

March, 2004

Dear Friends,

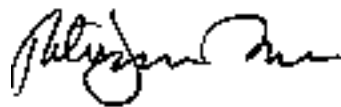
The 209th Annual Council adopted two resolutions, asking me to appoint members of two special groups. One is a Reconciliation Commission "to offer guidance over the next 12 months for how members of the diocese can prayerfully reflect on our differences and discern God's will in addressing those differences," and the other, a Task Force "to study the method by which our corporate program, mission and ministry are funded by the churches and members of the diocese." Each of these groups has a charge that grows out of current stresses in our common life, and their formation is a sign that we Christians believe stresses are gifts from God to discern more fully the path of discipleship to which we are called.

The Rev. Andrew Merrow, rector of St. Mary's Church, Arlington, has accepted appointment as chair of the Reconciliation Commission. Others who have accepted appointment are: the Rev. Charles Alley, St. Matthew's, Richmond; Stephen Bevis, St. Mary's, Arlington; Jo Belser, Grace, Alexandria; Hugo Blankingship, Church of the Apostles, Fairfax; Don Boileau, Good Shepherd, Burke; the Rev. Margaret Faeth, Immanuel-on-the-Hill, Alexandria; the Rev. Jeffrey Fishwick, Christ Church, Charlottesville; Donita Greene, Meade Memorial, Alexandria; the Rev. David Harper, Apostles, Fairfax; James Hartz, Christ Church, Alexandria; Paul Julienne, Truro, Fairfax; the Rev. John Miller, St. Mary's, Goochland, and Trevor Potter, Grace, the Plains.

Russell Randle of Christ Church, Alexandria, chairs the Task Force on Giving. Those who have accepted invitations to serve are: Cindi Bartol, Christ Church, Alexandria; Mark Burnett, St. Stephen's, Richmond; Karen Grane, St. Paul's, Alexandria; the Rev. John Guernsey, All Saints', Dale City; Mary Lewis Hix, Grace, Alexandria; Roger Inger, St. Paul's-on-the-Hill, Winchester; the Rev. Jeffrey Packard, Christ Church, Spotsylvania; the Rev. Stuart Schadt, Trinity Church, Manassas; Warren Thrasher, Truro, Fairfax; and the Rev. John Weatherly, St. Mark's, Alexandria.

I ask your support and prayers for these persons as they begin work important to the future of the Diocese of Virginia.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter James Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" being the most prominent.

Peter James Lee

About the Communiqué

Please feel free to use the material in the Communiqué, excerpting or reprinting parts of it in your newsletter, or posting the entire issue on your congregation's bulletin board. Please share it with others in your congregation who might find it helpful: Christian educators, church musicians, parish secretaries, parish newsletter editors, youth leaders.

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Prayers

The cycle of prayer is also available online at www.thediocese.net. At the home page, just click on the calendar.

Your prayers are asked for Maureen Sydnor, the Rev. Timothy Berry, Mary Jenks, and the Rev. Edwin Williams.

Pray each week for the **Lutheran, Anglican and Roman Catholic dioceses and synods in Virginia and their bishops; pray for churches that suffer persecution.**

Please pray for the following congregations and clergy during the weeks indicated. Congregations are scheduled for visits by the Bishops on their prayer dates.

Please pray for the meeting of the House of Bishops, March 18-24, 2004.

March 21: Please pray for the meeting of the House of

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March 28: St. Paul's, Charlottesville-the Rev. David Poist, the Rev. Jonathan Voorhees; Buck Mountain, Earlysville-the Rev. Genevieve Murphy; Blue Ridge School-the Rev. David McIlhiney; St. Andrew's, Arlington-the Rev. Randolph Bragg, the Rev. Ellen White; St. Gabriel's, Ashburn, the Rev. Jeunee Cunningham; Christ, Alexandria-the Rev. Pierce Klemmt, the Rev. Mary Lynn Dell, the Rev. Shirley Graham, the Rev. Carol Pinkham Oak, the Rev. Beverly Weatherly, Andrea Bowlby, the Rev. Duncan Burns, the Rev. Jennifer Ovenstone, the Rev. Joseph Pae, the Rev. Catherine Rafferty, the Rev. Mpho Tutu.

