



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 [5]
Date: June 11, 2010 [The Feast of St. Barnabas, the Apostle]

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. Appointment

The Reverend Dale D. Coleman

The Standing Committee has consented to the call of The Reverend Dale D. Coleman as Rector of St. George's, Belleville. Father Coleman has been serving in the Diocese since 2007. Please remember Father Coleman and the parish of St. George's, Belleville, in your prayers as they begin this new phase of ministry together.

2. Discernment Prayer Meetings

The Standing Committee expresses thanks to the members of the Diocesan Family who attended the Discernment Prayer Meetings, to the Election Committee for organizing the meetings, particularly Canon Gene Stormer for leading them. The Standing Committee also thanks the Clergy and Members of the Churches of St. Matthew's, Bloomington, the Episcopal Parish of Alton, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Springfield, and Trinity, Mt. Vernon, for hosting the Discernment Prayer Meetings.

3. Nominating Synod – Saturday, August 7, 2010

Information packets for the Nominating Synod are being sent very shortly to Clerical and Lay Delegates of the Diocese. Please note that the Nominating Synod will **not** be held on August 6 and 7, 2010 as previously announced, but **only** on **Saturday, August 7, 2010** in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Springfield, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with registration. All details concerning the Nominating Synod will be in the packet.

4. Day of Prayer and Discernment

The Standing Committee has declared the eve of the Nominating Synod, **Friday, August 6, 2010**, being the Feast of the Transfiguration, a Day of Prayer and Discernment for all members of our Diocese as we select nominees for the office of Bishop of Springfield.

We kindly request members of the clergy to encourage members of their congregations to spend time in prayer either in their homes or in the churches. Clergy may also organize at their discretion appropriate services on this day.

The Letter of Declaration can be viewed on the Diocesan web site:

<http://www.episcopalspringfield.org/documents/NOMINATINGSYNOD-DAYOFPRAYER.pdf>

Every Blessing!