

Canterbury

A Fresh Start



A mission and ministry
of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida
A sanctuary of hospitality for growth and learning

Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center



Dear Friends of Canterbury,

The adventure continues here at the Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center. In the three-and-a-half months since I have taken the role of Executive Director there have been some changes in our operations and staff; changes include our programs and rate structures for churches in the diocese. One of the major additions to Canterbury is the partnership with Church of the Incarnation. Incarnation moved its ministry and operation to the Canterbury campus on January 3. You can read about these changes on our website: www.canterburyretreat.org or on Incarnation's Web site, www.incarnationoviedo.com.

As I consider this new calling and understand the mission of Canterbury in our diocese I would define it as the place where the Church gathers to grow in our love and knowledge of Christ. There are lots of places you can do this: in rural, rustic settings, mountain top retreats, beach resorts and other camps and conference centers some with fabulous amenities often much more than we have at Canterbury. It begs the questions: What makes Canterbury unique? What is it we offer that many others do not? As I have pondered this I feel deep inside the Lord spoke to me and said our ministry is one of *Sanctuary*. We provide a place on hal-

lowed ground where people can encounter Almighty God. In a world that often beats us down and wears us out Canterbury brings a sacred space where you can hit the pause button, take a breath and as the psalmist would say... A place where you can *Be Still and know that He is God* (Psalm 46:11) We accomplish this in many ways but chiefly by offering quality hospitality to our guests, great food, comfortable accommodations and attention to their needs. It is living into the promises of our Baptismal Covenant: proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. We will do this all with God's help.

I think our sense of Sanctuary will grow as the Church of the Incarnation takes up residence here as a worshipping community. I see these ministries sharing this space and a Kingdom Outpost being established anew in Oviedo, Florida. A Kingdom Outpost is defined as a place where people in this world see and experience the Kingdom of God

Continued on following page

Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center

From preceding page

through the People of God in a specific place; a place where the saints gather to love God and love each other (The Great Commandment) and to share, spread and proclaim this love to a world in desperate need of Good News (The Great Commission).

I am excited to announce to you an opportunity to join in this mission and to advance the Kingdom of God into the hearts and lives of men, women and children by participating in The Sanctuary Campaign; a capital campaign to improve the facilities, enlarge the sense of sanctuary and increase the ministry of Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center. This is a critical time in our life as the past few years have been very difficult in terms of finances and much of Canterbury's infrastructure is in dire need of capital improvement. Canterbury's physical plant must be repaired and renovated. I have outlined three specific areas where the situation is critical and we need to make investments.

□ New Roofs: We need three new roofs: The Folwell Building, The Chapel, and the one-story lodging building, newly named the McQueen Lodge. These roofs must be replaced as we are experiencing leaks and other structural problems due to the disrepair.

□ Room Renovations: Most of the rooms in the two story lodging building have been renovated. To complete this building and to renovate the one story lodging building we have a total of 23 rooms to be finished at an estimate of \$3,600 per room which will provide new furniture, fixtures, flooring and more. This will bring the lodging at Canterbury up to a level where we can offer excellent hospitality to all of our guests.

□ Other Projects: There are other areas needing attention: refurbishing and updating the meeting rooms; audio / visual needs; furnishings, landscape buffers and more as we seek to regain the beauty of our facilities which has worn thin with



years of use.

I am asking you to consider a gift to Canterbury to help us in these needed and essential projects. This Sanctuary Campaign will run throughout the coming year and I hope we can accomplish all of these repairs and improvements in 2010. The funds raised in this campaign will be for capital improvements (not operations). When you consider we are eighty-seven churches in the diocese and some fifteen thousand plus households in addition to the hundreds of supporters and people outside of the diocese who love and use Canterbury, I believe the finances needed are achievable. Canterbury is a resource we all share and I invite you to help with the stewardship of this essential diocesan asset. Join with us in the mission to see Canterbury grow into its next phase of ministry. Please pray for us as we move forward and consider how you might contribute to and invest in this

ministry of our diocese.

You are essential to realizing this mission. Please consider making a personal retreat at Canterbury. Can you create a retreat at Canterbury for your vestry, special group, or entire congregation? We would be eager to assist you in such an endeavor. I, also, ask you to participate in one or more of the five diocesan sessions scheduled for 2010. For more information on these and on Canterbury as whole please look to our website.

