

August 2002

Dear Friends,

We have no Pope. Bishops in the 38 autonomous churches of the Anglican Communion are subject to the constitutions and canons of their respective churches and dioceses, but not to a superior and distant prelate. At the same time, the Archbishop of Canterbury is held in deep affection and respect across our diverse communion as an instrument of unity and continuity.

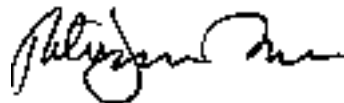
So there is widespread interest in the announcement on July 23 that the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, the 52-year-old Bishop of Monmouth and Archbishop of the Church in Wales will succeed the Most Rev. George Carey on the chair of St. Augustine of Canterbury. His appointment was no surprise. Months of speculation focused on Archbishop Williams, and on June 20 *The Times* of London leaked that he was the preferred candidate. (No one knows yet who was the source of the leak or the motives for the leak.)

Williams' appointment is unique in several ways. He's the first Archbishop since the Reformation who is not an Englishman. He has been on the Divinity faculties at both Oxford and Cambridge. He's never been a rector. The Church in Wales, unlike the Church of England, is not an established church, so he has more in common with churches like ours that are separated from the state. The Church in Wales is small, with nearly 94,000 baptized members in its six dioceses, compared to 133,000 baptized members in the three dioceses in Virginia. Rowan Williams is widely admired as a scholar, one who thinks carefully before he speaks, and one who is profoundly concerned with articulating the classics of Christian faith in ways that can capture the attention of contemporary people.

I spoke briefly to Archbishop Williams as we were vesting on June 4 prior to the Jubilee Service for the Queen in St. Paul's Cathedral, London. He is a shy, self-effacing, gentle person who needs and deserves our prayers. With children ages 14 and 6, the family needs our prayers, as well. Lambeth Palace, with its fishbowl existence, is not a very family-friendly place.

I have written Archbishop Williams assuring him of Virginia's support and prayers. When he is enthroned at Canterbury early next year, I believe we will witness the beginning of a ministry that will strengthen the whole Communion.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter James Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "P" and a long, sweeping tail.

Peter James Lee

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The Communiqué is sent free of charge to canonically resident clergy, junior and senior wardens, members of the Executive Board and the Standing Committee, deputies to General Convention and Province III, and regional Presidents. Others may receive the Communiqué for a \$10 annual subscription fee. To subscribe, send a check made payable to the Diocese of Virginia (note that it's for the Communiqué) along with your name and mailing address, to the address below. The Communiqué also is online at the diocesan website: [www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net).

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## Prayers

**Your prayers are asked for** Maureen Sydnor, the Rev. Timothy Berry, the Rev. Jeanne Biggar, Mary Jenks, Mildred Jamison, the Rev. Edwin Williams, Wilmer Moomaw, and the Rev. Bill Reardon.

Give thanks for the life of Frank A. Nelson, Jr., father of the Rev. Melana Nelson-Amaker, a priest of this Diocese. He died June 26, 2002.

**August 25: St. John's, West Point**-Please pray for this parish in its search for a vicar, the Rev. Claudia Patterson, Interim; **Immanuel, King & Queen**-The Rev. James Iswariah; **Aquia, Stafford**-the Rev. Cuthbert Mandell, the Rev. Alexander MacPhail.

**September 1: St. Peter's, Oak Grove, and St. James', Montross**-the Rev. Prentice Kinser.

**September 8: Grace, Casanova**-the Rev. James Chipps; **Cople, Hague**-the Rev. John Wall; **St. David's, Aylett**-the Rev. James Iswariah. Please pray for the faculty, staff and

students of the Church Schools in the Diocese of Virginia: **Christchurch School, St. Catherine's School, St. Christopher's School, St. Margaret's School and St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School.**

**September 15: Church of the Spirit, Kingstowne**-the Rev. Roger Schellenberg; **St. John's, Arlington**-the Rev. Ann Barker; **St. Thomas', McLean**-the Rev. John Morris, the Rev. Peter Gray, the Rev. Phil Johnston; **St. Mary's, Fleeton and St. Stephen's, Heathsville**-the Rev. Jeffrey Cerar, the Rev. Joseph Murphy; **St. Mary's Whitechapel, Lively**-the Rev. Scott West; **St. Peter's, New Kent**-the Rev. Brian McGurk; **Westover, Charles City**-the Rev. Virginia Heistand Jones.

**September 22: Church of the Word, Gainesville**-the Rev. Robin Adams; **Grace, The Plains**-the Rev. Caroline Parkinson, the Rev. MacDonald Murray; **St. Paul's, Millers Tavern**- Please pray for this parish in its search for a rector; **Christ, Middlesex**-the Rev. Scott Krejci; **St. Matthew's, Sterling**-the Rev. Robert Merola; **Good Shepherd, Bluemont**-the Rev. Alice Thornton-Smith.

**September 29:** Please pray for the meeting of the **House of Bishops**, September 26-October 2, Cleveland, Ohio.

## Announcements

### Dispelling the Darkness: Mental Health Ministry

The Diocesan Committee on Mental Health will host a workshop "Dispelling the Darkness" on Saturday, October 5, 9 am to noon at Christ Ascension, Richmond. A panel of mental health professionals and people living with mental illness will speak. Discussion is aimed at ways to include people with mental illness into the life of the parish. Child care is available. For more information, contact Claire Williams at 703-987-3261 or via email at [clairejack@att.global.net](mailto:clairejack@att.global.net).

### Fifth Century Fund Video

The Steering Committee of the Fifth Century Fund has just produced a video that captures the shared ministries of the 86,000 members of the Diocese of Virginia. The video, approximately 25 minutes in length, is a useful educational tool for an adult forum or other event. The development office will provide a speaker to present the video to your parish group. To schedule a presentation, call Evelyn Sutton at 1-800-DIOCESE, ext. 17.

Get it online at [www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net)

## Fall Clergy Retreat

The keynote speaker for this year's Fall Clergy Retreat will be the Rev. Nancy Roth, a widely published author and faculty member of CREDO. This year's retreat will be Monday - Wednesday, October 7 - 9 at Shrine Mont. The cost is \$85 per person which covers two nights and five meals. To register, call Linda Keener at 804-643-8451, x32.

## Parish Nursing Education

Fall classes in parish nursing are now forming at Wesley Theological Seminary in Northern Virginia. This curriculum is approved by the Maryland Nurses Association for six graduate academic credits or 90 contact hours. Students learn not only to use their nursing skills to promote health but also to integrate spiritual assessment and pastoral care skills into their work. For more information, call Partners for Parish Nursing at 1-410-729-5672.

## Burning Issue: Genetic Engineering

The 5th Annual Burning Issues Conference will be held Nov. 3-5 at the Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn. The topic this year is "The Promise and Perils of Genetic Engineering." Speakers will include: Dr. Gilbert Meileander, Chair of Christian Ethics, Valparaiso University; Dr. Thomas Huff, Vice Provost for Life Sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University; and Dr. Walter Nance, Chairman of the Department of Human Genetics, MCV/VCU. For information, contact Roslyn at 804-288-6045

## What can you do to relieve global debt?

Two years ago, the Episcopal Church helped lead an historic effort to relieve the debts of the world's poorest countries. Efforts thus far have been largely successful, with Congress approving the plan and contributing \$785 million to the international effort. The debt savings are largely being directed to education and health care in the world's poorest countries. Unfortunately, poor countries still owe large amounts of debt. Now the Church has introduced the Debt Relief Enhancement Act of 2002 (HR 4524 and S 2210) which would lower debt so that no country would pay more than five to ten percent of its annual budget on debt service. Both bills have strong bipartisan support. The Senate has passed the debt relief proposal as part of a larger bill. The matter is still undecided in the House. Please call Rep. Robert Scott at 1-800-513-3472 to cosponsor HR 4524, the "Smith-LaFalce" debt relief bill. Also, you can call Mara at Jubilee USA Network (1-202-783-0129) to learn more about the Debt Relief Enhancement Act or to participate in a meeting with your representative in the House.

