Dear Colleagues,

An email was sent out from the Diocesan Office on August 20th about Clergy Conference. It requested your input about the upcoming October Clergy Conference. There was a brief 3 question survey that you were asked to complete to let us know if you are planning to attend in person or virtually, whether you are commuting, and if you will need accommodations. As of Canon News press time roughly ¼ of our canonically resident clergy had failed to respond to the email. It would be extremely helpful if you could do that as soon as possible. (LIKE NOW!) In case you lost the link ...

Follow this link to complete the survey - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLERGYCON2020

Many thanks!

Faithfully,

Rev. Canon Scott Holcombe

A QUICK PEEK AT CANTERBURY

In case you haven’t heard Canterbury Conference Center has been undergoing significant renovations. For those who will be attending Clergy Conference in person you will get to see firsthand what Chalmers Morse and the Canterbury Board have done to bring the facility up to more modern and functional spaces. To get your orientation the picture above is looking out to the lake through the wall where the beverage service/coke machine used to be!

THRIFTBOOKS.COM

I came across this great website recently and ordered some used books at a very discounted rate. It is not Amazon but I was impressed! The great part about it is that orders over $10 ship free! (who pays retail?) Why not give them a try on your next book order?

EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOUNDATION

The Rev. Alison Harrity has shared her experience of using the FRG (Finance Resource Guide) and how it helped guide ministry at St. Richard’s Episcopal Church in Winter Park, FL. Read her story, learn more about the FRG. Her article “Fixing the Cracks” can be found at https://www.episcopalfoundation.org/programs/success-stories/74/fixing-the-cracks

Faceshields have become more popular in many places and they are certainly better than nothing! HOWEVER, it should be noted that they are not a suitable alternative for wearing a mask that covers the nose and the mouth (for the protection of others.) The COVID-19 virus is spread through droplets that can still be dispersed through the open area at the bottom of the shield. For the protection of others, a mask should also be worn with the face shield to be in compliance with our Phase 3 guidelines. Thanks!
OTM UPDATE
If you are thinking about a potential move in the coming year, I would suggest that you review your OTM profile. I would be happy to sit down with you and review your OTM profile to make sure that it is up to date! Just email me confidentially at sholcombe@cfdiocese.org.

Looking for a Cool Idea...
Put those LEVs back to fruitful ministry

Home Communion Delivery: Parishioners who sign up before Saturday at 5:00 PM, can have Communion + Communion Prayer Card delivered to their home by a Home Communion Driver. Deliveries will be made within 24 hours of the conclusion of the service and all home deliveries will be contactless.

(thanks to St. Michael the Archangel Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs)

Don’t forget Helping out our companion diocese of Honduras as they struggle dealing with COVID-19 and many of their churches and clergy are in crisis.

As of September 10, 2020, The Diocese of Central Florida has sent $66,935 to the Diocese of Honduras- help us to continue to support the clergy, congregations and ministries of our companion diocese!

To help please:
1. Text “DCF Honduras” to 73256.
2. Follow the prompts on this secure transfer.
3. Enter your amount of donation, credit card/contact information and send your gift!

If you were not able to join the Stewardship Workshop that was led by Fr. Jonathan French, Fr. Jim Sorvillo and Mrs. La Nora Holcombe on August 29th the ZOOM video is now available at: http://www.cfdiocese.org/event-videos/

Enhance Your Online Presence
The videos for the July 24th and August 26th classes are also available at http://www.cfdiocese.org/event-videos/
CONTINUING ED OFFERING

The annual Anglican Episcopal House of Studies (AEHS) Study Day at Duke Divinity School offers clergy, other ministry professionals, and students the chance to learn and reflect on a substantial topic relating to theology and ministry.

This event is free and open to all. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year’s event will be livestreamed. You must register in advance at:

https://conf.events.duke.edu/prod/emco0/PublicSignIn.aspx?&SessionID=fhkfd1fg8fffd5fg8&Lang=*  

A brief reminder about our 2020 Virtual Study Day, Naming the Unspeakable: Faithfulness for a Planet in Crisis, led by Dr. Ellen Davis and musician Charles Pettee and featuring a panel discussion with Ryan Juskus, Ruth Valerio, Norbert Wilson, and Norman Wirzba.

