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**College for Bishops Residency
builds stronger Church leaders**
*New Bishops look at roles and responsibilities in
'Living Our Vows' program*

Thirty-five new Episcopal and other Anglican Communion bishops are meeting May 24-28 at Lake Logan Episcopal Center in North Carolina for a three-year formation program sponsored by the College for Bishops. Bishop Brian Thom from the Diocese of Idaho is among the bishops attending. The Living Our Vows (LOV) Residency is designed to support the spiritual health and personal development of bishops who move through the program based on their dates of election.

Living Our Vows provides new bishops with opportunities to reflect on the gifts, power, and authority of the episcopate, nurture the resources and skills needed to be leaders in their churches, and build community and camaraderie. The program is made up of two basic components: monthly peer coaching via telephone and an annual five-day residency.

“The College for Bishops is responding effectively to the Episcopal Church's mandate for support of its new bishops through the Living Our Vows Program. Formation, education, and training are imperatives for leaders charged with oversight, and the College is the only formal vehicle for bishop formation in our Church,” said Bishop Clayton Matthews, managing director of the College for Bishops.

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“With 18 months under my belt, I have a greater understanding of what questions I should be asking. I know this week will help me understand more of my role as bishop as well as more about myself as leader and teacher,” said Thom, who is attending the second in the series of three annual LOV conferences.

Bishops from the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Church of Ireland, and the Scottish Episcopal Church are attending the annual gathering. The bishops begin each day with prayer, Bible study, and worship followed by educational forums. Session topics include: Bishop and the *Book of Common Prayer*, the Emergent Church movement, Anglican Communion discussions, leadership development, Title IV education, and media training.

Faculty members this year include: Bishop Neil Alexander (Atlanta), Bishop Colin Johnson (Toronto), Bishop Duncan Gray (Mississippi), Bishop Barry Howe (West Missouri) and Bishop Clay Matthews (Office of Pastoral Development and managing director of the College for Bishops). Guest speakers include: David Booth Beers, chancellor of the Episcopal Church; Bob Falby, chancellor of the Anglican Church of Canada; Sally Johnson, VP, Risk Management and Education of the Church Pension Group and many other distinguished professionals.

The College for Bishops is a virtual college and a collaboration between CREDO Institute, Inc. and the Episcopal Church’s Office of Pastoral Development.

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Information on Speakers



2010 Living Our Vows Residency Invited Guests and Speakers

Neil Alexander

Bishop J. Neil Alexander was elected the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta on March 31, 2001, and was ordained and installed on July 7, 2001. Bishop Alexander earned a master of divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and a doctor of theology in liturgics from The General Theological Seminary. He presently serves as president of the Board of Directors of the College for Bishops, as a regent of the University of the South, and as a member of the board of the Archives of the Episcopal Church. In October 2009 he was elected the 23rd chancellor of Sewanee: The University of the South by the university's board of trustees. Bishop Alexander is the author of *This Far by Grace: A Bishop's Journey Through Questions About Homosexuality*, as well a number of publications in the fields of liturgics, homiletics, sacramental theology and pastoral practice. He has led a number of pilgrimages and mission trips to dioceses in Africa and South America and is placing a special focus on relationships with global-south dioceses.

Macky Alston

Macky Alston is an award-winning documentary filmmaker, an educator on issues of media and religion, an organizer within the worlds of philanthropy and media-making, and a regular writer and reviewer on film and religion. A graduate of Union Theological Seminary (M. Div.), he comes from a long line of ministers in the American South and grew up exposed to the power of the media and the pulpit, as charismatic leaders on the Left and the Right shaped social and political relations for generations to come.

At Auburn Media, a division of the Center for Multifaith Education at Auburn Theological Seminary, Alston has developed and directs a program that offers religious expertise to the world of the media and media expertise to the world of religion. Auburn Media promotes responsible, engaging religious voices and programs to create multifaith understanding.

David Beers

David Booth Beers is of counsel the Litigation Department of Goodwin Procter, LLP. While principally engaged in environmental, toxic tort and other complex litigation, he regularly enjoys a broad range of corporate, non-profit and individual representations in the United States and abroad. As Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Mr. Beers has an extensive non-profit practice that is both national and international in scope.

Ron Casey

Ron is a licensed psychologist. He has been in private practice as a psychotherapist since 1980. Ron has worked with the Center for Creative Leadership's leadership development programs since 1988. In this role he provides consultation and coaching to executives, managers and other leaders from a wide range of professional settings. Ron offers similar services through Impact Leadership Development Group. Ron is currently the consulting psychologist to the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut and directs a program of psychological services for the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ. He is a member of the faculty of CREDO. Ron is also involved in research as well as program design and evaluation for CREDO.

Ron was an undergraduate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed his doctorate at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Sam Faeth

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann "Sam" Faeth is the Rector of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill in Alexandria, Virginia. Sam also serves as Adjunct Instructor in the Theory and Practice of Ministry and Associate Instructor in the Doctor of Ministry program at VTS. She is the author of the Episcopal Leadership Institute curriculum currently used for leadership development in the Diocese of Virginia. In the larger Church, Sam serves on the Curriculum Committee for the College for Bishops. In addition to an M.B.A. and M.Div., she received a Ph.D. in Adult Learning and Human

Resource Development from Virginia Tech. She is a graduate of the Leadership Educator's program at Harvard. Sam's academic and ministry interests include leadership development, adult learning and organizational studies.

Bob Falby

Bob Falby has been Chancellor of the Diocese of Toronto since 1992. He has been a member of the Council of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada since 2001 and since 2007, he has been Deputy-Prolocutor and Prolocutor. He practises law as a partner with Miller Thomson LLP in Toronto.