I ask your church designate funds for Canterbury from its outreach budget to assist us in the operational side of our ministry. Conference centers must have regular support from donors to make ends meet. Many conference centers have upwards of 20% of their budget from contributions. Canterbury in the last five years has received an average of 2% of our budget from contributions. It is the nature of this type of venture to rely on

donations in order to make our services affordable to churches.

I hope you will make an immediate response to this request (a self-addressed envelope is enclosed) and additionally that you will make a pledge to this ministry for 2010 and beyond, as well. It is a critical time and your contribution is much needed and much appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this capital campaign please feel free to contact me personally.

I believe that good things are on the horizon for Canterbury. I responded to this calling to see Canterbury grow. I hope in years to come we will see lives changed and the Kingdom of God expand in us and through us. I hope the dream of a greater sanctuary will be realized and I humbly ask for your prayers and support.

*Blessings,
The Rev. Jon Davis
Executive Director*

Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center

Canterbury welcomes new exec, new rates and fresh programs

The Rev. Jon Davis, in addition to being the Vicar of Church of the Incarnation, Oviedo, has taken on the role of executive director of Canterbury.

“This has been an amazing journey over the past couple months,” Fr. Davis said. “We are in the midst of living into this partnership between Canterbury and Incarnation but I can say with confidence it is one that holds great promise for both as we share in the mission to advance the Kingdom of God.”

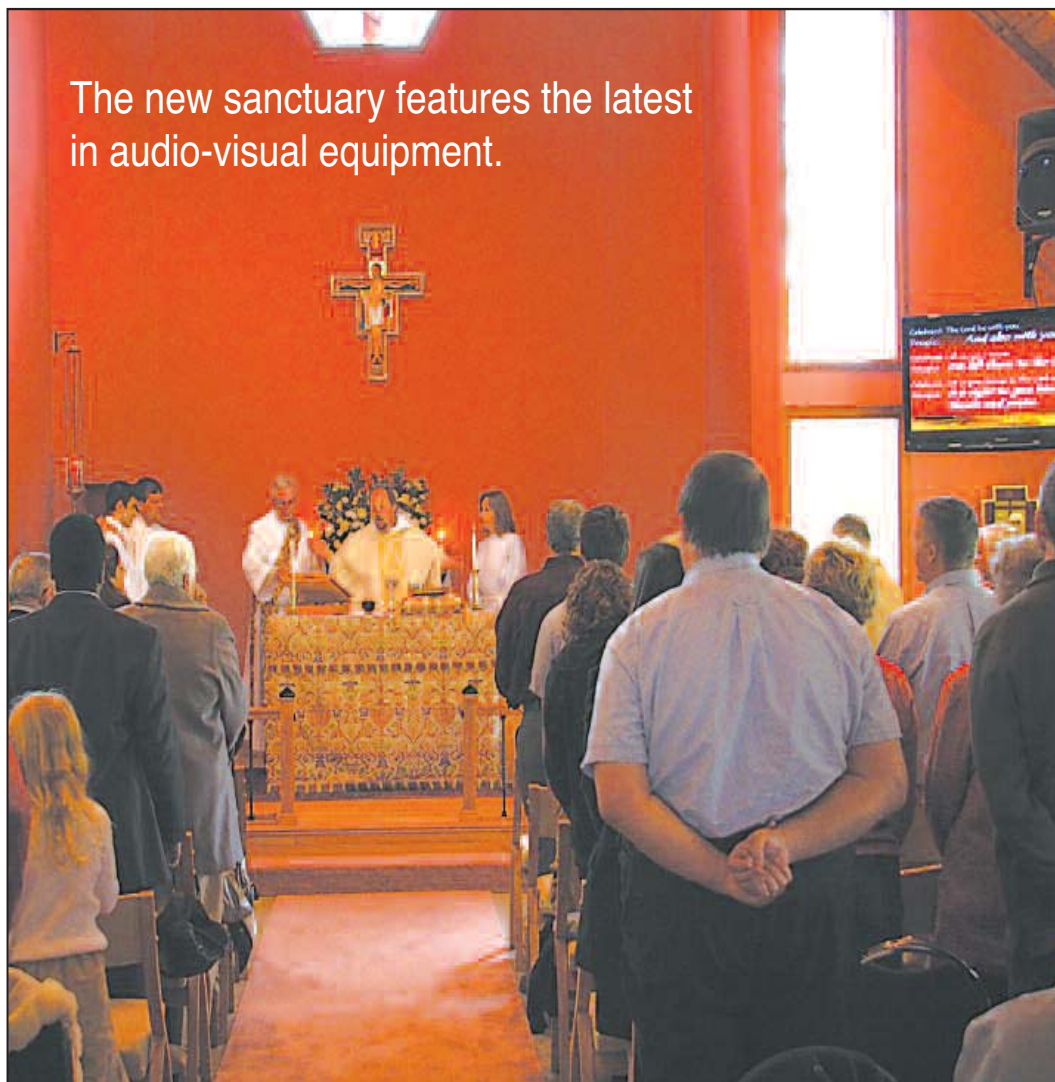
Fr. Davis has spent much of his professional life and ministry planning and executing retreats and conferences.

