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October 20, 2011

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Dear Friends,

I'm writing this early in the morning on the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, October 18. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Luke for his writing of both the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts.

His introduction to the Gospel shows us intention and his method:

"Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught." (Luke 1:1-4 ESV)

Luke conducted careful historical research, including study of both the earlier written accounts of Jesus' life and the reports of eyewitnesses. He was a scientist (Paul calls him "the beloved physician" in Colossians 4:14) and his precision and concern for accuracy come through clearly. He wanted his readers to know the truth and to be confident that it is the truth. The Greek word for "certainty" in verse 4 is *asphaleia*, from which we get our word, "asphalt." Luke was a first-rate historian and he wanted us to be firm and solid in our knowledge of the truth based

on fact.

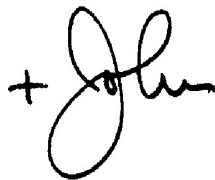
But Luke was also a fine theologian. His introduction to the Acts of the Apostles (as it has been known since Bishop Irenaeus of Lyons called it that in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century) says this:

“In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” (Acts 1:1-3 ESV)

Luke was concerned that we know the meaning of the historical facts. He wanted us to understand what Jesus taught and its significance. He was eager to point out that, while Jesus’ work of salvation was accomplished on the Cross, Jesus’ ministry continues through His Church by the Holy Spirit. That’s why he says that the Gospel of Luke, which he considered to be “Volume 1,” dealt only with what Jesus began to do and teach. The Book of Acts, Volume 2, contains what Jesus continued to do and teach through His followers in the power of the Spirit.

In honor of Saint Luke, would you stop and read a chapter from either the Gospel of Luke or the Book of Acts? And then give thanks to God for this Evangelist and his faithful witness to the truth that is in Jesus Christ.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a small cross symbol followed by the name 'John' in a cursive script.

The Rt. Rev. John A. M. Guernsey

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## **Annual Synod: Register by Nov. 4**

The Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic Fall 2011 Synod will be held November 18-19, 2011 at All Saints’ Anglican Church in Woodbridge. Please register by November 4 at [www.anglicandistrictofvirginia.org/synod2011](http://www.anglicandistrictofvirginia.org/synod2011).

**Location:**

The Synod will be held at the new All Saints' Church building in Woodbridge, VA:  
14851 Gideon Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22192

**Accommodations:**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Wytestone Suites, less than half a mile from All Saints' Church.  
14525 Gideon Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
(703) 490-4100

You will need to reserve your own accommodations. Be sure to identify yourself with the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic to get the \$88/night rate. This price includes a full hot breakfast and WiFi. Deadline for registration is November 4<sup>th</sup>. [Hotel Details](#).

If you would prefer to stay in a private home, please email [Heather Adams](#) or call her at 703-590-5470 (Diocesan office) or 703-850-8236 (cell). This offer is subject to availability of host homes.

**Schedule: November 18-19, 2011****Friday**

**Registration** will be from 4:00-7:30 in the atrium of All Saint' Church.  
Light refreshments will be available.

**Opening Eucharist** will begin at 7:30. This service is open to the public.  
Clergy are asked to vest. (Green stoles.)  
Childcare is provided for children 5 and under. If you require childcare, please indicate that on your registration form.

**Saturday**

**Registration** opens at 8:00 am.  
Coffee, and breakfast snacks will be available.

The Synod begins with worship at 8:45 am.

Lunch is included in your registration fee.  
Our Diocesan Offices will be blessed following lunch.  
Synod concludes at 4:00 pm

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**Nominations Requested: Constitution and Canons  
Committee and Ecclesiastical Trial Court**

The Committee on Nominations is actively seeking nominations (due Oct. 24) for the following Diocesan positions as called for in our new Constitution and Canons, to be elected at our Diocesan Synod, November 18-19, 2011.

**Ecclesiastical Trial Court:** Nine persons will be elected—four lay persons and five clergy—for staggered three-year terms.

**Constitution and Canons Committee:** Nine persons will be elected for staggered three-year terms.

**Provincial Council:** Three persons will be elected—one clergy and two lay persons.

**Provincial Assembly:** Twenty persons will be elected—seven clergy, seven lay persons, and six youth (aged 16-26 years old).

**Youth Delegates:** Four youth delegates needed for Nov. 16-22.

Note that for all of these bodies, persons from all walks of life and with a variety of gifts and experience are needed.

Please submit your nominations by Oct. 24 to James Guthrie at the Diocesan Office, [james.guthrie@anglicandistrictofvirginia.org](mailto:james.guthrie@anglicandistrictofvirginia.org). The Committee on Nominations will publish the list of nominees, along with their biographical information and other material, on or about November 1.



## All Saints' Dedicates New Building

All Saints' Church celebrated the dedication of their new building Friday through Sunday, October 7-9, 2011 starting with a classic car show and outdoor Christian band performances on Friday night. The car show included a variety of cars such as a 1930 Model A Roadster and a 2010 Dodge Challenger. Embrace the Flood, a band of All Saints' youth, was the first band to perform for a large crowd at an outdoor venue behind the church. Other performers during the weekend included the Brother Sister Band, Addison Road, Shane and Shane, and Dan Morgan & Friends. Visitors from the local community came to participate and find out more about the new building. Kids played in "moonbounces" and there were tents with prayer teams available throughout the weekend.

