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Effective 10.1.11

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Call for Nominations

Due 10.3.11

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Date

Dear Friends,

I am so deeply thankful for all that was done by so many of you to bring together the inaugural Synod and Investiture at Truro Church on September 10. I want to thank the Rector, Vestry, staff and people of Truro for their extraordinary hospitality. The Rev. Tory Baucum and his team, especially Executive Director Warren Thrasher, went “above and beyond” to make the day such a glorious celebration. Your generosity, thoughtfulness and hard work were truly amazing. My great thanks also to the Rev. James Guthrie of our staff for his faithful attention to detail, to the Rev. Mark Brown, who coordinated the liturgy, and to all the musicians and other participants.

The gracious outpouring of love and prayer from the clergy and people of our new Diocese has been overwhelming. Meg and I have been so blessed and encouraged by all the kind words and expressions of support. Thank you so much.

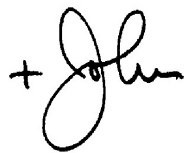
This past weekend, I was privileged to visit Church of the Epiphany in Herndon, where Meg and I were lovingly hosted in the home of the Rev. Robin and Penny Rauh. On Saturday morning, I led a session for Vestry, staff and ministry leaders on 1 Peter 3:15, focusing on how to speak positively and creatively to friends and neighbors about our church, sharing the ways the Lord Jesus has

changed lives through the congregation. It was a fun and lively time, with many wonderful testimonies. I then had lunch with the clergy while Meg enjoyed time with the clergy wives. We also had wonderful fellowship at a dinner for the Vestry, staff and spouses. On Sunday, I preached and celebrated at both services, joined in a beautiful reception and then had lunch with the Rauhs as a lovely finish to the weekend.

This past Sunday was also the first Sunday in their new building for All Saints' Church in Woodbridge, my former parish and host of our new diocesan office. I've heard great reports of lots of new people streaming in, and I'm looking forward to their big dedication weekend, with the dedication service on Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Meg and I are off this week to Nigeria to attend the consecration of the Rev. Julian Dobbs and the Rev. Felix Orji as CANA bishops. It will be a joy to be there to represent Archbishop Duncan and our Diocese and to pray for these two godly men. From Lagos we'll head directly to Seattle for the Anglican Church in North America's College of Bishops retreat. That will be followed by the consecration of the Rev. Kevin Bond Allen as first Bishop of the Diocese of Cascadia, at which I'll be preaching. I'd appreciate your prayers for us!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a plus sign followed by the name 'John' in a cursive script.

The Rt. Rev. John A. M. Guernsey
Bishop
Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic

Read or share this letter online.

Investiture 2011



We at the new [Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic](#) were so delighted by your turnout and support at the Investiture service on Saturday, September 10 for our first bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey. Seventeen Anglican bishops including three bishops from Canada gathered for the event, Archbishop Robert Duncan presided over the service. We encourage you to continue to view and share the links below with friends, as this is a special time in our Diocese and in the Anglican faith tradition.

[Anglican.TV video of the event](#)

[Photos of the event](#)

[Press release of the event](#)

[Facebook feedback of the event](#)

We also would love to hear from you - if you would like to submit a note of encouragement to Bishop Guernsey or share your thoughts on the event, please [contact us](#).

Why Anglicanism? Compilation Booklet

Still a hit, this booklet is a compilation of a written essay and speaker series on the meaning of Anglicanism. The American Anglican Council recently featured the booklet on its website and in email communications and social media. This week, Canon Phil Ashey answered the question, "Why do you choose to be an Anglican follower of Jesus?" See how other Anglicans are answering this question in the "[Why Anglicanism](#)" booklet.

View this week's episode [here](#).

9/11 Commemoration

On 9/11, our Archbishop preached at The Falls Church in Falls Church, Va., near our nation's capital. The focus of the worship service was on the 9/11 anniversary. To view Anglican TV's coverage, click [here](#). To listen to the podcast or read the transcript, click [here](#).

All Saints' Church Marches to Gideon!

Parishioners celebrate new worship space: On Saturday, September 17, parishioners of All Saints' Church walked the nearly 5 mile stretch from their former church building on Saratoga Lane to the new church on Gideon Drive. The march began with prayer and



praise as children and adults left the old parking lot, too small to handle the Sunday morning traffic, and ended with laughter, clapping, and cheering upon entering the new parking lot, large enough to hold more than double the capacity of the new building. [Read the full story.](#)

ARDF Now CFC Eligible

Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) eligible for CFC: We are pleased to announce that **ARDF** has been named as a charitable organization eligible to participate in the **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)**. This option allows federal employees to support relief and development work of the Anglican Church around the world by designating their CFC donation for ARDF (CFC# 65974). ARDF is the official relief and development agency for **The Anglican Church in North America**.

[Print a poster for your church.](#)

ARDF is included on page 112 in the [CFC 2011 Online Catalog of Caring](#). The mission of ARDF is to provide life change for the economically poor in the Global South through effective, efficient, holistic and measurable relief and development projects.

All gifts to **The Anglican Relief and Development Fund** are tax deductible and will be acknowledged promptly with a receipt. Please mail checks to ARDF, PO Box 3830, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3820.

Upcoming Events

9.27.11

Christianity in Iran Seminar

[The Falls Church](#)

Contact: [George Hooper](#) – (202) 886-9250

9.25.11 - 9.28.11

Orkney Springs Healing Retreat

Contact: John & Jane Harler – (804) 741-3534

[More Details](#)

10.1.11

Fundraising Dinner for Pastor Pierre

[Church of the Holy Spirit](#)

Contact: [John Nuzum](#) -- (703) 726-0777

[More Details](#)

10.1.11

Blessing of the Animals

[Potomac Falls Anglican Church](#)

Special Event

Annual Synod Reconvenes: Join us at All Saints' Church in Woodbridge, Va. for the reconvening of the Synod. Our focus will be on mission, featuring a testimony by each member church about what the Lord is doing through you. Stay tuned for registration and more details. If you have questions about how your church can be involved, please email [James Guthrie](#).

New Resource

Updated FAQs document available: We appreciate your questions about the transition of the new Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. We hope that you view and share the [updated FAQs document](#) with friends.

[More Details](#)

10.6.11

MOMSnext Ministry

St. Margaret's Anglican Church

Contact: Tien Colbert

10.7.11 - 10.8.11

Church Dedication and Celebration

All Saints' Church

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10.28.11

Discipleship Conference with

Robert Coleman

Contact: Brian Klotz

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