



Report to the 2017 Synod of the Diocese of Christ our Hope, ACNA
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In our second year together, we are moving and shifting from the structural systems *to create* the Diocese of Christ Our Hope to building the infrastructure *to become* the diocese we envision. I have the privilege of serving as the volunteer Canon Missioner for COH.

The following items have been the goals for this year.

First, creating a Regional Mission Leader team. The Rev. Dan Claire (Church of the Resurrection, DC), the Rev. Mark Booker (Church of the Cross, Boston), and myself serve as the three Regional Mission Leaders. Our work is to convene and create a missional strategy focus for each region. We will be asking the following questions:

- What are we doing to expand mission in our area (and beyond, where applicable)?
- Who will be doing this (leadership recruiting, development, and sending)?
- How will we fund this kind of mission?

Second, I have ‘convened’ the Next Generation Conversation for the Diocese. Namely, by serving the Rev. Drew Hill and our youth ministry focus, as well as by huddling the leaders of Children’s Ministry in the diocese. We are looking at some standards as well as opportunities to engage during our regional events. In addition, I have been assisting the conversation with Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) and their leadership on how we can see more ministry to college students happen through our churches.

Thirdly, I am giving some voice to the assessment, development, training, and coaching of our Church Planting leaders. Available online is our “draft” Church Planting Manual. I commend it to you. It is a work in progress, but we are trying to create a healthy, flexible, and effective system for our church planting leadership.

Finally, I am providing some leadership for our Regional Events. Here is the schedule of Regional Retreats for this upcoming spring:

- Southeast Region: Feb. 8-10 in Greensboro NC
- Mid-Atlantic Region: Mar. 9-11 in Harrisonburg, VA
- Northeast Region: April 12-14 in Philadelphia, PA.

I hope to see you there!

Please let me know how I can help or serve you.

In Christ Jesus,
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