



Diocese of the
MID-ATLANTIC
Anglican Church in North America

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December 1, 2011

Dear Friends,

I reported last week about our **Diocesan Synod**. Our theme was Luke 9:43, "They were all amazed at the greatness of God,... marveling at all that Jesus did." We spent the great majority of our time hearing testimonies from each church on what the Lord is doing in and through them.

We will be posting a number of these testimonies on our website in the coming weeks. I know you'll be blessed and encouraged by these accounts of what Jesus is doing!

Here is one testimony, from St. Brendan's in the City, offered by Jason, a 26 year-old with a life filled with broken relationships, addiction and prison, who has been touched and transformed by Jesus Christ through the ministry of His people.

[Jason's testimony on the Diocese Web site.](#)

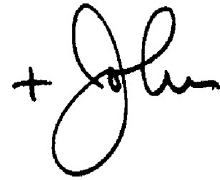
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I write this on St. Andrew's Day, November 30. Andrew was the apostle known for meeting Jesus and then immediately reaching out to bring his brother to the Lord: "Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus" (John 1:40-42).

There are so many around us who need to know what the Lord is doing among us! Like Andrew, be quick to share your experience of Jesus with those you know. And you might share the link to Jason's testimony with someone who needs to know that our God is mighty to save!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ John". The signature is stylized and cursive.

The Rt. Rev. John A. M. Guernsey

[Read or share this online.](#)

[Listen to Bishop Guernsey's Friday evening sermon on healing and Saturday morning Address here.](#)

Special Thanks



Thanks to Mary McReynolds... We give thanks to God for the faithful and sacrificial ministry of Mary A. McReynolds, who served for five years as the Chancellor of the Anglican District of Virginia. Mary's changing professional circumstances have made it impossible for her to continue in the same role in the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. We are so very grateful for her offering of countless hours to guide and encourage our movement as our churches first came together to form the ADV and then developed the Constitution and Canons and other structures to launch our new Diocese. Thank you, Mary!

Special Welcome



Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic Chancellor... At our recent Synod, I announced the appointment of Scott J. Ward as Chancellor of the Diocese. Scott, a long-time member of The Falls Church, has extensive involvement in our Anglican movement, serving also as a Vice-Chancellor and member of the Governance Task Force of the Anglican Church in North America and as Chancellor of CANA. Scott is an owner in the law firm Gammon & Grange, P.C.; areas of his practice include nonprofit organizations, employment and human resources, and civil and appellate litigation. Scott is a godly and respected leader and it is a joy to have him in this key role for our new Diocese.

Testimonies of Transformation at Diocesan Synod

“They were all amazed at the greatness of God,...marveling at all that Jesus did.” (Luke 9:43)



Members of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic came out for testimonies, praise, worship and fellowship during the first annual Diocesan Synod on November 18-19 at All Saints' Church in Woodbridge, Va.

The theme of this year's Diocesan Synod was Luke 9:43, “They were all amazed at the greatness of God, marveling at all that Jesus did.” The great majority of the Synod was spent hearing testimonies from each church on what the Lord is doing in and through them.

In addition to riveting personal testimonies of transformation, the highlights included a Eucharist centered on healing, both in the sermon and through an extended time of healing prayer ministry, a report on the vital work of church planting, a dedication of the new diocesan offices at All Saints' Church, approval of the 2012 budget, and elections.

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Listen to Jason's testimony

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“I was privileged to hear and see all day on Saturday messages of hope and evidence of a ‘new day’ from the churches all around the Mid-Atlantic. It was truly a journey through Acts of the Apostles - testimonies that could easily fill Acts 2. It was so encouraging to witness the Holy Spirit on the move as we are being faithful to follow. Our new Bishop is a gentle giant, John Guernsey. It was an anointed day to be with all the clergy especially, who are genuinely blooming under the leadership of their new shepherd overseer who majors on the Main Thing and throws out Roberts Rules of Order in favor of testimonies and healing prayer for all of us,” said Carol Jackson of The Falls Church.

The Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic continues to emphasize that there are so many around us who need to know what the Lord is doing among us.

Bishop Guernsey put this into biblical context as he exhorted the Diocese, “Like Andrew, be quick to share your experience of Jesus with those you know. And you might share the link to Jason's testimony with someone who needs to know that our God is mighty to save!”