“I find great value in getting a group of people nestled away to experience God’s presence and power, His love and mercy,” he said “As a youth minister for twenty plus years, I knew that a retreat was worth a month of youth group meetings in fostering spiritual growth and commitment to Christ. This is true for adults as well and I want to build on Canterbury’s long history of being a place where people encounter Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.”

Because of declining market conditions, Canterbury has struggled in the past few years financially. As a board member from January 2006 to October 2009, Fr. Davis knew the difficulty of simply paying bills for operations.

As executive, he is working hard to trim Canterbury’s budget in regards to operations and to bring all expenses within the center’s means.

“I look also to redirect our marketing to focus on churches beginning in the diocese first and then reaching out ecumenically and geographically. Along these lines I am



The new sanctuary features the latest in audio-visual equipment.

pleased to announce a diocesan rate reduction.”

The rates are as follows:

Weekend Retreat Package - two nights lodging (double occupancy) and four meals (three on Saturday and breakfast in Sunday) for \$90.00 per person. This is an effective model making retreats affordable with folks responsible for their dinner on Friday as they travel to the destination and departing before lunch on Sunday.

Daily rate with one night lodging (double occupancy) with

three meals is now \$60.

There are various other configurations we can put together, (day meetings, banquets and special meals, wedding packages, ropes course and more) just let us know, we are here to serve you. I hope you will consider holding your event, retreat, conference or other church gathering here at Canterbury.

To make a reservation please call Terra at Canterbury, space is limited and the more flexible you can be the better chance we will have to accommodate you. We will do every-

thing we can to make your time productive and successful here at Canterbury.

We are also in the process of redesigning Canterbury Programs. Bishop Howe shared a vision for the diocese in his Pastoral Letter of April 15th, 2008. (Copies are available on the diocesan website <http://www.cfdiocese.org/sites/default/files/Core%20Values.pdf>) We will be planning top quality conferences centered on this vision, equipping the saints for ministry.

Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center

CANTERBURY

the beginning of a great tradition

The property that Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center calls home, traces its roots back to 1876 when Esaias Henschen, a Swedish immigrant living in New York City, purchased a beautiful but wild 40-acre tract of land five miles south of the Lake Jessup community (present day Oviedo) for \$1 per acre.

In 1886 Mr. Henschen sold this property to Andrew Aulin, the local postmaster, who had recently renamed the community "Oviedo." Mr. Aulin soon sold the property to the first medical doctor in the area who in turn sold it to his son, P. B. Boston in 1897.

The Boston family lived on this beautiful property and farmed on it for the next 75 years — selling it to an investment firm in 1972.

By the late 1970's the diocesan youth camping program was in trouble. Camp Wingmann was on hard times — camp attendance was down and the buildings were falling apart. Instead of investing more money, the Diocesan Board decided to sell Camp Wingmann. (Thanks be to God, Camp Wingmann has risen from the ashes and serving the youth of this diocese once again!)

Bishop William



Folwell had a vision — a new and modern retreat and conference center for adults where the diocese could come together to learn, pray, worship and re-create. Canon Allen Purdom suggested the name "Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center". Canterbury was born.

Bishop William Folwell
had a vision — a new and modern
retreat and conference center for
adults where the diocese could
come together to learn,
pray, worship
and re-create.

The diocese purchased the old Boston property in 1981 and many voluntary hours were spent cleaning up the property which had become a local dump site. The original beauty of the property was restored and construction began for the new retreat and conference center.