Tim Hoyt (Interpreter)

Tim was born in New York state, but raised in Mexico City where his family lived for many years. After college he served in the Peace Corps before attending seminary at E.D.S. in Cambridge, MA. He was ordained in 1969 and until June 2007 he worked in the dioceses of Western New York, Oregon, and Western North Carolina. Most of his years of service were with the Spanish speaking community. He is enjoying a varied experience now that he's retired, and continues to live in Western North Carolina.

Sally Johnson

As Vice President of Risk Management and Education for the Church Pension Group, Sally provides pre-claim advice on sexual misconduct, employment, misappropriation of funds, ecclesiastical discipline and legal and other risk management situations arising in the Episcopal Church. Previously she was senior claims counsel for the Church Insurance Company, managing litigation against CIC insureds. Sally has served on the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, the General Convention Canons Committee and on the Task Force that worked on re-writing Title IV for the past nine years.

Mary Kostel

Mary Kostel practices law in Washington, D.C. In 2009, she left her firm, Goodwin Procter LLP, to become Special Counsel to the Presiding Bishop, where she focuses on property litigation and ecclesiastical discipline. Mary is also the Chancellor of the Diocese of Washington. She worships with her husband and their two sons at St. Alban's Parish in Washington, D.C.

Mathew Sheep

Mathew Sheep teaches organizational behavior and leadership at Illinois State University, having received his Ph.D. in Business Administration and M. A. in Communication at the University of Cincinnati. His research interests include organizational identity, creativity, business ethics, workplace spirituality, and discursive approaches to organization. Mathew's research has been published in such journals as the *Academy of Management Journal*, *Human Relations*, and *Journal of Business Ethics*, and has won several awards, including the Academy of Management's Outstanding Publication in Organizational Behavior Award in 2007. He is an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Management, Spirituality, and Religion*, and he is on the Editorial Board for *Human Relations*. Mathew has authored or co-authored research projects for the CREDO Institute, Inc., and The College for Bishops, including *Episcopal Clergy Wellness: A Report to the Church on the State of Clergy Wellness* (2006), *The CREDO Spiritual Profile* (2009), and *The Episcopal Identity Project: Around One Table Report* (2009).

Mary Uhl-Bien

Mary Uhl-Bien is the Howard Hawks Chair in Business Ethics and Leadership and Co-Director of the Institute for Innovative Leadership at the University of Nebraska. Dr. Uhl-Bien's research and teaching interests are complexity leadership, relational leadership, and followership. She has a grant from Booz Allen Hamilton to study leadership and adaptability in the healthcare industry, and has conducted research in partnership with organizations including Lockheed Martin, Bank of America, Disney, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Air Force Academy. She is active in consulting and executive education nationally and internationally, teaching for the Brookings Institute and the Gallup Organization, and has been a Visiting Professor at universities in Sweden, Spain and Portugal.



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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September 2010 House of Bishops Meeting

(September 16-21, 2010 - Ritz Carlton - Phoenix, AZ)

Pre-Meeting Information

- [Final Meeting Schedule](#)
- [Letter from Canon Robertson, Draft Schedule, Restaurant Information](#)

Meeting Information

- Thursday, September 16
 - [Presiding Bishop's Sermon from Opening Eucharist](#)
 - Theological Reflections
 - [Prince Singh](#)
 - [Luis Ruiz - English](#)
 - [Luis Ruiz - Spanish](#)
 - Evangelism
 - [Evangelism Article by Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook](#)
 - [Targeted Evangelism Newcomer Research Presentation by Anne Rudig](#)
 - **Note:** Please do not post this presentation to any other sites or share via social media. It is proprietary and some of it is copyrighted. It may be shared with congregations and dioceses in meeting settings.
- Friday, September 17
 - Theological Reflections
 - [Kirk Smith](#)
- Saturday, September 18
 - Theological Reflections
 - [Tom Ely](#)
 - [John Bauerschmidt](#)
 - Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
 - [SCLM Consultation on C056 - Table Conversation Executive Summary & Transcribed Notes](#)
 - [SCLM C056 Task Group Membership List](#)
 - [SCLM Presentation](#)
 - C056 Flyer - English ([Print Version](#) or [Web Version](#))
 - C056 Flyer - Spanish ([Print Version](#) or [Web Version](#))
 - [SCLM Consultation on C056 Table Questions](#)
 - [SCLM Consultation on C056 Table Questions - Spanish](#)
 - [SCLM Consultation on C056 Theological and Liturgical Principles](#)
 - [SCLM Consultation on C056 Theological and Liturgical Principles - Spanish](#)
 - [SCLM Consultation on C056 Background Information](#)

- [SCLM Consultation on C056 Background Information - Spanish](#)
 - [Report on General Ordination Examination Process](#)

- Monday, September 20
 - Theological Reflections
 - [Michael Smith](#)
 - [Diane Bruce](#)

- Tuesday, September 21
 - Theological Reflections
 - [Prince Singh](#)
 - [Tom Ely](#)
 - HOB Pastoral Letter on Immigration/Migration
 - [HOB Immigration/Migration Theological Resource](#)
 - [Kirk Smith's Sermon from Closing Eucharist](#)

Other Resources and Information

- Diocese of Maryland Immigration Resources
 - [Immigration Pastoral Letter - English](#)
 - [Immigration Pastoral Letter - Spanish](#)
 - [Summary Letter - English](#)
 - [Summary Letter - Spanish](#)

- [The General Board of Examining Chaplains & the General Ordination Examination - Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- [Theological Education Survey Information from Larry Benfield](#)