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*"Good things are
happening at
St. Michael.*

Come and see!"

My experience serving as a member of the House of Deputies to the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church has been nothing less than extraordinary. To gain insight to the "wider" church and the diversity of people, culture, and geographies that fit (not always neatly) under the umbrella of the Episcopal Church has been quite astonishing and inspiring. With more than 400 resolutions being drafted, discussed, and voted upon, there was a clear demonstration of the breadth of issues (internal and external) which we (the Episcopal church) are addressing. I was duly impressed with the work of the church, by way of the General Convention, to achieve goals – making the world a better place and the church better able to call and serve all people in the name of Christ.

Saint Michael and All Angels is a dynamic parish with a rich history, and now has an opportunity for and even richer future. I believe that St. Michael can impact our Tallahassee area community in exponential ways. Through my recent participation with General Convention, I was able to connect with people from other parishes, other provinces, and other countries, all of whom can be or provide resources to our parish as we seek to be a greater presence through our Christian service to our neighbors. In addition, I have gained insight into how we can work through the commitments by our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and resource allocations approved by General Convention, to increase our spiritual and humanitarian footprint in the name of Christ.

The work of General Convention covered various areas of focus, which I believe fall into alignment with goals and desires of St. Michael. The resolutions and resource allocations related to Racial Justice and Reconciliation; Diversity and Parish Leadership (Lay and Clergy); Creating Non-Traditional Communities in Christ; Support for Parishes to Decrease Carbon Footprints; and several Human Rights issues provide tremendous opportunities for St. Michael to engage and utilize the commitments of the wider Episcopal Church to become a richer parish, and better meet the needs of our community.

Through my experience during General Convention I am convinced that St. Michael should begin to engage in the ministry of Christ wherever the opportunity reveals itself. There are tremendous opportunities to partner with parishes outside of our immediate diocese to engage in faith building initiatives through creative evangelism; to continue the fight for civil and human rights advances through social justice ministries; and to be better stewards of the environment by way of creation care ministry. We know that there is a small predominantly African American Episcopal parish 30 miles north of Tallahassee, in the city of Thomasville, Georgia that could use our help and support. The Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing (see <https://www.centerforracialhealing.org/>) is another partnering opportunity to increase our parish footprint. These are just two examples of opportunities that we have before us to spread and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I implore the Vestry and the congregation of St. Michael and All Angels to seek out the opportunities and resources resulting from the 79th General Convention to secure a rich future for the work and ministry of St. Michael. Let us go forth and build upon our 136-year history, creating a sturdy foundation and path forward for future generations of St. Michaelites.

Though we are not what we used to be, we are not yet what we are **called** to be, yet through persistence in the hope of Christ, we will.

*Byron Greene, deputy-Diocese of Florida
79th General Convention – Episcopal Church*

KEY DATES

September 3



September 14
HOLY CROSS DAY

September 21
**SAINT MATTHEW,
APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

September 29
**SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL
ANGELS**

July 25
SAINT JAMES, THE APOSTLE

October 18
**SAINT LUKE,
THE EVANGELIST**

October 23
SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM

October 23
**SAINT SIMON AND SAINT
JUDE, APOSTLES**

Upcoming Events



Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:15 pm
Said Mass
(Resumes September 18)

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Bible Study

September 5, October 3
First Wednesday Supper Service at The Kearney Center

September 11, 13 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Capital Campaign Congregational Listening Meeting

September 14-16
Happening #138 at Camp Weed

September 22
First Day of Autumn



September 25, October 23
Fourth Tuesday Supper Service at Grace Mission

September 29
Fifth Saturday Breakfast Service at Grace Mission

136th Anniversary Celebration

September 28:
MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE CONCERT

September 29:
QUIET DAY EXERCISE

September 30:
ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

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Around the Parish

A few years ago, our then senior warden, Byron Greene, coined a motto for our parish: Good things are happening at St. Michael...come and see! Below are a few examples of good things that have occurred recently.

July 1 – Independence Day fellowship hosted by Junior Warden Charlie Clark



July 15 – We welcomed The Rev. Canon Hilary Murray as our guest preacher. Hilary currently serves as the Pastoral Vicar of Christ Church Cathedral in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, Canada. St. Michaelites from the 1990s will remember Hilary as a graduate student at Florida State University where she earned a master's degree in Social Work, while her father, Fr. Carl Murray, was the rector here at St. Michael & All Angels.



Congratulations to Colton Wasson who gave us our offertory selection on July 22. For the first time, Colton performed two drum solos: "Diddles-R-U's" and "Seven and Six."

Congratulations to Dr. Edith Onyeozili who became a full professor in the Department of Chemistry, College of Science & Technology at Florida A&M University.

July 28 – St. Michael hosted a baby shower for our own Ivana Kenny Carmola. Ivana and her husband Darren welcomed baby boy Dominic on August 6, which coincidentally is the anniversary of independence for their native country, Jamaica.



August 5 – St. Michael held church down by the lakeside as we celebrated the 6th annual Flip Flop Sunday at Silver Lake. Following the Holy Eucharist, attendees enjoyed food, fun and fellowship.



August 19 marked the 39th anniversary of ordination to the sacred priesthood for our rector, The Reverend Hugh Chapman.



The Reverend Cal Goodlett, who served as our interim rector until we called Fr. Chapman to be with us, offered a blessing and invited all present to lay hands on Fr. Chapman. The offertory selection was a trumpet solo by Julian White, III; the meditation hymn, Hear, O Lord, was sung by Eugenia Chapman



On Sunday, September 30, St. Michael will launch a capital campaign, *Building with Christ*, to coincide with our parish's 136th anniversary of ministry in the Tallahassee community.



Listening Meeting, August 20

The Capital Campaign Committee is holding listening meetings to inform the congregation of proposed building plans and to solicit input. The first meeting was held on August 20. Two other listening meetings are planned for September 11 and 13.

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