Requiescat in pace

DEUS: The Rev. Stokes Jerome Smith Jr., assisting priest, Church of Saint George the Martyr Church, Simpsonville, South Carolina, entered life eternal on August 27, 2024, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer List

Of your charity, keep in your prayers: Fr. Nick Henderson; Fr. Mark Menees and wife Jo; Fr. Glenn Spencer; Bishop David Haines; Samuel, young son of Fr. Ian Dunn; Fr. Robert Cheeseman; Den Thad Osborne; Fr. Franklin Endres and wife Sandy; Fr. John Longcamp; Fr. David Conway; Fr. Chris Gardner; Fr. Frank Bartlett and wife Geri; Sally, wife of Dcn. Bob Shoup; Frances, wife of Fr. Louis Linn; Bishop Robert Loiselle; Fr. Michael Clay Smith; Fr. John Gibson; Bishop Raymond Hanlan; Timothy, son of Mary and Bishop Grundorf.

APA Presiding Bishop, DEUS Bishop Ordinary Jones **Itinerary**

<u>July 7</u>: Mass, Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Atlanta, Georgia.

July 20: The Wedding of Father Randall Russell and Lisa Becksford, Saint Philip's Church, Blacksburg, Virginia.

<u>July 21</u>: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Saint Philip's Church, Blacksburg, Virginia. <u>July 29–August 2</u>: 56th Synod of the Diocese of the Eastern

United States, Greensboro, North Carolina.

August 4: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Christ the Redeemer Church, Warner Robins, Georgia.

<u>August 12-14</u>: Anglican Joint Synods (G3) – Polish National Catholic Church Dialogue Meeting via Zoom.

August 15: Mass of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Atlanta, Georgia.

<u>August 18</u>: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Saint James-on-the-Glebe Church, Gloucester, Virginia.

August 24: Preacher, Ordination of the Reverend Father Bill Dell Wall to the Sacred Order of Priests, Saint George's Cathedral, Columbus, Georgia (Anglican Church in America).

APA Presiding Bishop, DEUS Bishop Ordinary Jones Itinerary (cont.)

September 2: Celebrant, Requiem Mass for Father Stokes Smith, Saint Francis Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

September 15: Mass for Holy Cross Day observance, Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Atlanta, Georgia.

September 18: Celebrant, Mass for the anniversary of Episcopal Consecration, Saint Barnabas Cathedral Atlanta.

September 28-29: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Holy Cross Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

October 2-4: DEUS Women's Retreat Conductor, Monastery of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit, Conyers, Georgia. October 6: International Celebration at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Atlanta, Georgia.

October 11: Greetings to the Diocese of the Central and Western States Synod via Zoom.

October 13: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Saint Alban's Church, Joppa, Maryland.

October 24-26: Keynote Speaker, Perseus Men's Conference, Saint Francis Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina (Episcopal Missionary Church).

November 1 and 2: Masses for All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Atlanta, Georgia.

November 4: Atlanta-area Anglican Clergy Conference and Dinner, Marietta, Georgia.

November 10: Episcopal Visitation, Confirmations, Consecration of the Church and mortgage burning, Saint Peter's Church, Kingsport, Tennessee.

November 16: Eucharistic Festival Day with Mass, teaching, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Saint Paul's Church, Melbourne, Florida.

November 17: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Saint Paul's Church, Melbourne, Florida.

December 7: Consecration of new building, Saint Gabriel's Church, Coral Springs, Florida.

December 8: Episcopal Visitation, Saint Gabriel's Church, Coral Springs, Florida.

December 15: Episcopal Visitation, Saint Michael the Archangel Church, Matthews (Charlotte), North Carolina.

<u>APA Missionary Bishop Haines</u>
<u>July 29–August 2</u>: 56th Synod of the Diocese of the Eastern United States, Greensboro, North Carolina.

August 15-21: Visit to the Indigenous Pastoral of the Anglican Province of America in Ecuador. Episcopal visit, ordinations, confirmations, ground breaking and blessing for new church, blessing of Operation Mobilization new cistern project, teaching and board meeting.

DCWS Bishop Ordinary Giffin Itinerary
October 11-12, 2024: DCWS Synod, Christ Church Anglican, Florence, Kentucky.

December 2024: Episcopal Visitation, Christ Church Anglican, Florence, Kentucky.

<u>DEUS Suffragan Bishop Perkins Itinerary</u> <u>July 30</u>: DEUS Standing Committee meeting.

<u>July 31</u>: Clergy Conference.

<u>July 31-August 2</u>: 56th Synod of the Diocese of the Eastern United States, Greensboro, North Carolina.

September 10: Southeast Florida Traditional Anglican Clericus, Delray Beach, Florida.

September 21-22: Episcopal Visitation, Confirmations, blessings and dedication of renovated nave and sanctuary, Saint Matthew's Church, Riverview, Florida.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

- The Rev. Raymond Davison 06
- The Rt. Rev. Robert Loiselle 09
- The Ven. Franklin Endres 11
- The Rev. Robert Tufton 12
- 13 The Rev. Ian Jarrells
- 15 The Rev. Michael Bolt
- 23 The Rev. Canon Glenn Spencer
- The Rev. Prebendary Erich Zwingert, SSC 24
- The Rev. Peter Joslyn 29
- The Rev. Yossi Sarid, DMin, BCC 29

September Anniversaries

- The Rev. Daniel Rieger, Ph.D., Diaconate 03
- The Rev. John David Milam, Diaconate 08
- 10 The Rev. Paul Beutell, II, Diaconate
- The Very Rev. Matthew Harlow, SSC, Diaconate 10
- The Rev. Stephen Miller, Priesthood 12
- The Rev. Canon Robert Jennings, Diaconate 13
- 15 The Rev. Yossi Sarid, D.Min, Diaconate
- The Most Rev. Chandler Jones, SSC, Bishop 18
- The Rev. W. Joshua Kimbril, Diaconate 18
- The Rev. Briane Turley, Diaconate 18
- The Rev. Kevin Fife, Priesthood 19
- The Very Rev. Daniel Trout, Diaconate 20
- The Rev. O. Michael Cawthon, Sr., Priesthood 20
- 21 The Rev. O. Michael Cawthon, Sr., Diaconate
- 22 The Rt. Rev. David Haines, Diaconate
- 24 The Very Rev. J. Gordon Anderson, Diaconate
- Dss Linda Burns, OSB, Set Apart 24
- The Rev. Chris Gardner, SSA, SM, Diaconate 24

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26	The Rev. Mr. Grant Brodrecht, Ph.D., Diaconate	28	The Rev. Christopher Smith, Priesthood
28	The Rev. G. Allen Fisher, <i>Diaconate</i>	28	The Rev. Wilfrid Ulysse, <i>Priesthood</i>
28	The Rev. Mark Perkins, Priesthood	29	The Rev. Vincent Varnas, Diaconate
		30	The Rev. Dr. Creighton Barnes, Diaconate
	October Birthdays	30	The Rt. Rev. Robert Loiselle, Diaconate
01	The Rev. Eric Holle	31	The Rev. Canon R. H. Tregenza, Ph.D., Priesthood
01	The Rev. Canon John O'Brien, Major USAF		C
01	The Rev. Mark Perkins		November Birthdays
01	The Rev. Robert Placer	05	The Rev. John Poole
03	The Rt. Rev. William Perkins, Jr., CBS, SM	10	The Rev. Michael Bowhay
05	The Rev. David Conway	11	The Rev. Dr. Creighton Barnes
05	The Rev. Ronald Massey	14	The Rev. Canon Robert Tregenza, PhD
16	The Rev. William Baker	16	The Rev. John David Milam
16	The Rev. Frank Bartlett, SSM	20	The Very Rev. Matthew Harlow
18	The Rev. Daniel Malcolm	20	The Rev. David Masterson
18	The Rev. Mr. Allen Ryan	22	The Rev. Kenneth Bailey, Jr.
23	The Rev. Canon Robert Jennings	24	The Rev. J. Alexander Marlowe
23	The Rev. Mr. Thaddeus Osborne	28	The Rev. Scott Greene
26	Dss. Cynthia Hensley	28	The Rev. Sean McDermott
26	The Rev. James Johnson, Jr.		
28	The Rev. John Gibson		November Anniversaries
		01	Dss. Deborah Kidd, Setting Apart
	October Anniversaries	02	The Rev. Canon Robert Hawkins, Diaconate
01	The Rev. Thomas Burr, Priesthood	04	The Rev. Daniel Malcolm, Priesthood
04	The Rev. Nicholas Henderson, Priesthood	10	The Rev. Michael Bolt, Priesthood
04	The Rev. Mark Pavlina, Priesthood	11	The Rev. David Conway, Diaconate
05	The Rev. David Conway, Priesthood	11	The Rev. Mr. Robert Shoup, Jr., Diaconate
06	The Rt. Rev. Robert Giffin, D.D., Bishop	12	The Rev. Canon Robert Cheeseman, Priesthood
07	Dss Cynthia Hensley, Set Apart	13	The Rev. Canon John O'Brien, Diaconate
07	The Rev. Stephen Sommerrock, Priesthood	13	The Rev. Mr. Wilfrid Ulysse, Diaconate
08	The Rev. Robert Tufton, Diaconate	14	The Rt. Rev. William Perkins, Jr., CBS, SM, Bishop
10	The Rev. Canon Robert Hawkins, Priesthood	17	The Rev. Eugene Godbold, PhD, Diaconate
11	The Rev. Thomas Burr, Diaconate	17	The Rev. Mr. Louis Linn, Diaconate
13	The Rev. Eric Holle, Priesthood	17	The Rev. Canon Glenn Spencer, Diaconate
14	The Rev. M. Tracy Smith, SSA, Priesthood	20	The Rt. Rev. G. Raymond Hanlan, Diaconate
15	The Rev. Canon John O'Brien, Priesthood	22	The Most Rev. Walter Grundorf, D.D., Priesthood
18	The Rev. Ben Holland, Priesthood	25	The Rt. Rev. Robert Loiselle, Priesthood
18	The Rev. Ian Jarrells, Diaconate	25	The Rev. Daniel Rieger, Ph.D., Priesthood
19	The Rev. John Lohmann IV, Diaconate		
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20	The Rev. Christopher Smith, Diaconate	05	The Rev. Canon Walter Crites, V.G. Emeritus
22	The Rev. Wesley Walker, Diaconate	05	The Rev. Nicholas Henderson
23	The Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, D.D., Diaconate	08	The Rev. Richard Baskwill
26	The Rev. Richard Baskwill, Diaconate	08	The Rev. John Lohmann, IV
26	The Rev. Dennis Ryan, Priesthood	16	The Rev. Chris Gardner, SSA, SM
28	The Rev. William Baker, Priesthood	17	The Rev. Mr. Thomas Houghton
28	The Rev. Rosemond Etienne, Priesthood	18	The Rev. Dennis Ryan

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