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Submissions

If you have a brief article of interest or news that you would like to share with the rest of the deanery please e-mail it to the dean at: rector@saintalbansjoppa.org

Anglican News

Fr. Anderson will be visiting All Saints' Anglican Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Transfiguration Sunday (August 6th) for a service of Choral Evensong and church picnic beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please come and join us if you are in the area!

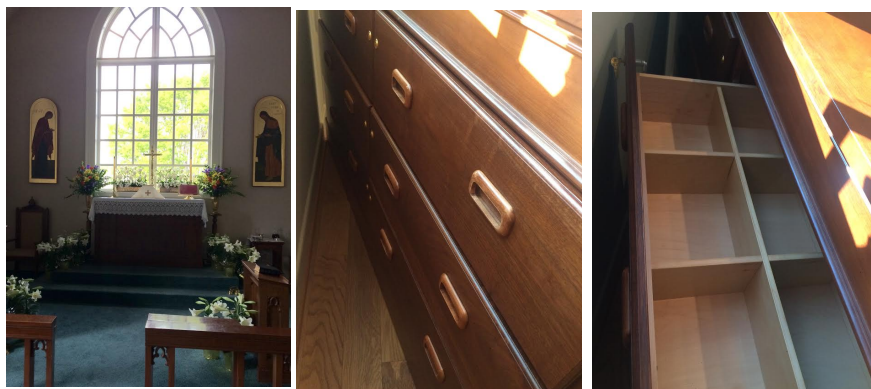
Registration for the upcoming unity synod is now open. Go to www.anglicanprovince.org to register. Though the conference does not take place until October, Bishop Grundorf is urging us all to register early so we can get good hotel rooms. Both diocesan and provincial synod will be held this week.

News and Updates

Renovations to the Altar at All Saints' Church (Virginia)

All Saints' Church in Charlottesville, Virginia recently had their altar modified by having fifty-five niches installed into it by an accomplished carpenter, so that the cremains of dearly departed parishioners could there be interred. This dramatic representation of the doctrine of the Communion of Saints, reminds us of the words of Revelation 6:9 where it reads, "*When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.*" In the celebration of the Holy Communion we are not only in communion with God, but also with each other in the Church Militant, and *also* with the Church Expectant... those who have "gone on before us with the sign of faith, and who are at rest in the sleep of peace." (Please see the pictures below.)

On a related note, please be sure to check the deanery website for a link to an article endorsed by Bishop Grundorf at our winter 2017 clergy retreat regarding cremations and the proper interment of cremains. www.midatlanticdeanery.org



Deanery News

DEUS 2018 Winter Conference:

The APA Winter Conference will begin the evening of Wednesday, January 24, 2018 through Thursday evening, January 25 (with Bishop's Advisory Committee and Board of Examining Chaplains meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday as needed and Standing Committee meeting Friday until Noon). Our host church will be All Saints Church in Palatka, Florida; Fr. Frank Bartlett, Vicar. Please mark your calendars.

St. Alban's Church recently began supporting a local halfway house for female victims of drug addiction called Char-Hope. This residential program provides them a safe place to live and help learning new job skills. The church provides Char-Hope with household and personal hygiene products. St. Alban's is also supporting the work of a local United Methodist (Emory UMC) that makes sun dresses for poor Haitian girls. The church collects lightweight pillow cases and gives them to the Methodist Church where they are turned into very cute dresses and shipped to Haiti. And St. Alban's continues its longtime support of Welcome-One Shelter, a ministry to the homeless of Harford County run by the county in partnership with local churches, which helps these people transition out of homelessness.

Study Group on the Council of Chalcedon

On July 22nd the Rev'd Canon Glenn Spencer recently hosted a an ecumenical study group on E.L. Mascall and the Fourth Ecumenical Council. The day long meeting included (left to right) Mr. Thomas Fickley, Fr. Wesley Jogoe (ACNA priest in Lynchburg) Fr. Sean McDermott, Mr. Mark Perkins, & far left Fr. Tom Brophy (not in photo).



Update on Father Kevin Sweeney

The Rev'd Kevin Sweeney is doing very well in his recovery from his recent health scares. He has been back home with his family for several weeks and going through physical therapy. Recently he has been able to return to the altar at Saint James' and celebrate Sunday Mass. But please keep the prayers coming, as he still has to undergo more tests in the coming weeks, and then later on down the road will require at least one more surgery.