## Churches in Search

### Receiving Names for Rector

**Richmond: Grace and Holy Trinity;** rector, full-time, urban, 998 communicants, total operating revenue \$900,000.

### Building Profile for Rector

**Alexandria: St. Luke's, Wellington;** rector, full-time; urban; 500 communicants, total operating revenue \$353,000.

**Doswell: The Fork Church,** rector, full time, rural, 150 communicants, total operating revenue not available.

**Loretto, Vawter's Church:** rector, part time, rural, 60 communicants, total operating revenue \$44,000.

**Luray: Christ Church:** rector, full time, town, 95 communicants, total operating revenue \$90,000.

**Middleburg: Emmanuel;** rector, full time, town, 238 communicants; total operating revenue \$320,000.

**Miller's Tavern: St. Paul's,** rector, full time, rural, 109 communicants, total operating revenue \$117,500.

**Millwood: Cunningham Parish,** rector, full time, town, 150 communicants, total operating revenue \$137,000.

**Owens: St. Paul's:** rector, full time, town, 152 communicants, total operating revenue \$110,000.

**Richmond: Emmanuel, Brook Hill;** rector, full time, suburban, 471 communicants, total operating revenue \$315,000.

**Richmond: St. Bartholomew's:** rector, full time, suburban, 143 communicants, total operating revenue \$128,000.

**Richmond: St. Martin's:** Rector, full time, suburban, 178 communicants, total operating revenue \$118,000.

**Richmond, St. Philip's:** rector, full time, urban, 187 communicants, total operating revenue \$250,200.

**West Point, St. John's:** rector, full time, town, 125 communicants, total operating revenue \$130,800.

## No Longer Receiving Names

**Arlington: St. Michael's;** rector, full-time; urban; 593 communicants, total operating revenue \$302,000.

**Arlington: St. Peter's;** rector, full-time; urban; 904 communicants, total operating revenue \$488,000.

**Great Falls: St. Francis;** rector; full-time; suburban; 734 communicants; total operating revenue \$522,300. (Deadline 6/15/02)

**Rapidan: Emmanuel Church,** vicar, part time; rural; 50 communicants; total operating revenue \$29,500.

**Woodstock/Mt. Jackson: Emmanuel, Woodstock, St. Andrews, Mt. Jackson;** rector; full-time; town; 180 communicants; total operating revenue \$140,000.

## Positions for Assistants, Associates, and Other Clergy

**Richmond—St. Paul's Church:** Assistant Rector. St. Paul's Church, Richmond seeks an experienced priest who can share a full-time ministry in the life of downtown congregation. St. Paul's Church is located in the heart of downtown Richmond across the street from the state capitol and a block from city hall. We minister to parishioners who live throughout the Richmond Metropolitan area and to the homeless and poor who walk the streets of downtown. Worship is the heart of our congregational identity. We seek a person who understands the dignity and power of traditional worship in the Episcopal Church, but one who is also open to new and creative ways of worshipping God. Above all, we seek an effective preacher who can present the Gospel message with deep faith and enthusiasm.

We seek a priest who will share his or her faith effectively with newcomers. After "welcoming the stranger" this priest should be able to help individuals grow spiritually. This priest will share in the administration of the parish, overseeing areas of parish life and supervising members of our diverse staff. Calling in hospitals and nursing homes, as well as providing pastoral care for individuals going through life's crises, will also be important.

