The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

A Letter from the Bishop:
Introducing the Diocesan Vision Statement

April 26, 2018

Dear People of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina,

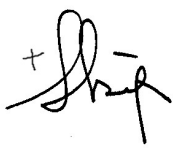
It was over a period of several months that a group of faithful folks met with me to develop a common vision for our diocese. That work, forged in prayer and a desire to be faithful to the mission and ministry to which our Lord calls us, brought forth the accompanying document. It has been adopted by Diocesan Council as our common vision statement, and I now share it with you that it might be seriously considered in our various faith communities.

My hope is that every vestry or mission council will take time at an upcoming meeting to engage the vision and have a serious conversation about what it may mean for you as a faith community and for all of us as a diocese. Perhaps such a discussion will enable clarity to come as to your purpose and who you want to be as the people of God in service of the Gospel. Please share it in your parish newsletters and find an attractive way to display it where you gather as a community on Sundays. One parish already has had it enlarged to poster-size and inexpensively framed so that it can easily be viewed by all.

If there are conversations or insights that the vision statement prompts, please submit them to Holly Votaw so that the stories can be shared with others of the diocese. Mutual encouragement builds up the body as we celebrate the Spirit's work in our midst.

Continued blessings to all in these Great 50 Days of Easter.

In the Name of the Risen One, Jesus,



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