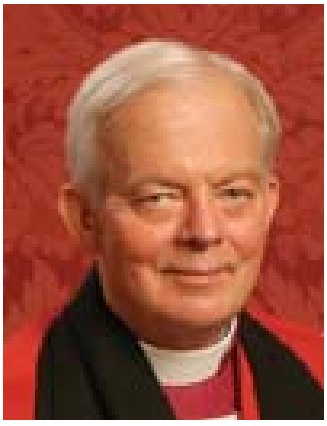
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Friends of Canterbury Cathedral in the United States

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LETTER FROM BISHOP LEE, CHAIR OF FOCCUS



Dear Friends,

Canterbury Cathedral was an especially gracious host to the bishops of the Lambeth Conference last summer. We spent three days there in retreat and participated in several very moving liturgies. The time at Canterbury reinforced the identity of Canterbury Cathedral as "the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion." Bishops with very different points of view, from many different nations, from many different cultural contexts joined together to celebrate our common heritage.

In 2009, the Canterbury Cathedral Choir will tour a number of cities in the United States (information on that tour can be found in this Newsletter.) I hope you will take advantage of its presence if one of the cities is near you and hear the soaring voices of the men and boys whose contribution to our worship at the Lambeth Conference was so important.

It has been a year of change within the Board of Trustees of FOCCUS. Three veteran members; Chaplin Barnes, Alan Blanchard, and Mark Robinson completed their terms. I am very grateful for the invaluable contributions all three have given to FOCCUS over many years. Theirs will be hard shoes to fill. Happily, we welcome three new members to the Board: Dean Samuel G. Candler, Col. Powell Hutton, and the Rev. Gideon Pollach. Their biographies can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Canterbury Cathedral belongs to all of us. It deserves our support. The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral in the United States is an instrument to assist Americans in supporting the ministries of the cathedral, including the Harper Scholarship Fund. Visit our new website, read our Newsletters, and join us in sustaining this marvelous ministry that serves the world.

Peter James Lee
Bishop of Virginia
Chair, Friends of Canterbury Cathedral in the United States



EXCITING NEW FOCCUS WEBSITE

A stunningly attractive and comprehensive website for FOCCUS has been designed for us by the Web Developer at Canterbury Cathedral. An advantage of electronic communication is that Anne Ritchie and Barbie Harper were able to review and edit each stage of the development process. The website will be an invaluable tool for spreading word of our mission and information about upcoming events such as the Cathedral Choir Tour to the U.S. in April.

The website address is www.canterburyus.org Rush to your computer and view it. If you have any suggestions for improving the design or ease of use of the website, contact Anne Ritchie at agr1@comcast.net.
Feedback would be appreciated.

TRUSTEES ACTIVATE CANTERBURY SCHOLARS' ALUMNI

At their meeting in April, 2008, the Trustees agreed to launch a program designed to tap into the experience and energy of the significant number of alumni of the Canterbury Scholars' program who reside in the United States. As a result, a few alumni located in the greater Washington, DC area were invited to meet with the Trustees after their October 2008 meeting at Virginia Theological Seminary. The Canterbury Scholars who attended that gathering were: Charles Fisher, VTS student body president; Sally Joyner-Giffin, Rector, Catoctin Episcopal Parish, Thurmont, MD; Linda Kapurch, Assistant Rector, St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg, VA; Tom Murphy, Assistant to the Rector, Christ Church Georgetown, Washington, DC; and Gideon Pollach, Head Chaplain at Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA, who has just been elected a Trustee of FOCCUS.

Following a presentation by Dean Robert Willis on the post-Lambeth landscape, the alumni recounted to the Trustees how the Canterbury Scholars' program has influenced their lives and ministries. Each had remarkable stories to tell. They all enthusiastically endorsed the concept that the Canterbury Scholars alumni could become an important friend- raising group for FOCCUS. In Linda Kapurch's words, "We are your ambassadors!"