The new facility was dedicated and consecrated on Saturday morning. The large congregation included local pastors and members of partner congregations, clergy from the Diocese, local dignitaries, as well as the engineers, lawyers, architects, and bankers who supported the construction of the new church. Amid joyful praise and worship, the Rt. Rev. John A. M. Guernsey consecrated the sanctuary, the altar, the pulpit and the organ. The Rev. Dan Morgan gave an inspiring sermon, reminding the congregation that the new

building is a starting point for sharing God's love and healing power in the community, not the finish line of a building project.



Before the Holy Eucharist, Va. State Delegate Scott Lingamfelter presented Rev. Morgan with a Virginia State flag that was flown atop the Virginia State Capital. Other dignitaries in attendance Lingamfelter 's wife, Shelley Elizabeth Glick; Prince William County Supervisor Maureen Caddigan; and Prince William County Supervisor John Jenkins with his wife Ernestine Jenkins.



A festive lunch reception followed the dedication of the new facility.

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## St. Brendan's in the City

On October 29th, from 9am-5pm, member church St. Brendan's will be hosting a day of greatly needed renovations and construction at their Distribution Center (3182 Bladensburg Road, NE, Washington DC). The site provides food and clothing for hundreds of low-income residents in Northeast DC. Friends from Dominion Electric will be there that day updating the lighting system. We hope you can make it too! [Map](#). If you have skills or an interest in gathering a team to help \*paint\*, \*carpet\* or \*drywall\* the facility, please let them know! Contact Seamus Merrigan at 202-745-7118 ext 249 or by email at [jmerrigan@missiondc.org](mailto:jmerrigan@missiondc.org).

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## Relationship Central Conference: The Way of Grace Before Truth

*By Tory Baucum*

At our parish retreat, our teacher Jeff Black, reminded us that we are called to exhibit both grace and truth in our ministries. Jesus seldom preached the truth first. As John wrote "grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (1:17). According to the other gospel writers, grace preceded truth. Jesus would heal the blind man, feed the hungry, exorcise the demoniac THEN tell them the good news of the kingdom. This is the Jesus' Way of evangelism: Grace and Truth. Grace BEFORE Truth. As sinners, we all need openness to truth. Grace opens us to truth.

As we ask God to show us how to share His love with those who don't know it, we must be open to demonstrating grace in people's point of need and pain. There is seldom a site

of pain and need greater in people, than in their families and marriages.

Our conference this fall on relationships is designed to equip us (and other churches) with ministries of grace that can bear the weight of truth. As we minister to people in the difficulties of making their marriages work and helping them to be better parents, we are earning a hearing for the Gospel.

[Read more and register.](#)

**Publicity announcement for use on your website or in materials:** RELATIONSHIPS!! It's what God is about. It's what we are about. But how well do we do "relationships"? Come to the upcoming Relationship Central Conference to be held Saturday, October 22 from 8:30am -5:00pm at Truro Church. This conference is going to be life changing!! Invite all your neighbors, friends, family, the person in front of you in the grocery line and any one else you see. The children's program for ages 4-16 (4-5, 6-9, 10-12, 13-16) is really going to be phenomenal!!! Give your kids skills that will change their relationships and their lives!

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## Church of the Epiphany hosts Jubilee Harvest Event

**Jubilee**, a fall harvest festival for the entire Franklin Farm community, is one of Epiphany's greatest annual community outreach events. Many families look forward to this wonderful event every year. Spread the word to your neighbors and friends to let them know about this fun, exciting happening.

This year's Jubilee celebration will be held on Monday, October 31 from 5:00 - 7:30pm. Concessions and games will run from 5:00-7:00pm and Trunk-or-Treating will be from 7:00-7:30pm. Both Crossover and The Live Oak Band will be playing again this year!

Want to help? Church of the Epiphany is looking for the following:

- Volunteers to help with concessions, games and trunk-or-treating;
- Monetary Donations to offset costs;
- Candy Donations; and
- Baked Goods for the Cake Walk.

Sign-up sheets are at the Jubilee table in the Gathering Place. For more info please feel free to email [Jane](#) or call her at 703-391-1786. This event is made possible by the time and generosity of the members of Epiphany.

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## Upcoming Events

10.22  
**Relationship Central Conference**  
Truro Church

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## Special Event

**Save the date:** The Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic will once again host the Men's Spiritual Life Conference the weekend of **March 23-25, 2012**. We will once again go to

[Info Link](#)

10.23

**Victorian-era Morning Prayer and Harvest Social**

Union Church /  
Brentsville Courthouse Historic Center

[Info Link](#)

10.28 - 10.29

**Discipleship Conference with Robert Coleman**

Contact: [Brian Klotz](#)

[Info Link](#)

10.31

**Jubilee Harvest Event**

Church of the Epiphany, Herndon  
Contact: [Jane Derrick](#),  
703-391-1786

11.4 - 11.6

**Men's Retreat**

Anglican Church of the Redeemer

Contact: [Craig](#)

([craigstephans@gmail.com](mailto:craigstephans@gmail.com)) or

[Dennis \(dadudley@yahoo.com\)](mailto:dadudley@yahoo.com)

[Info Link](#)

11.13

**Talmud: The Art of Marc Chagall and Ben-Zion**

**Gallery Reception**

Hosted by Truro Church

Contact: [Kirsten Boyd](#)

[Info Link](#)

11.18 - 11.19

**Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic Annual Synod**

[Info Link](#)

03.23 - 03.25.12

**Diocese Men's Retreat**

Stay Tuned for Registration Details.

[Info Link](#)

the lovely Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown, WV. Our speaker this year will be our new bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey. Bishop John would like to take this opportunity to get to know the men of the Diocese. Please mark your calendars and spread the word! For more information check out our website at <http://www.domamen.org/>. Registration will be open soon.

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## 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.

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