



2010 FALL REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the College for Bishops, I am pleased to introduce this brief report on the 2010 activity of the College. As you will see, we continue to provide significant resources for bishops in all stages of their ministry.

As our programmatic elements evolve and grow, so does our governance structure. Earlier this year, the Advisory Committee and Board of Directors merged into one body to guide and inform the College's development.

The newly-formed board and the College's staff are working diligently to create and implement a financial plan to sustain the programs and administration of the College over time. This topic will be discussed in more detail at the September meeting of the House of Bishops.

All in all, the College is progressing steadily and is in an exciting stage of planning for the future. We appreciate your continued support.

J. Neil Alexander
Diocese of Atlanta
President, Board of Directors



2010 Living Our Vows Residency

“This College keeps me centered and growing. I yearn to be here each year. It helps me individually, but more than that I think this College makes the Church stronger. I will be, in my vocation, always grateful for all I've been given through this College.”

—Greg Rickel,
Diocese of Olympia

“The College for Bishops makes space for us to learn from each other how to lead the church more effectively. I look forward to being nurtured and challenged to be a more faithful sign of the church's unity and a more capable animator of the church's mission. The College helps me to be a better proclaimer of the Good News of Jesus.”

—Jeff Lee,
Diocese of Chicago

“It is no secret that we are experiencing difficulties within the life of our Church. Having an opportunity to develop relationships with the other bishops of the Church is critical for the ministry of the diocese and larger Church. Living Our Vows provides such an opportunity, one that truly enriches my ministry.”

—Paul Lambert,
Diocese of Dallas

“The College for Bishops is proving to be an invaluable resource and support for my ministry as Bishop. The study together with Bishops from the U.S. and Canada and Scotland enriches the experience. The monthly coaching sessions via Skype means help is always at hand. A great experience of the Anglican Communion working together.”

—Trevor Williams,
Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe

The mission of the College for Bishops is to provide opportunities for education and formation that will strengthen bishops in their personal lives, as diocesan leaders in God's mission, and in their vocation to God as a community of bishops in service to the Episcopal Church.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The College for Bishops is most grateful to all of the faculty members, curriculum designers, guest speakers, consultants and program participants for the success of the following 2010 offerings.

90-DAY COMPANION PROGRAM

A newly-elected bishop is paired with an active bishop to guide him/her during the critical 90-day transition period between election and consecration. To date, seven active relationships have been established in 2010.



2010 New Bishops and Spouses' Conference

NEW BISHOPS AND SPOUSES' CONFERENCE

Newly-elected bishops and their spouses gather for five days of education, community building, reflection and support. The January conference hosted 18 bishop and spouse participants.



Bishops Eugene Sutton, Duncan Gray, and Holly Hollerith

LIVING OUR VOWS PROGRAM

A canonically mandated three-year transitional resource designed to support the personal development of new bishops and equip them for transformative leadership. Annual residential retreats are coupled with an active peer-coaching relationship. The May residency had 34 participants, and 37 coaching relationships are in process.

CONFERENCE ON ORDERLY TRANSITIONS

Five-day course designed for bishops and their spouses/partners within several years of planned retirement. The June conference hosted eight bishop and spouse participants.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Coordinated by the College for Bishops, these are small, informal gatherings of bishops to discuss topics of their own choosing. One group of six participants has been meeting this year.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The required minimum of four hours of continuing education is coordinated by the College at regularly scheduled meetings of the House of Bishops. There were five sessions held in March.

“I’m eager to reflect in community on key areas of leadership and organizational development and gain wisdom from other bishops and the collective experience of the church in dealing with the challenges of the office. I especially look forward to being in fellowship, prayer and study with colleagues on the journey.”

—Andrew Waldo,
Diocese of Upper South Carolina



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