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A HOLY WEEK & EASTER RETREAT
9 nights full board 4th. – 13th. April.
Twin rooms £499 p.p. single £599 p.p.
Any 4 nights – twin £300pp. single £350pp.
All rooms en-suite.

Programme to include, three evening lectures
by Archbishop Rowan:
Growing in Prayer: what the saints tell us about the spiritual journey
1) The Early Church
2) Reformers, Catholic & Protestant
3) The Quest for God in the Modern Age

and lunchtime devotional talks
by our guest resident chaplain,
Br. James Koester SSJE (Boston, USA)

For further details and booking see
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GREETING FROM CANTERBURY

I am just writing to say hello from Canterbury and to invite you to come and visit The Friends' Office here in our new premises should you be visiting Canterbury.
You can find us at 27- 28 Burgate which is next door but one to the Cathedral Shop. You can access the building from the Precincts too. We are open from Monday to Saturday from 9am to 4pm. By sharing the space with the Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal it brings together those responsible for fundraising for the Cathedral and is a great symbol of our united effort to help the Canterbury Cathedral Restoration Programme. If you have not yet visited the premises do pop in when you are in the city. We would be very happy to help you enjoy your visit more by giving you ideas on what to do and helping you find somewhere nice to eat or go. We do look forward to seeing you.

With best wishes,

Pam Doyle
Executive Secretary
The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral

NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES

THE REV. GIDEON POLLACH

A graduate of St. Albans School, Gideon Pollach earned his bachelor's degree from Trinity College and graduated cum laude from General Theological Seminary in New York.

He was clerk to the Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee , Bishop of Virginia, as well as director of Christian Education at Christ Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA, and director of youth ministries at St. Stephen's Church in Richmond, VA.

Before assuming the responsibilities as Head Chaplain at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA, in January 2007, Gideon was an Associate Rector at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City. He and his wife, Sarah, and young son live on the Epsiscopal High School campus.



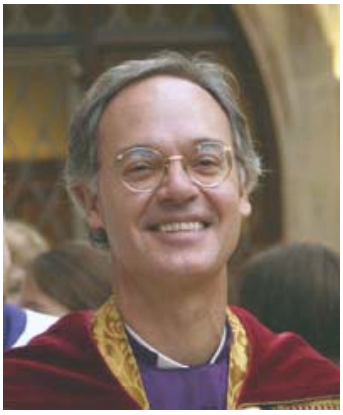
Gideon was a Canterbury Scholar. As a Trustee, he will be an important link to the Canterbury Scholars' alumni program.

THE VERY REV. SAMEUL GLENN CANDLER

Sam Candler has been Dean of the Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, GA, since 1998. He received his B.A. degree cum laude from Occidental College in Los Angeles, CA, and graduated from Yale University Divinity School magna cum laude in 1982. Dean Candler has served churches in Marietta and Cummings, GA, and in Summerville, SC. Immediately before he was called to St. Philip's, he was Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Columbia, SC.

The Dean has preached in England, Costa Rica, and Canada in addition to many places in the U.S. He serves on a variety of boards and organizations, including the Compass Rose Society.

In addition to his love of parish life, Sam is an amateur pianist who had intended to become a jazz musician before he was called to the priesthood. He also enjoys the out of doors and continues to fish, hunt, hike, and observe the stars as much as possible. He and his wife, Boog, have three children, Sarah aged 25, Martha aged 24, and Samuel aged 23.



COLONEL C. POWELL HUTTON

Powell Hutton is a graduate of West Point and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He served 30 years in the Army, including tours in Korea, Vietnam, and Europe. He studied at the American University of Beirut before teaching history at West Point, and later was a senior fellow at Harvard. After retiring from the Army, he worked in the corporate world, with the Department of Energy, and most recently with the Department of Defense.