In October of 1982, Canterbury welcomed its first guests—a retreat for youth workers led by Fr. John Palarine. Bishop Folwell officially asked God's blessing on the new facility after the Diocesan Convention in January 1983. The original investment of \$1,550,000 came from the sale of Camp

Wingmann, Venture in Mission capital funds campaign, the sale of some diocesan-owned property and special gifts. The new conference and retreat center was debt-free with 48 acres, a 30-room lodging building, a meeting/dining/kitchen building and a staff residence.

From the beginning Canterbury has been and continues to be a favorite meeting place in the diocese.

As a result of this demand:

■ The original Folwell Building was doubled in size in 1985 and a maintenance building added with funds coming from the Mission and Ministry Capital Funds Campaign.

■ Also in 1988, the Canterbury Challenge Course was opened and has continually operated ever since.

■ The Bishops Walk was dedicated to all the bishops of South and Central Florida in 1990.

■ A new 16-room lodging building/meeting space/laundry was added in 1991 with funds coming from a commercial construction loan.

■ St. Augustine of Canterbury's Chapel in memory of Nils Schweitzer was dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, 1995.

Throughout its history, Canterbury has welcomed others in the name of Christ.

It continues to be the home of many diocesan/church functions as well as serving all of the central Florida church community. Canterbury's history has not ended by any stretch of the imagination.

It will continue to grow and be of service to the church for generations to come.

Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center

CANTERBURY RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

MAY 27-29, 2010

Kingdom Mandate

A conference for Church Growth and Church Planting

**THURSDAY-
SATURDAY**
MAY 27-29, 2010

Canterbury Retreat and
Conference Center
1601 Alafaya Trail
Oviedo, Florida 32765
407-365-5571

www.canterburyretreat.org

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest - Luke 10:2

Schedule

Thursday, May 27

4:00 - 6:00pm Arrival / Check-In
6:00pm - Supper
7:30pm - Opening Session

Friday, May 28

8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Session 2
11:00am Workshops (Round 1)
12:30pm Lunch
1:30pm Workshops (Round 2)
3:30pm Workshops (Round 3)
5:00pm Break 6:00pm Supper
7:30pm Session 3

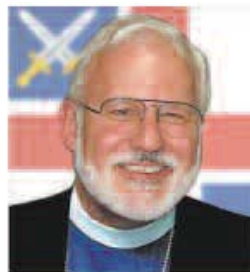
Saturday, May 29

8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Closing Session
11:00am Closing Worship

In addition to our keynote session leaders there will be a number of workshops on a variety of topics to help grow your church. Look for a detailed schedule on our website.

Join us as we labor to advance the Kingdom of God through effective ministry strategies and ideas. Main sessions, workshops, worship, and more will detail and model successful programs and strategies - equipping the saints for ministry.

Keynote Session Leaders



Bishop John W. Howe

Bishop Howe is a gifted teacher and carries a vision for growing, vibrant churches in the Diocese of Central Florida and beyond. According to Bishop Howe, *The best way to see the Kingdom of God grow is through planting new churches. We are committed to seeing the Kingdom expand into the hearts and lives of men and women, young and old, rich and poor, strong and weak, every language and culture. The Great Commandment (loving God and loving others) plus the Great Commission (going into all the world to proclaim the Gospel) is the formula for a GREAT CHURCH!*

Mike Atkins is an anointed worshipper and gifted teacher of the Word of God, whose inspiring style of communication has led him before a variety of audiences all over the globe. He has served in pastoral ministry for nearly 30 years, Mike brings a balance of evangelistic passion, a worshipper's heart, and revelational teaching. He authored the book *Church of the Nations: Becoming a First Century Church in a 21st Century World*. Mike will inspire us in the mandate to advance the Kingdom of God.



The Rev. Mike Atkins

Kingdom Mandate Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please let us know of any dietary or physical needs: _____

All meals (Thursday Supper to Saturday Breakfast) are included in all prices.

- \$45.00 Commuter
- \$125.00 Single Occupancy Rate (limited availability)
- \$110.00 Double occupancy Rate (price per person) Roommate: _____

Cash, checks, and all major credit cards are accepted.
Payment due at time of registration.

To register: Online: www.canterburyretreat.org OR
contact Canterbury at 407-365-5571 / email tmedeiros@canterburyretreat.org

Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center

A Prayer for Canterbury...

