



Report to the 2019 Synod of the Diocese of Christ our Hope, ACNA
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Canon to the Ordinary

As Canon to the Ordinary, it is my charge to uphold the decisions and standards held out by our Constitution and Canons, our Diocesan Council, and Bishop Steve Breedlove, and to “translate” those decisions and standards into systems and action items that we can all understand and with which we can comply.

Highlights from 2019

- Overall strengthening of administrative systems and structures
 - Buddy Hocutt (formerly our part time Events Manager) has been hired full time as our Diocesan Administrator, which brings together the three roles of Director of Administration, Communications, and Events. We are thrilled to have Buddy on board!
- Diocesan Staff Coordination
 - Our staff continues to work very well together and I have been intentionally increasing my coordination of the various staff members and their ministry responsibilities in order to improve our internal communication and overall operational effectiveness.
- Committee for Safe Parishes
 - The Committee for Safe Parishes (formerly, Risk Management Committee) has completed work on our newly published Child Protection Policy and now turns its attention to other important policies, such as sexual misconduct policies and minimum insurance standards.
- MPP & Budget Assistance
 - As in years past, a significant part of my job is to assist the Diocesan Council, Bishop Steve, and our Treasurer, Lee Hilts, in the coordination of MPPs and the development of our annual budget.

It is my sincere desire to serve our diocese with increasing professionalism, putting in place systems and structures that truly help the mission of the church by resourcing and facilitating the ability of the local church to participate fully in the life of the diocese.

I am deeply grateful to God for the opportunity and privilege it is to serve him and our diocese in this way.

In Christ,
Rev. Ben Bowman
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