The online conference will take place this year on Monday, September 28th, 12:00-2:00pm ET.

There is no fee to attend; however, registration is required to gain access to the event. Any and all are welcome to attend—feel free to forward this invitation.

The schedule is as follows:

12:00 p.m.  Gathering and Keynote Address by Dr. Ellen Davis: “Covenant and Climate”

12:45 p.m  Musical Selection by Charles Pettee and Wendy Shadbourn, from the FolkPsalm band

12:50 p.m.  Panel Discussion with Ryan Juskus, Ruth Valerio, Norbert Wilson, and Norman Wirzba

1:45 p.m.  Prayer Service with a homily by Ellen Davis and music by Charles Pettee

Speakers

This year’s main speaker at the Virtual AEHS Day Study will be Ellen Davis, Ph.D., Amos Ragan Kearns Professor of Bible and Practical Theology at Duke Divinity School. The author of eleven books and many articles, her research interests focus on how biblical interpretation bears on the life of faith communities and their response to urgent public issues, particularly the ecological crisis and interfaith relations. Her most recent books are Preaching the Luminous Word (Eerdmans, 2016), a collection of her sermons and essays, and Opening Israel’s Scriptures (Oxford, 2019), a comprehensive theological reading of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament.

There also will be a panel discussion led by Davis with panelists Norman Wirzba, Ph.D., Gilbert T. Rowe Distinguished Professor of Christian Theology at Duke Divinity and a senior fellow at the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University; Norbert Wilson, Ph.D., professor of Food, Economics, and Community at Duke Divinity; Ruth Valerio, Environmentalist and Theologian, Global Advocacy and Influencing Director for Tearfund, U.K.; and Ryan Juskus, a Ph.D. candidate in the Christian Theological Studies track of the Graduate Program in Religion at Duke University.

Worship music will be provided by Charles Pettee and Wendy Shadbourn, from the FolkPsalm band.

FYI-

If you would like me to come to your church for a visit, meet with your vestry, preach or celebrate to give you a break, please contact MLang@cfdiocese.org to get on my calendar for this coming fall.

Faithfully,
What should I be doing at this time of the year?

- **ANALYZE/REVISE YOUR BUDGET**...by the end of September we will be 75% through the year. This is a good time to take stock of how your income and expenses are tracking for the year. Meet with your treasurer or finance committee and look at your cash flow, where people are with their pledges, and determine if you need to minimize expenses.

- **ADVENT PLANNING** - believe it or not ADVENT is only 10 weeks away. If you are planning on giving out Advent Calendars you better order them soon.

- Be thinking about what the **Christmas Season** will look like and how you will observe the holiday season if we are still observing COVID-19 restrictions.

- Personally you may want to look at how you are tracking on your **income tax payments** (whether quarterly or monthly) to make sure that you are close to your tax obligations (to avoid a penalty). There is still time to withhold more from your check or make a quarterly payment.

- Unfortunately, there are some tropical disturbances (potential hurricanes) coming off the western coast of Africa right now- keep an eye on them as one or more of them may be coming our way!

- Many churches adopt **special outreach projects** (toys for kids, Samaritan’s purse, Salvation Army, canned food drives, holiday dinner boxes for Thanksgiving or Christmas, buying toys for children of inmates, Angel Tree, etc.) Meet with your outreach chair or committee to plan your holiday response.

- **STEWARDSHIP** plans/drive should be well in place by now, but if you haven’t decided what your theme or message is going to be this year, you may want to look at the virtual stewardship program available through TENS.ORG (we are members- user name = 1PETER pw = FOUR:10)

- **COUNTING FOLKS** – I have contacted the folks at the National Church Office who deal with the Parochial Reports to get some insights about how we are supposed to count folks who are online or dealing with virtual worship. I have been assured that guidance will be available in October- SO AS SOON AS I GET ANY INFORMATION ON THAT SUBJECT, I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU!

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**Any questions or comments about Canon News 2020 or anything going on around the Diocese? **

Contact Canon Scott Holcombe at **sholcombe@cfdiocese.org** or cell # 321-525-2366

If you are thinking about coming to the Diocese of Central FL or are interested in our Vacancy procedures for clergy? Go to: [http://www.cfdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/articles.pdf](http://www.cfdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/articles.pdf)