Almighty God, bless Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center; make it a lively center for sound learning & in the course of this busy life, a place of spiritual renewal, refreshment & peace. Give wisdom to the Board & Staff; to make wise decisions, to be good stewards of all resources. Lead us we pray to strength & stability. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit with a vision for greater mission & effectiveness for the expansion of your Kingdom in this diocese & beyond; that people would come to know you as Lord & Savior; grow in their knowledge of you by the work done here. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who modeled for us the need for retreat to be strengthened & renewed. Amen.

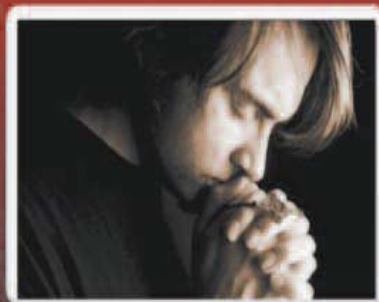
The Diocese of Central Florida and
Canterbury Retreat and
Conference Center

WORSHIP CONFERENCE September 16-18, 2010

Canterbury Retreat and Conference
Center 1601 Alafaya Trail
Oviedo, Florida 32765
407-365-5571
www.canterburyretreat.org

There is a great deal involved in our Christian faith and walk: Prayer; Service; Study; Evangelism; Missions; worship and the list could go on for pages. There will come a day when we will not have to pray, every need will be met and there will be no more death, trials, disease, no more tears. There will come a day when the task of evangelism will be done and people from every tribe, nation and tongue will gather before Almighty God. There will come a time when we will no longer study the scriptures we will know fully just as we are fully known. The one thing we will do for all eternity is WORSHIP. Worship is the essential and ultimate goal of humanity. On this side of glory we have opportunity to cultivate and nurture the heart of the worshipper. This is the focus of this conference.

This gathering is designed to inspire and equip people in the ministry of leading worship. Worship that is engaging, interactive, reverent, done with care and excellence, drawing people into the presence of God that He might be exalted in all the world.



Conference Leaders



Steve Fry, internationally known worship leader, singer, songwriter,

musician, pastor, teacher and author.

Check out Steve's ministry at:

<http://stevenfry.org>

The Rev. Dr. Reggie Kidd:
Professor of New Testament
at Reformed Theological
Seminary; Faculty of the
Robert E. Webber Institute
for Worship Studies.

Reggie is a scholar, author and columnist
for *Worship Leader Magazine*. Check his
website: <http://reggiekidd.com>



There will be many other worship leaders and experts offering a variety of workshops and training opportunities. Not only will we have great sessions but this event is designed to model worship throughout the conference.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 16,
4:00pm Arrival and Check-in
6:00pm Supper
7:30pm Opening Session

Friday, September 17,
8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Session 2
11:00am Workshops (Round 1)
12:30pm Lunch
1:30pm Workshops (Round 2)
3:30pm Workshops (Round 3)
5:00pm Break 6:00pm Supper
7:30pm Session 3

Saturday, September 18
8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Closing Session
11:00am Closing Worship



Conversations with Fathers of the Faith

A Summoning of Pastors and Marketplace Leaders

Gulf Area Regional Gathering

August 19-20 – Canterbury Retreat Center
Oviedo, Florida

Hurting families. The loss of jobs, financial drain and teetering economies. Human injustice. Blended beliefs. Natural disasters altering the lives of thousands in an instant. Leaders losing credibility in the eyes of those they 'serve'. Such is the current state of our planet – the one Jesus loves and longs to redeem and transform! In 2 Chronicles 7:14, it appears that God's people may play a role in transformation by responding to Him in humility, prayer, turning from their sin and seeking His face. What if shepherds of flocks and godly marketplace leaders yielded afresh in obedience to God's purposes? Is it possible that we are standing at the precipice of the church's greatest hour and God is inviting us to participate with Him in it?

As a response to the days we are living in, the *Lionshare Leadership Group* hosted an historic gathering of six 'fathers of the faith' to capture on film their combined 300 years of godly wisdom and counsel. In 2010, these and other spiritual fathers are participating in two-day informal 'conversations' held in various regions throughout America to challenge, equip and encourage pastors, marketplace leaders and their teams to live, lead and finish well. You and your leadership team are cordially invited to participate in this unique 'face to face' opportunity with 'fathers of the faith'. Make sure to get these dates on your calendar and register today at www.lionshare.org!

Gathering Times

- Thurs, Aug.19 - 9:00 – 9:00 / Fri, Aug.20 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Cost

- \$199 per person – includes multiple sessions with the 'fathers', four meals (Thurs lunch and dinner / