



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Presiding Bishop and Primate

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For the House of Bishops

My brothers and sisters:

Our 2011 spring meeting will take place March 25th thru 30th at Kanuga in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Please plan to fly into Asheville so that Kanuga can coordinate transportation to and from the airport. I also encourage you to join the full meeting as your voice and presence make a difference. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25th (with the 24th scheduled as a travel day). We will conclude our time together following dinner on March 30th.

The registration fee is \$975. As before, we will be utilizing Kanuga's online registration process. Beginning on December 21st, you can go to <http://www.kanuga.org/conferences/onlineregistration3.asp?confref=11613> to register for the meeting. Kanuga accepts Mastercard and Visa. For those needing scholarship assistance, please contact Canon Chuck Robertson at crobertson@episcopalchurch.org or 212-716-6278.

As a reminder, the College for Bishops is also offering a short course on Title IV on March 24th. Reading materials for this meeting will also be posted on the College for Bishops website. As before, a complete agenda for the House meeting will arrive in the new year to help you better prepare for our time together. We will be joined by Methodist and Moravian bishops as well as the Primate of Congo, Henri Isingoma and the Primate of South Korea, Paul Kim.

I also want to comment on the upcoming fall meeting, which will be held in Quito, Ecuador. Although that is several months away, it is important to note a few things:

- First, please be aware that Quito is at 9000 feet elevation. Please consult your physician if you have any concerns. Note as well that evidence of current vaccination status for yellow fever is required. Again, consult your medical care provider well before September.
- Your passport must have at least six months remaining before expiration when you enter Ecuador, and at least two blank pages. A departure or exit fee must be paid at the airport in cash (US dollars), and we will give you the specific amount in a future mailing.
- Finally, you may recall that the House agreed to have spouses/partners present at this meeting. The General Convention meeting planner tells us that the Quito Hilton, where we will be staying, has limited space in its ballrooms. Several hotels were reviewed; this was the best by far in terms of cost, location, accessibility, and meeting space. However, the size of the meeting spaces is limited. We are carefully reviewing how best to utilize the space available, and are also reviewing with both the outgoing

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and incoming chairs of the Spouse Planning Group the opportunities and challenges for their gatherings and for joining the House.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Kanuga in March. I wish you a blessed remainder of Advent and a joyous Christmas.

Shalom,

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