The Associate Rector will work in a collaborative way with the various committees of the parish. The Associate Rector will also need to work collaboratively with a diverse staff which ministers to members and non-members of the parish. Above all St. Paul's is seeking an excellent communicator who through preaching, teaching and writing can articulate the power of the Christian message. We seek a person who has a deep and enthusiastic faith, a person

who will work hard, one who is flexible in dealing with the daily challenges of ministry and above all a person with a sense of humor. This position is available now. Any interested candidate should send his or her resume and CDO printout to the Rector, The Rev. Robert G. Hetherington, 815 E. Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

**Winchester—Christ Church:** Assistant Rector. Christ Church, an historic downtown church, seeks an assistant to the rector with gifts and ability in the areas of outreach, youth ministry, and preaching. The parish, founded in 1738, is a strong and growing program-sized (approx. 1,000) congregation. Its ministry areas (Christian education, outreach, pastoral care, and worship) are overseen by Vestry committees with clergy support. The congregation is a leader in ecumenical work and social ministries in the community. Music and liturgy are priorities, as is an education program that reaches all age groups. A recently completed \$2.2 million building program has enabled the parish to provide needed space to groups, programs and ministries both within and outside of the congregation. The professional staff includes a parish nurse, DRE, organist/choir director, and director of music for children and youth. This position involves sharing a ministry with the rector and other staff in the planning of programs, and equipping members of the congregation in their various ministries. Experience in youth work and pastoral care is desirable, as well as skills in the use of computers. This person will have specific responsibilities with oversight in the areas of youth ministry, outreach, formation, and communication, and will share with the rector in other aspects of parish life, including preaching. Interested persons should contact The Rev. Douglas Wm. McCaleb, 114 W. Boscawen St., Winchester, VA 22601, or telephone (540)662-5843. E-mail: [christch@shentel.net](mailto:christch@shentel.net).

**Vienna—Church of the Holy Comforter** seeks an Associate Rector for Pastoral Care. Holy Comforter is a dynamic, corporate-size parish in Vienna, VA, 15 miles west of Washington, DC. The associate will have primary responsibility for the coordination and support of all pastoral care ministries, shared with other clergy and a committed laity, plus liturgical and teaching responsibilities. Competitive salary and benefits commensurate with experience and Diocesan guidelines. Applicants are asked to send a letter of interest, CDO profile and resume to Associate Search Committee, 543 Beulah Rd. NE, Vienna, Virginia 22180-3599; Office, (703) 938-6521; FAX, (703) 281-1360; E-Mail, [rlord@holyccomforter.com](mailto:rlord@holyccomforter.com). See our Home Page at <http://www.holyccomforter.com> for additional information.

**Alexandria - Church of the Resurrection** seeks a part-time parish administrator. Hours are 1:00 - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, with some flexibility required. Familiarity

with Microsoft Word and Publisher preferred. For more information, call 703-998-0888 or email [office@welcometoresurrection.org](mailto:office@welcometoresurrection.org).

## Other Positions

*Please direct all announcements for non-clergy positions to the Editor Nancy Jenkins at [njenkins@thediocese.net](mailto:njenkins@thediocese.net) or via mail or fax at the Mayo House. Please make descriptions 100 words or less. Position will run in two issues unless subsequent announcements are requested.*

**Washington, DC** - The Washington National Cathedral is seeking an administrative officer to the dean to serve as manager of the dean's office staff. This person will prepare executive correspondence, provide research assistance and editorial services, and coordinate the dean's travel schedule. Bachelor's degree required. Theological education and/or ordination preferred. Please send cover letter and resume by September 15, 2002 to: Washington National Cathedral, Human Resources BI-1, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW, Washington, DC 20016.

**Richmond** - Richmond Hill, an ecumenical retreat center in downtown Richmond has several openings for residential staff in areas including finance, retreat coordination and food service. For more information, contact Elnora Allen, Administrator, at 804-783-7903.

**Great Falls** - Director of Children's Education. St. Francis', a suburban parish in Northern Virginia, seeks energetic and inspired lay director to lead children's ministries for a family-oriented parish. Established program in place; currently consists of five classes averaging 75 children each Sunday. Inspired leadership is needed to grow and share a joyful faith with children up to age 18. St. Francis has two full-time clergy, lots of volunteer support, beautiful facilities, and a pastoral setting. This is a part-time position offering a competitive salary. Send cover letter and resume to Director of Christian Education Search, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA, 22066, or to [secretary@stfranciscgreatfalls.org](mailto:secretary@stfranciscgreatfalls.org).