April 4: Aquia, Stafford-the Rev. Cuthbert Mandell, the Rev. Alexander MacPhail; St. Martin's, Richmond-the Rev. Lee Hutchison; Grace, Alexandria-the Rev. Robert Malm, the Rev. Anne Turner; St. Andrew's, Richmond-the Rev. David May; Holy Comforter, Richmond-the Rev. Jo-Ann Murphy.

April 18: Good Shepherd, Burke-the Rev. Laurence Packard, the Rev. Michael Pipkin, the Rev. Sarah Rockwell; St. John's, Warsaw/North Farnham-the Rev. Michael Malone; St. Paul's, Alexandria- the Rev. Oran Warder, the Rev. George Caldwell, the Rev. Diane Murphy, the Rev. Judith Proctor; Grace & Holy Trinity, Richmond-the Rev. Bollin Millner, the Rev. Jason Roberts; Christ Ascension, Richmond-the Rev. David Keill; St. Mary's, Fleeton-Please pray for this parish in its search for a rector, the Rev. Hal White, supply clergy.

April 25: Holy Comforter, Vienna-the Rev. Richard Lord, the Rev. Blair Pogue, the Rev. Dede Duncan – Probe; Emmanuel (Brook Hill), Richmond-Please pray for this parish in its search for a rector, the Rev. David Warner, interim; All Saints', Richmond-the Rev. Robert Friend, the Rev. Dale Harmon, the Rev. William Queen.

May 2: St. Luke's, Alexandria-the Rev. Tucker Bowerfind, the Rev. Lynda Hergenrather, the Rev. Michael Moore; Emmanuel, Harrisonburg-the Rev. Joy Rose; St. Stephen's, Richmond- the Rev. Thom Blair, the Rev. David Anderson, the Rev. David Knight, the Rev. Nancy Meck. Please pray for the participants in the Clergy/Lay Professionals/ Spouses Conference meeting at Shrine Mont, May 3-5.

May 9: Emmanuel, Greenwood-the Rev. Charles Mullaly; St. Asaph's, Bowling Green-the Rev. Pegram Johnson.

May 16: St. Paul's Hanover-The Rev. Jack Sutor; St. John's, McLean-the Rev. Edward Miller, the Rev. Matthew Corkern, the Rev. Louise Lusignan.

Announcements

Renewal of Ordination Vows Maundy Thursday

Clergy are invited by their bishops to renew their ordination vows on Maundy Thursday, April 8 at 11 a.m. Three simultaneous services are offered. Bishop Lee will preside at St. John's, Tappahannock; Bishop Jones at St. Alban's, Annandale; and Bishop Gray at St. Matthew's, Richmond. These services include the Blessing of the Oil of Chrism. RSVP to Karen Glasco at 1-800-DIOCESE, ext 12.

Parish Secretaries and Administrative Assistants Retreat

The Diocese will host the annual Parish Secretaries Conference April 20-22 at Roslyn. Workshops will provide administrators with resources useful to their daily work. Bishop Lee will present as will several diocesan staff members. Time is set aside for spiritual renewal and fellowship. The cost is \$175 for overnight guests or \$75 for commuters. For more information or to register, call Linda Keener at 1-800-Dioocese, ext 32.

Churches in Search

Receiving Names

Gordonsville, Christ Church: Rector, rural, 140 communicants, total operating revenue \$143,000.

Building Profile

Annandale, St. Alban's: Rector, full time, suburban, 415 communicants, total operating revenue \$425,000.

Hague, Cople Parish: Rector, Full time, rural, 240 communicants, \$166,000 total operating revenue.

Doswell, The Fork Church: Rector, part time, rural, statistics to be provided.

Fleeton, St. Mary's: Priest in Charge, full time, town, 106

communicants, total operating revenue \$153,000.

Fredericksburg, St. George's: Rector, full time, town, 880 communicants, total operating revenue \$550,000.

McLean, St. Dunstan's: Rector, full time, suburban, 271 communicants, \$375,000 total operating revenue.

New Kent, St. Peter's Parish Church: Rector, full time, 230 communicants, \$170,000 total operating revenue.

Port Royal, St. Peter's Church: Vicar, Part time, 32 communicants, \$34,000 total operating revenue.

Woodbridge, St. Margaret's: Rector, full time, suburban, 302 communicants, total operating income \$412,000.

