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# MID-ATLANTIC DEANERY GAZETTE

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## Submissions

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## Anglican News

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**Thank you** for your prayers for Father Kevin Sweeney and his family. Please keep them coming. Special thanks for Fr. Dan Malcolm and Fr. Ralph Waterhouse (of St. Alban's Cathedral) for ministering to Kevin and his family, and helping at St. James. Bishop Grundorf has licensed a deacon from the Orthodox Anglican Church and a friend of Fr. Sweeney's to read Morning Prayer and preach at St. James in Kevin's absence.

**Registration for the upcoming unity synod** is now open. Go to [www.anglicanprovince.org](http://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

### *Rehoboth Welsh Church*

The Rev'd Richard "Dic" Baskwill, father-in-law of Bishop Chad Jones, has spent a lifetime in ministry. A graduate of Union Theological Seminary in NYC, Fr. Baskwill was for many years a Presbyterian minister. After his retirement from the Baltimore Presbytery a number of years back he sought ordination in the Anglican Province of America. After ordination he served at Saint Alban's Church in Joppa, Maryland under then Fr. Chad Jones, and later Fr. Ray Unterburger. Now retired from Saint Alban's Fr. Baskwill is far from retired from ministry! He still faithfully pastors the people of the Rehoboth Welsh Church in Delta, PA. This independent chapel has regular Sunday evening services conducted in Welsh and English according the Welsh Book of Common Prayer. The church offers Welsh language courses for beginners to advanced speakers. They also have an accomplished Welsh choir that sings at different times throughout the year, and which has toured Europe and sang at Michael Douglas and Katherine Zeta-Jones' wedding! The next time you are in southern Pennsylvania be sure to stop in and say hello to Fr. Baskwill! <http://rehobothwelshchurch.weebly.com>

### *Spring/Summer Deanery Meeting*

I am sad to report that we will not be able to have our usual summer deanery meeting this year due to people traveling and vacationing. It is doubtful that we will be able to have on in the fall as well due to synod and then the holiday season. But I encourage the churches in the various states to try to get together perhaps for a day and have local mini-deanery gathering. In other words, the churches in Maryland can gather, as can the churches in Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

## Deanery News

### The Rev'd. Clarence "Chip"

**Sills, Ph.D.** is a renaissance man.

In addition to being a philosopher and academic, and a priest, he is also an expert at timber frame building. He and his family built his and Kelley's large and gorgeous timber frame house in West Virginia entirely by themselves from scratch... right down to harvesting the timbers and preparing them for use! Recently he designed and built the Monroe County Historical Society Carriage House Museum - a timber-frame structure in Union, West Virginia that houses a notable collection of horse-drawn equipment that was used in that county in earlier days. Presently he is designing and building a timber-frame home for a client in Summers, County, West Virginia. Lately, a talented young man applied to Fr. Sills out of the blue and asked to work as his apprentice, which both startled and pleased him, and put him on his mettle. He is helping with the project. In church activities, Fr. Sills pastors the **proto-mission of Saint Aidan's** in his hometown of Greenville, West Virginia. Though small, the mission donates to local charities and to St. Philip's Church in Blacksburg, Virginia.

### *Music CDs from Deanery Clergy and Clergy Emeritus*

Looking for some good music to listen to? Then check out two CDs by some clergy and clergy emeritus from our deanery! The Rt. Rev'd Bob Loiselle, former area dean and rector emeritus of Saint Paul's in Crownsville, has a fantastic CD called [NAME], where he plays the piano and sings classic songs from the American songbook such as "The Shadow of Your Smile; New York, New York; {ADD MORE}.

If acoustic guitar/singer songwriter music is more up your alley then check out Rob Tregenza's [NAME].

### *Prayers Requested and Update*

Please keep the Sweeney family in your prayers. Alice Sweeney's mother, Susan Sams, died suddenly a few weeks ago. Her passing was completely unexpected. Please pray for the repose of her soul, and pray for Fr. Kevin, Alice, and Raven as they cope with this tremendous loss.

In ministry news, Fr. Sweeney has recently begun CPE (clinical pastoral education) training. He is working on unit 1 of CPE which is twelve weeks of classroom and onsite training. With the latter he is assisting at an independent living/nursing home facility. There he conducts visitations to the residents and leads worship services. Please keep him in prayer as his studies progress.