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Bishop Suffragan Synod Report 2026

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Hello friends! 2026 is my first full year of not being a rector and not having a "home" parish. That has been a more significant loss than Annette and I imagined. Bishop Steve and Alan told me how big a deal it is to be away from your local church and home 100+ days a year, but I just could not hear what they were saying. At the same time, it is a blessing to be a bishop and travel to our 55 churches. Annette and I LOVE parish visits, our clergy and lay leaders. Deep in our bones, we love our people, and are grateful to serve the Lord and the people of our diocese. Y'all are a gift!

This year has been full of parish visits, meetings with clergy, hosting clergy at our home, confirmations, ordinations, pastoral care, and College of Bishops meetings, etc.

College of Bishops

The College of Bishops has met more often this year, both in person and by Zoom, to try and bring greater health and accountability to our province. I acknowledge the huge divides we face. As you know, the ACNA is very divided over WO and by overlapping jurisdictions. So, we are doing the hard work of figuring out how to faithfully live together. We are, on our best days, walking in the light with each other. I respect and like our bishops. I find them to be good brothers and men of God. I know we bishops have made mistakes, but my take is that our bishops are servant leaders.

Pastoral Care for Our Clergy

One thing the Lord has taught me this year is how challenging it is to be a church planter, rector, or vicar. It can get mighty lonely, and the challenges are always there. Unlike hirelings, our pastors love the sheep and have a call of God on their lives. One of our primary duties as a bishop is to be a pastor to our clergy and be highly available.

Colleges and Rector Development

I am grateful to Bishop Alan for his vision to start the College of Laity, the College of Deacons and the College of Presbyters. God speaks to His people through His word, the Spirit, and through His people. If your rector and wife have not yet attended the multi-day rector development program in Greensboro, I highly commend it. The reviews so far are off the chart – As we say in the South, it's "the best thing since sliced bread!"

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