Jack Koller, senior warden at Christ the King Church, Alexandria, offered his experience at the event, saying, “The Synod was a very special time for me. It was a great opportunity to come together to recognize Jesus as our Lord, to ask for his favor and direction and to celebrate what He is doing in our

midst. It reminded me time and time again that His promises are true. The September synod was the moment we passed into the promised land - the new diocese. The November Synod was the impetus for me, inspired by such great stories of His work, to get to work. It called me forward to live more like my brothers and sisters in Christ as they give witness to the Lord Almighty," continued Koller.

More details about Annual Synod can be found [here](#).

Christ Church Vienna Launches

The Rev. John Kurcina



It's probably not a good idea to try to prove Jesus wrong. But I am hoping Jesus was wrong when he cited the proverb: a prophet is not welcomed in his hometown.

I am the lead pastor of Christ Church Vienna, a new church plant out of The Falls Church. We held our first public worship service on November 6 at Louise Archer Elementary in Vienna, Va. It was a great morning of joyful worship in which friends and family, neighbors and strangers, and people from all sorts of church backgrounds joined in the launch of this new church.

Ironically, I was preaching and celebrating communion in the same cafeteria in which I had eaten lunch 30 years earlier as an elementary school kid. I grew up in Vienna, Va. My mom grew up in Vienna, Va. My great-grandmother lived in Vienna, Va. when horse and buggy was still in use to pick up groceries from the Freeman Store. And when I left Madison High School in Vienna, Va. in 1993, I could not wait to get as far away as possible. Even then, I believed I was called to ministry, but I assumed my calling was in another country.

Read the rest and share this story online.



We hope you read more about Christ Church Vienna at www.christchurchvienna.com.

Scouting for Food: A Good Report

Church of the Apostles

As part of the annual Scouting for Food drive earlier in November, Cub Scout Pack at Church of the Apostles collected 121 bags of groceries for people in need. Since an average bag of food weighs about twenty pounds, this means our Scouts gathered well over 2400 pounds of food for their

community! The St. Leo's food bank reckoned that they brought in one of the largest single collections of the day! Pack 918 is a Christ-centered Cub Scouting experience. The Pack is open to any boy in Grades 1-5 and is chartered by Church of the Apostles. Meetings are held on Mondays from 7:30-8:30pm. If you would like more information, please contact [Tim Klein](#).

Hypothermia Week Begins December 4

Join Church of the Epiphany this Saturday, December 3 to help set up for their hypothermia week prevention efforts. Sign up and learn more [here](#).

Request for 1982 Hymnals

Church of the Redeemer

Diocese member parish Church of the Redeemer in Camden, NC is requesting 60-70 donated (or for a used sales price) 1982 Hymnals for their church. To find out how to give or sell your Hymnals, contact [Rev. Craig Stephens](#) by email or at [252-337-7177](tel:252-337-7177).

Upcoming Events

12.2 – 12.4.11

**DECEMBER HEALING
CONFERENCE WITH MIKE EVANS**
"DOING WHAT JESUS DID"
[THE FALLS CHURCH HEALING
MINISTRY](#)

CONTACT: CATHY KERBY:
[703.786.1897](tel:703.786.1897)

12.3.11

GIFTS THAT GIVE HOPE FAIR
TRURO CHURCH
[INFO LINK](#)

12.9.11

MESSIAH SING-ALONG
TRURO CHURCH
CONTACT: [KIRSTEN BOYD](mailto:kirsten.boyd@truro.org), 703-
[273-1300](tel:273-1300) X200
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01.07.12

DEACONS' DAY WITH THE BISHOP
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

03.10.12

**STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP FOR
CLERGY AND VESTRIES**
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

03.23 - 03.25.12

DIOCESAN MEN'S WEEKEND
SPEAKER: BISHOP GUERNSEY.
STAY TUNED FOR REGISTRATION
DETAILS.
[INFO LINK](#)

Save the Dates!

Deacons' Day with the Bishop: January 7, 2012

A day for the vocational deacons of the Diocese with Bishop Guernsey on Saturday, January 7, 2012 (snow date: January 14), 9:30am – 3:00pm at All Saints' Church in Woodbridge, Va.

Stewardship Workshop for Clergy and Vestries: March 10, 2012

For Rectors and other clergy, ALL Vestry members, stewardship chairs and any other interested persons, Bishop Guernsey will be teaching about biblical and practical stewardship principles on Saturday, March 10, 2012, 9:30am – 3:00pm at All Saints' Church in Woodbridge, Va. He has taught the financial stewardship education course at Virginia Seminary for 12 years, as well as led stewardship education workshops in dozens of parishes and dioceses.

Men's Spiritual Life Conference: March 23-25, 2012

The Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic will once again host the Men's Spiritual Life Conference at 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 www.anglicandoma.org. Registration will be open soon.

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