Dear Colleagues,

Plans are moving ahead for our upcoming clergy conference in October 19-21! You will be receiving full details shortly. Due to limited space and social distancing, some will be attending in person and stay in single occupancy at Canterbury, others will be commuting, and still others will be attending via ZOOM. Due to limited space and social distancing requirements this clergy conference will be limited to priests on active duty. Other priests and deacons may of course join via zoom. There will be ample breaks to minimize ZOOM fatigue! The rough schedule for our time together is as follows:

**Monday**: P.I.G.S. (Priests in Golf Society) Golf tournament at Twin Rivers in Orlando, (Rick Burhans coordinating- email Rick(irector@egracepo.org) if you want to play. If you are a golfer, a duffer, or semi-pro come out and join the fun. The coveted PIGS trophy will be loaned to the winner for display in the coming year. Pre-conference Social, fellowship time and dinner, no organized presentations.

**Tuesday**: 7:30a Morning Prayer, 8:00a Breakfast, 9:00a Welcome from Bishop Brewer, housekeeping, two sessions by our speaker, the Rt. Rev. Ric Thorpe, Bishop of Islington, speaking on “Living under lockdown” Eucharist and renewal of ordination vows, Social, fellowship time and dinner.

**Wednesday**: 7:30a Morning Prayer, 8:00a Breakfast, 9:00a Bishop Thorpe session 3, Q and A, Announcements and Diocesan updates, ending with lunch at noon (a more detailed agenda will be forthcoming- this is just so that you can make your plans accordingly.

In preparation for our time together I would like to ask you to do the following:

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1. Put THE OCT 12TH CLERGY CONFERENCE TEST ZOOM CALL ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW (LOOK TO YOUR RIGHT>>>>>>>>>>>)

2. BOOK SHARE: Cull through your library and bring books that you no longer need to others- please try to keep your choices to 20-25 books and bring decent stuff (you know what I mean- we don’t need things with a copyright in the 1950’s that no one else wants. If it is a book that you found helpful in the exercise of your ministry and you are tired of moving it around on your shelves- donate it! Tom Rutherford will be overseeing this gargantuan task!

3. CLERGY SHIRTS/BLOUSES: If you have found (like me) that clergy shirts shrink over time and in repeated laundering (and we know you will never fit in them again) please launder the shirts (full collar or tab, fold the shirt, put your name and size you think it is, and place in a 1 gallon ziplock bag.

4. Check with your Altar Guild Director about any usable Church items that you may no longer need. Whether they be cruets, chalices, stoles, chasubles, albs, communion kits, candlesticks, etc.- bring them to clergy conference so that we can share them with others. Also- if your church is looking for something in particular- give me (Canon Scott) a call, as we have been cleaning out closets at the Diocesan office and have a bunch of good usable items. Many thanks! Faithfully,

NOT SO SUBTLE REMINDER!
Active clergy in the Diocese are required to attend clergy conference in-person or online. If you are not/ or cannot attend you must communicate with Bishop Brewer in advance.

NEW CLERGY TO CFL
One of the great things that happens at clergy conference is that we have the opportunity to welcome new clergy to our diocese. Unfortunately, with the pandemic that may not be possible this year. If you are new to the Diocese of Central Florida since last clergy conference, or have never been introduced at Clergy Conference and you are not able to attend this clergy conference in person, would you please take a short zoom recording of yourself or make a video “hello” recording on your phone (2-3 minutes max) And send it to me (sholcombe@cfdiocese.org) so that we can show it during the new clergy welcome at clergy conference. Please send it to me before October 10th.

Monday, October 12th at 11:30a
We are going to have a TEST CLERGY CONFERENCE ZOOM MEETING and I REALLY NEED YOU ALL TO JOIN THE ZOOM CALL-
We want to test the capabilities of the Wi-Fi and our equipment on site at Canterbury with all of our tech crew (audio and video equipment) to make sure that we will have a quality experience for clergy conference- This will likely take less than ten minutes- You can assign a friend, family or foe, we just need to have 120+ people accessing the following Zoom link at 11:30. Please put it on your calendar now. I also will send this link out via cfcleric as well, so you can cut and paste from either email location. Thanks for your help!

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88499071065
Deacons, Priest on the Payroll of your church in a non-ordained capacity?

Earl Pickett, Diocesan Administrator asked that I bring this to the attention of all the clergy. We do have persons who are employed in our congregations as musicians, office workers and administrators. If clergy are employed in the “other than clergy duty” their employer still must pay pension assessments to the Church Pension Fund. If you have any question about this requirement please contact Earl at epickett@cfdiocese.org.

If you have any questions about what should or should not be going on in your church financially or administratively, or if business matters in your congregation just seem “off.” Many questions can be answered by looking things up in the Manual of Business Affairs for the Episcopal Church. This invaluable resource is available free on our diocesan website.


OTM UPDATE
If you are thinking about a potential move in the coming year, I would suggest that you review your OTM profile. I would be happy to sit down with you and review your OTM profile to make sure that it is up to date! Just email me confidentially at sholcombe@cfdiocese.org.

From time to time PC computers get hacked- yes even MACS increasingly are being hacked. Bishop Brewer nor any of the Diocesan staff will ever text or email you requesting that you send them gifts cards for special needs or other scam-like phishing schemes. Unfortunately, there have been a few incidents where very well-meaning folks have been duped- WHEN IN DOUBT CHECK IT OUT. Bishop Brewer and all the diocesan staff have a similar email signature at the end of each official email. Double check email addresses, a recent one said Pastor Rt. Gregory O Brewer (hardly a title Bishop Brewer would ever use!)

Canon News has been coming out roughly once a week while we have been adjusting to Covid-19 spikes and dips, to answer questions that are of interest to us all. Originally it was intended to fill in the gap between bimonthly issues of the Central Florida Episcopalian. Once a month is too infrequent, weekly is a bit much- so the good Anglican compromise will yield an edition of Canon News about every two weeks. Sooooo... watch your email boxes and stay informed!
It’s not too late for Helping out our companion diocese of Honduras as they struggle dealing with COVID-19 and many of their churches and clergy are in crisis. 

As of September 10, 2020, The Diocese of Central Florida has sent $66,935 to the Diocese of Honduras-help us to continue to support the clergy, congregations and ministries of our companion diocese! To help please:

1. Text “DCF Honduras” to 73256.
2. Follow the prompts on this secure transfer.
3. Enter your amount of donation, credit card/contact info and send your gift!

Any questions or comments about Canon News 2020 or anything going on around the Diocese? Contact Canon Scott Holcombe at sholcombe@cfdiocese.org or cell # 321-525-2366

FYI- If you would like me to come to your church for a visit, meet with your vestry, preach or celebrate to give you a break, please contact MLang@cfdiocese.org to get on my calendar for this coming fall.

In case you missed it...
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rE92kTMqC_k&feature=youtu.be

HOW TO BUILD AN ENGAGED SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNITY

VIDEO LINK FROM TRAINING SESSION

Video from How to Build an Engaged Social Media Community, with instructor Karin Tome, Sept. 23, 2020