**Charlottesville** - Music and Artistic Director - Church of the Cross Episcopal ([www.cotcva.org](http://www.cotcva.org)), a growing evangelical church in beautiful Charlottesville, VA, seeks worship leader. Excellent piano/keyboard or guitar skills, and vocal ability. Gifts in creativity, leadership, administration, and a heart for glorifying God. Contact us at [music@cotcva.org](mailto:music@cotcva.org), or (434)964-0270.

**Leesburg** - St. James' is seeking a highly motivated, dynamic leader to serve as full-time youth pastor (lay or ordained). Responsibilities include leading the senior and junior high school youth group and Sunday school for youth grades 6-12. Required

qualifications include a strong commitment to Christ, and a demonstrated call to youth ministry. BA or MA in Christian Ed. a plus. Send resume and letter of interest to: Youth Pastor Search Committee, St. James' Episcopal Church, 14 Cornwall St., Leesburg, VA 20176.

## Workshops

**Sacred Places** - Ever wondered what grants and resources are available to you to help preserve and make the most of your historic church? The Partners for Sacred Places will cover these topics in a conference October 25-26 at the Washington National Cathedral. For more information, call 215-567-3235 or visit [www.sacredplaces.org](http://www.sacredplaces.org).

**The Role of Faith in the Middle East Crisis** - September 27-28 at Virginia Theological Seminary. Speakers include Mubarak Awad, Palestinian-American peace activist, Sis Levin, educator among Palestinians and Israelis, Jerry Levin, journalist, and Ken Giles, Jewish-American peace activist. The conference is sponsored by the Episcopal Dioceses of Washington and Virginia and the Metro Washington DC Synod of ELCA. For more information, call the Rev. Canon John Frizzell at 703-671-7610.

## Calendar

### September

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**Tee Off with the Bishops**—continues through Sept. 17 at Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs; join Bishops Jones and Bishop Gray for two rounds of golf at Bryce Resorts Golf Course. For information, contact Shrine Mont at 540-856-2141 or email: [shrine@shentel.net](mailto:shrine@shentel.net).

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**Executive Board, Deans and Presidents**—continues through Sept. 23 at Shrine Mont.

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**Fall Youth Rally**—the Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; for junior and senior high youth and the adults who work with them. Cost is \$10 per person. For information, call Linda Keener in the diocesan Program Office at 804-643-8451 or 1-800-DIOCESE, ext. 32.

## October

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**Fall Clergy Retreat**—continues through Oct. 9 at Shrine Mont; for information, call the diocesan Program Office at 804-643-8451 or toll free 1-800-DIOCESE, ext. 32.

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**Fall Camp**—continues through Oct. 16 at Shrine Mont; a retreat of fellowship and reflection, play and prayer, worship and rest; workshops offered; keynote speaker is Henry C. Simmons, a professor of religion and aging and director of the Center on Aging at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond. For information, call Linda Keener at 804-643-8451 or toll free 1-800-DIOCESE, ext. 32. Cost is \$100 per person.

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**111th Annual Meeting of the Diocesan ECW**—All Saints', Richmond. Welcome and registration 8:30 a.m.; program at 10 a.m.; fee \$15 includes lunch. Speaker is the Rev. Martha Macgill. For information, contact Sara Wallace, phone or fax: 804-741-0859.

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**Deans Meeting**—Trinity, Fredericksburg, 10 a.m.-noon.

## November

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**Burning Issues Conference**—continues through Nov. 5 at the Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn. The topic this year is "The Promise and Perils of Genetic Engineering." For information, contact Roslyn at 804-288-6045 or toll free 1-800-477-6296 or fax 804-285-3430. Visit their website at [www.roslyncenter.org](http://www.roslyncenter.org) or email: [roslynctr@erols.com](mailto:roslynctr@erols.com).

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**Executive Board Meeting**—Messiah, Chancellor, 10 a.m.

## December

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**Deans Meeting**—Trinity, Fredericksburg, 10 a.m.-noon.

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**Executive Board Meeting**—the Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn, 10 a.m.