



2008 MID-YEAR REPORT *to the* HOUSE OF BISHOPS



Class of 2008 Bishops and Spouses

NEW BISHOPS' AND SPOUSES' CONFERENCE, JANUARY 21-25

This conference at Camp Allen provided bishops elected in 2007 and their spouses an opportunity to come together for five days of community building, reflection and support during their unique time of transition into a new ministry, new roles and new experiences. The Presiding Bishop and her husband, Dick, joined the group for two days during the week. Thank you to the following faculty members for a productive program:

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| Karlah Gibbs | Karen Sisk |
| Wendell Gibbs | Mark Sisk |
| Martha Matthews | Woodi Sprinkel |
| Clay Matthews | Geoffrey Tristram |

90 DAY COMPANIONS

The newest of the College for Bishops programs, this pilot project pairs an active bishop with a newly-elected bishop to assist him/her with transitional issues and provide support during the critical 90-day period between election and consecration. We thank the following bishops who have served or are currently serving as companions:

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| George Councill | Gene Robinson |
| Rayford High | Kirk Smith |
| Mark Hollingsworth | Dean Wolfe |
| Jim Mathes | |

LIVING OUR VOWS RESIDENCY, MAY 19-23

Twenty-seven bishops (those elected in 2006 and 2007) attended the five-day conference at Lake Logan Conference Center. Four newly-elected bishops from the Anglican Church of Canada were included in this group as well. The participants gathered together in community to reflect on the gifts, power, and authority of the episcopate and to acquire resources to lead and serve dioceses effectively and faithfully. We are grateful to the following faculty members and guest speakers for their participation in the conference:

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| Macky Alston | Sally Johnson |
| David Beers | Mary Kostel |
| Fred Borsch | Clay Matthews |
| Sam Faeth | Todd Ousley |
| Barry Howe | Tom Shaw |
| Gay Jennings | Ann Tottenham |

LIVING OUR VOWS PEER COACHING

The peer coaching program provides new bishops with a companion relationship that supports spiritual health and personal development to equip them for transformative leadership. The coaching relationship begins immediately following a new bishop's consecration and continues for the duration of the three-year Living Our Vows program. We are grateful to the following bishops who serve as peer coaches:

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| Skip Adams | Ted Gulick | Stacy Sauls |
| Neil Alexander | Rayford High | Gordon Scruton |
| Frank Brookhart | Mark Hollingsworth | Drew Smith |
| Joe Burnett | Barry Howe | Kirk Smith |
| Bud Cederholm | Don Johnson | Michael Smith |
| George Councill | David Jones | Wayne Smith |
| Jim Curry | Mike Klusmeyer | Porter Taylor |
| Dan Daniel | Ed Little | Charles vonRosenberg |
| Philip Duncan | Jim Mathes | Jim Waggoner |
| Tom Ely | Steve Miller | Dean Wolfe |
| Wendell Gibbs | Henry Parsley | |
| Duncan Gray | Neff Powell | |
| Bill Gregg | Nedi Rivera | |

The mission of the College for Bishops is to provide opportunities for education and formation that will strengthen bishops in their personal lives, as diocesan leaders in God's mission and in their vocation to God as a community of bishops in service to the Episcopal Church.

PLEDGES

The number of pledges to the College for Bishops has remained high since the first pledge solicitations were sent in 2006. Approximately 63% of active bishops have made a financial contribution towards the work of the College.

We continue to seek 100% participation from the House. Thank you to the following individuals (and their diocese at the time of initial contribution) for their support:

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Chilton Knudsen, ME
Peter Lee, VA
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Bill Love, Albany
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Rochester
Rodney Michel, GA
Steve Miller, Milwaukee
Wallis Ohl, Northwest TX
James Otle, Long Island
Todd Ousley, Eastern MI
George Packard, Chaplaincies
Henry Parsley, AL
Bill Persell, Chicago
Neff Powell, Southwestern VA

Ken Price, Southern OH
David Reed, West TX
Greg Rickel, Olympia
Nedi Rivera, Olympia
Bill Sanders, Retired – East TN
Stacy Sauls, Lexington
Victor Scantlebury, Chicago
Gordon Scruton, Western MA
Bud Shand, Easton
Mark Sisk, NY
Kirk Smith, AZ
Dabney Smith, Southwest FL
Drew Smith, CT
Michael Smith, ND
Jeffrey Steenson, Resigned
Bill Swing, Retired – CA
Porter Taylor, Western NC
Charlie vonRosenberg, East TN
Jim Waggoner, Spokane
Orris Walker, Long Island
Vincent Warner, Retired –
Olympia
Cate Waynick, Indianapolis
Keith Whitmore, Eau Claire
Arthur Williams, Retired – OH
Geraldyn Wolf, RI
Dean Wolfe, KS
Wayne Wright, DE

CONFERENCE ON ORDERLY TRANSITIONS, SEPTEMBER 22-26

This conference, held every two years, assists bishops and spouses of bishops in preparing for their transitions into retirement. The program contains a theological and spiritual framework for approaching life and ministry in retirement. Financial planning is provided by The Church Pension Fund. This conference also includes discussions regarding institutional concerns and the impact of retirement on long-term and new relationships. The efforts of the following faculty members are much appreciated:

Betty Creighton
Michael Creighton
Jim Dooley
Bob Johnson
Julie Johnson
Helen Leonard
Clay Matthews

LAUNCH OF SPOUSES' WEB AREA

The password-protected area for the Community of the Spouses of Bishops was launched on the College for Bishops website at the end of June. This area provides resources, general information, a calendar of events, photos, etc. pertinent to the spouse community.



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