No Longer Receiving Names

Richmond, Emmanuel, Brook Hill: Rector, full time, 471 communicants, total operating revenue \$315, 200.

Assistant/Associate Positions

Arlington, Trinity Church: Assistant Rector (part-time) Trinity Church seeks a recently ordained or experienced clergy person to share in the work of helping to nurture and equip this dedicated multicultural congregation to respond effectively to God's call to strengthen and create community in Christ's name in the Columbia Pike area. Established in 1903, Trinity Church is located in an increasingly demographically diverse urban community undergoing revitalization. The Assistant Rector will work collaboratively with the Rector and people of God to implement new ministries that extend radical hospitality to all, reach out to and meet the spiritual needs of residents in surrounding apartment communities, and help this community grow deeper in Christian faith and practice. Primary areas of responsibility for this part-time (20-25 hour per week) position include Christian Education and Evangelism. The Assistant Rector also will share equally in liturgical planning and preaching responsibilities. The position is available now with compensation to include competitive base salary, generous vacation provision and pension contribution. Any interested candidate should send his or her resume and CDO profile to The Rev. Kim L. Coleman, Rector, 2217 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Virginia 22204, or telephone at 703-920-7077, or email to rector@tecarl.org.

Calendar

March

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Committee on Aging meeting: 9:30 a.m., Trinity Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg.

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Clergy Tax Conference: 1:30-9:15 p.m., at the Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn, 8727 River Rd., Richmond. Led by the Rev. Canon Bill Geisler, CPA and former comptroller of the Diocese of California, and Mr. Michael Kerr, Treasurer of the Diocese of Virginia. For more info, contact Mike at 800/DIOCESE, ext. 20, or mkerr@thediocese.net. Cost \$55.

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Shrine Mont Development Committee meeting: 12:15 p.m., following Eucharist in the Chapel at Mayo Memorial Church House, 110 W. Franklin St., Richmond.

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Committee on Education meeting: 10 a.m., Trinity Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg.

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Ecumenical & Interfaith Commission meeting: 10 a.m., Trinity Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg.

Region 15 meeting: 6 p.m. Eucharist; 7 p.m. dinner and meeting; St. Paul's Church, 851 Owensville Rd, Ivy. Phone 804/979-6354.

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Committee on Stewardship of Creation meeting: 10 a.m., St. Andrew's, Main St., Mt. Jackson.

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Consultants' training: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Trinity Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg. For more info, contact Lindsay Ryland at 800/DIOCESE, ext. 13, or lryland@thediocese.net.

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Prison and Jail Ministry Parish Training Workshop: Noon, to 11:30 a.m. March 27, at the Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn. Cost \$125. Registration deadline March 19. Contact Linda Keener at 800/DIOCESE, ext. 32, or lkeener@thediocese.net.

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Stewardship Committee meeting: 9:00 a.m., Northern Virginia (t/b/a).

World Mission Commission general meeting: 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., training session at Trinity Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg. For more info, contact Mary Anne Bryant at 800/DIOCESE, ext. 15, or mabryant@thediocese.net.

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Choral concert, Mozart's "Requiem": 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 3241 Brush Dr., Falls Church. Combined choirs of St. John's, St. Patrick's, St. Paul's Bailey's Crossroads, Holy Cross Korean Church, and Trinity Church, with chamber orchestra and guest soloists. Donations appreciated. For more info, contact Mariko Burris at 703/533-9454 or allemandeMB@aol.com.

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Commission on Human Need meeting: 10 a.m., Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn, 8727 River Rd., Richmond.

April

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Fresh Start: Contact Peggy Hombs at 800/DIOCESE, ext. 11, or phombs@thediocese.net.

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Annual Senior High Weekend: 5 p.m. through Sunday morning; at Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs. For grades 9-12 and the adults who work with them.

Eton College Choir Concert: 7:30 p.m. at All Saints' Church, 8787 River Rd., Richmond. Tickets \$15 in advance (804/288-7811) or \$18 at the door. The college and choir of men and boys were founded in 1440 by King Henry VI, and is currently directed by Ralph Allwood. For more info, contact Andrew Koebler, Organist and Choirmaster at All Saints', 804/288-7811.