Powell has been a member of St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, in Washington, DC since 1975. He is a graduate of the Education for Ministry program sponsored by The University of the South. He has served in a number of capacities at St. John's, including two terms on the Vestry, and is currently Chair of the Stewardship Committee. Powell is president of the board of a foundation that supports an academic environmental camp for young people. He and his wife, Joanne, have two grown daughters, Charlotte and Cecily.



WELCOME TO OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Trustees take great pleasure in introducing Deborah Hailey as our new administrative assistant . Debby joined FOCCUS on October 1, 2008, working in the Washington, DC office. In the few months she has been with us she has become an important part of the FOCCUS team.

Debby has lived in the Washington area for most of her life, although she did leave for 4 years to attend Wellesley College. Trained as an elementary school teacher, she taught at three private schools in and around Washington, "retiring" to raise four children who range in age from 14 to 25. She and her husband, Gary, who is an attorney working in Washington, live in Rockville, MD. Debby is the daughter of John and Barbie Harper. Debby works in the FOCCUS office on a part time basis but is always available to offer assistance or answer questions via phone (202 822-8994),email (canterburyus@gmail.com), or regular mail (888 17th Street, NW, Suite 220, Washington, DC 20006).



THE CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL CHOIR IS COMING TO THE UNITED STATES

Just after Easter the Cathedral Choir under the direction of Master of Choristers David Flood will be visiting the United States for the first time in ten years. The Choir has a packed schedule, arriving in Chicago on April 13 and performing nine concerts at locations in the east and mid-west before flying home from Washington, DC, on April 27.

There will be a FOCCUS stand at each venue, so if you are at a particular concert, do come and see us there. If you could help us staff the stand before the program or during the intermission and interest people in FOCCUS, then please contact Debby Hailey.

David Flood says, "Visiting the United States is a very special experience for the Choir. It is always good to meet up with old friends and to make new ones. For this visit, we have put together a program of church music, with an American flavor at times, which we hope everyone will enjoy."

Please note that tickets for the concerts should be purchased from the individual venues. They will usually be available from the Church or Cathedral websites.

The Schedule is:

April 14, 7:30pm, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL
April 15, 8:00pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, IN
April 16, 7:30pm, University of the South, Sewanee, TN
April 17, 8:00pm, St. Philip's Cathedral , Atlanta, GA
April 19, 7:00pm, St. Philip's Church, Charleston, SC
April 20, 7:00pm, St. James's Church, Richmond, VA
April 23, 7:30pm, St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, NY
April 24, 7:30pm, St. Thomas Whitemarsh, Fort Washington, PA
April 26, 4:00pm, Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC

Mark your calendars if you can get to one of these locations. Don't miss a wonderful opportunity to hear this superb choir of boys' and men's voices.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF CANTERBURY

From the moment of arriving here as Dean of Canterbury in 2001, I have been aware that this holy and historic place is owned and loved by millions of people throughout the world, most of whom I shall never meet. Day by day as pilgrims come here that realization is reinforced and it is reinforced most strongly when those pilgrims are members of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Each year we have hosted courses for young seminarians from all over the Anglican world and over the last few years have done the same for newly consecrated bishops.

Yet for all of that I was not prepared for the intense sense of affectionate ownership of Canterbury and its Cathedral Church by the 1300 Bishops and their spouses who came to share our life for almost three weeks at the Lambeth Conference last summer. It was a huge privilege to address the Conference as it gathered at the University of Kent on the first night and be able to tell them that the next day they would be coming to the Cathedral for two days of Retreat, not as guests, but as those who owned this place in a very real way. During the weeks that followed there were occasions when the Bishops gathered in great numbers in the Cathedral but also came individually and in small groups to walk around and pray and gain perspective from the daily life at Canterbury.

The Lambeth Conference underlined for me in a way that nothing else could the importance of places like Canterbury in our modern world and has reinforced the desire of this community to give hospitality not only to seminarians and Bishops but to Christians of all denominations who come here, and by doing so to fulfill our Mission Statement "To Show People Jesus."

The Very Reverend Robert Willis
Dean of Canterbury

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