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Report to the 2016 Synod of the Diocese of Christ our Hope, ACNA
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Dear Friends in Christ,

I am grateful to serve the Lord, our diocese, and our province as a *Suffragan* Bishop, while also serving full time as Rector of Church of the Holy Spirit in Roanoke, VA. This is possible because of God's mercies and the hard working staff I have at Church of the Holy Spirit. The term "suffragan" bishop is not one most of us understand. When I was growing up in the Episcopal Church I thought the *suffragan* bishop was a "suffering" bishop or a junior bishop. In a nut shell, a suffragan bishop is a bishop who is not the head bishop of the diocese; a suffragan is a full bishop with the same general calling and authority as any bishop but who works under the authority of the Bishop Ordinary and that of our Archbishop. In our province, most suffragan bishops are "part time" because they also serve as a rectors of a parish.

My roles and responsibilities are varied: I conduct parish visits (goal is 5-7 a year), teach at the ordinands retreats, ordain deacons and priests, do church consecrations (with permission from Bishop Steve), meet with clergy and potential clergy, and counsel clergy and vestries.

I am also the bishop in charge of overseas missions and outreach and am happy to help facilitate our parishes and church plants' involvement in relational mission in Rwanda. On behalf of our diocese, I am an active board member of the Anglican Relief and Development (ARDF), Walk With Rwanda (WWR), Land of A 1000 Hills (Gasabo) Ministry, and the Rwanda Ministry Partners (RMP). Once or twice a year, I lead a group of mission minded Anglicans to Rwanda to partner with the church there in Kingdom work. We have built schools, churches, taught the Bible, built feeding centers, fish farms, micro-finance, etc.

Recently I have been spending quite a bit of time praying for specific requests of clergy, their families and their parishes. I "prayer walk" over an hour a day and that gives me time for some deep intercession for our leaders and churches.

In 2017 I look forward to having more parish visits, starting a church plant in Richmond, VA, ordaining more deacons and priests, and I will spend a significant portion of my time in Rwandan mission, Sister 2 Sister church work, and Rwandan provincial sustainability. And of course, those über long conference calls in which we oversee, budget, plan, and strategize how to grow the kingdom of God and advance the Gospel.

In Christ,
Bishop Quigg Lawrence