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Evensong: 5 p.m., St. James's Church, 1205 W. Franklin St., Richmond. Featuring the Choirs of the College of William and Mary. For more info, call 804/355-1779 or email mwhitmire@doers.org.

Arts at Abingdon Concert: Presents the Youth Millennium Choir, directed by Gordon Stewart in a concert for Lent at 5 p.m., at Abingdon Church, Rt. 17, White Marsh. For more info, call 804/693-3035.

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Episcopal Church Women Region II Meeting: 9 a.m., Wicomico Church, 5191 Jessie duPont Mem'l Hwy., Wicomico Church. Sharon Baldacci will speak on her new book "A Sundog Moment" (when differing circumstances you have no control over suddenly tie together, creating a

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definitive moment of faith). Bring a sandwich for lunch; Holy Eucharist will follow. For more info, call 804/580-6445.

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Fresh Start: Contact Peggy Hombs, 800/DIOCESE, ext. 11, or phombs@thediocese.net.

Seder Dinner: 6 p.m. at Kingston Parish, Rt. 14, Mathews. At the Parish House. RSVP by April 5, 804/725-2175.

18th Annual Good Friday Gathering: Noon-1:00 p.m., Barnett Newman's "The Stations of the Cross" at the National Gallery of Art, 4th and Constitution Aves. NW, Washington, DC. Sponsored by the Center for Liturgy and the Arts. Contact the Rev. Bruce Stewart, 703/941-9422 or ArtWithYou@aol.com.

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Committee on Race Relations meeting: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Trinity Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg.

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Executive Board meeting: 5 p.m. Sunday-2 p.m. Monday, at Shrine Mont; with Regional Deans and Presidents.

Jazz Mass: 10 a.m., St. James's Church, 1205 W. Franklin St., Richmond. Featuring St. James's Choirs and guest instrumentalists. For more info, call 804/355-1779 or email mwhitmire@doers.org.

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Committee on Aging meeting: 9:30 a.m., Trinity Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg.

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Parish Secretaries/Administrative Assistants Retreat: Beginning 2 p.m. and continuing to 2 p.m. April 22, at the Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn, 8727 River Rd., Richmond. Cost: \$175, or \$75 for commuters. For more info, contact Joe Wingenbach at 800/DIOCESE, ext. 31, or jwingenbach@thediocese.net.

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Committee on Education meeting: 10 a.m., Trinity Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg.

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Learning How to Minister in Power: continues through April 24 at the Falls Church, Falls Church. A teaching and training conference on Christian healing led by Bishop David Pytches. The advance registration fee is \$60; \$70 at the door. To register, call 703-532-7600.

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Arts at Abingdon: Presents classical guitarist Robert Belinic from Croatia, 7:30 p.m., Abingdon Church Rt. 17, White Marsh, VA.

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Stewardship Committee meeting: 9:00 a.m., Trinity Church, 825 College Avenue, Fredericksburg.

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World Mission Commission Executive Committee meeting: 1-3 p.m., at Trinity Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg. For more info, contact Mary Anne Bryant at 800/DIOCESE, ext. 15, or mabryant@thediocese.net.

May

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Committee on Mental Health meeting: 10 a.m., Trinity Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg.

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Sexuality Dialogue Group: At Shrine Mont; through May 3.

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Clergy/Spouse/Lay Professionals Conference: Shrine Mont. Contact Karen Smith at 800/DIOCESE, ext. 10 or email ksmith@thediocese.net.

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Heritage Linen Sale and Tea: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Episcopal Church Women of St. Thomas, McLean will host a sale of fine linens, crystal stemware and serving pieces. Proceeds benefit St. John's. Admission is free. For more information, call 703-356-2586.

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Taizé Service: 5 p.m., Holy Comforter Church, 4819 Monument Ave., Richmond. For more info, call 804/355-3251.

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Parish Youth Ministries Committee meeting: 6:15 p.m., St. George's Church, 905 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg.

Diocesan Missionary Society meeting: 10 a.m., Trinity Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg.

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Fresh Start: Contact Peggy Hombs at 800/DIOCESE, ext. 11, or phombs@thediocese.net.

Spring Open Board Meeting: Episcopal Church Women, 10 a.m., at St. Mary's Church, 12291 River Rd., Richmond. For more info, contact Jackie Drumheller at 540/967-0608,