



The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield

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To: The Clergy and Congregations of the Diocese
From: The President of the Standing Committee
Subject: Matters of Information
Date: May 22, 2010 [The Eve of Pentecost]

On behalf of the Standing Committee, I want to communicate a few matters of mutual concern and invite you to share them with your congregations.

1. Appointments

The Reverend Ann H. Tofani

The Standing Committee has appointed The Reverend Ann H. Tofani as Assisting Deacon of the Eastern Deanery effective April 1, 2010, under the supervision of the Dean of the Eastern Deanery. Deacon Tofani will primarily serve at St. Mary's Church, Robinson, but may also be deployed, as needed, to other places within the Deanery as may be determined by Father Tucker. We thank Deacon Tofani for the nearly ten years she served at St. John the Baptist's Church, Mt. Carmel and wish her well as she undertakes this new ministry.

The Reverend Philip D. Boeve

The Reverend Philip D. Boeve has been appointed by the Standing Committee as Priest-in-Charge of St. Barnabas Church, Havana effective April 22, 2010. Fr. Boeve was a former Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin and was recently returned after being deployed to Andersen Air Force Base in Guam where he served as a chaplain. We wish Father Boeve and the Congregational Family of St. Barnabas, Havana, God's richest blessings as they engage in this new ministry together.

The Reverend Dr. Keith Roderick

The Standing Committee has appointed Fr. Keith Roderick, Rector of St. Andrew's, Carbondale, as Chair of the Department of General Mission Strategy (DGMS) upon the resignation of the Reverend Tim Goodman. Fr. Roderick will serve the remainder of Fr. Goodman's term which will expire in October 2010. We wish Fr. Roderick every blessing in leading this ministry in our Diocese.

2. Resignation

The Reverend Timothy Goodman

The Reverend Timothy Goodman has resigned as Chair of the Department of General Mission Strategy (DGMS). Fr. Goodman has faithfully served in this position for a number of years. We want to express our thanks and appreciation to him and wish him God's richest blessings as he continues to serve in our Diocese.

3. Nominees for Nominating Synod

The Standing Committee is pleased to announce the names of the priests (with ages at time of Nominating Synod, position title, church or institution and diocese of canonical residency) for the Nominating Synod, who have submitted the requested information on or before Thursday, May 13, 2010, the Feast of the Ascension, the date specified for such submissions. They are:

1. **The Rev. Canon F. Brian Cox**, 60, Rector, Christ the King, Santa Barbara, CA (Diocese of Los Angeles)
2. **The Ven. Shawn W. Denney**, 59, Archdeacon of Springfield & Vicar, St. Luke's, Springfield, IL (Diocese of Springfield)
3. **The Very Rev. Beth J. Fain**, 58, Rector, St. Mary's, Cypress, TX - (Diocese of Texas)
4. **The Rev. Dr. Desmond C. Francis**, 57, Rector, Christ the King, Normal, IL (Diocese of Springfield)
5. **The Rev. Matthew A. Gunter**, 52, Rector, St. Barnabas, Glen Ellyn, IL - (Diocese of Chicago)
6. **The Rev. Dr. Leander S. Harding**, 61, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Dean, Church Relations and Seminary Advancement, Trinity School for Ministry, PA (Diocese of South Carolina)
7. **The Rev. Robert E. Hensley**, 59, Rector, Grace, Vineyard Haven, MA (Diocese of Massachusetts)
8. **The Rev. Robert M. Lewis**, 32, Rector, Church of the Advent, Dunnellon, FL (Diocese of Central Florida)
9. **The Rev. Daniel H. Martins**, 58, Rector, St. Anne's, Warsaw, IN (Diocese of Northern Indiana)
10. **The Rev. Dr. Ladson F. Mills III**, 59, Scholar-in-Residence, Church of the Savior, Johns Island, SC - (Diocese of South Carolina)
11. **The Very Rev. Dr. Robert S. Munday**, 55, Dean and President, Nashotah House, Nashotah, WI - (Diocese of South Carolina)
12. **The Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Pogue**, 62, Interim Rector, Trinity, Lawrence, KS - (Diocese of Texas)
13. **The Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson**, 45, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Louisiana, LA (Diocese of Louisiana)
14. **The Very Rev. Richard A. Swan**, 61, Canon Missioner, Hale Team Ministry, Diocese of Springfield, IL - (Diocese of Springfield)
15. **The Very Rev. Gene R. Tucker**, 63, Rector, Trinity, Mt. Vernon, IL - (Diocese of Springfield)

Please Note: The above-mentioned nominees for the Nominating Synod are awaiting the completion of their background checks.

4. Discernment Prayer Meetings

The Election Committee has already held three (3) Discernment Prayer Meetings for the clergy and lay members of the Diocese. The purpose of these meetings is for the Diocesan Family to share their positive experiences of the Diocese and to assist in developing some future goals that can facilitate the new bishop in the commencement of his or her ministry among us. The final meeting will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity, Mt. Vernon.

5. Sacrament of Holy Confirmation

Just a kindly reminder that if you are planning on presenting candidates for Holy Confirmation this year you are to inform the Standing Committee of the date and time of the service so that we can provide an Episcopal presence in a timely manner. As usual, you will need to send to the Diocesan Administrator the necessary documentation prior to the Confirmation Service.

The members of the Standing Committee join me in extending to you and your churches a blessed Pentecost!

Every Blessing!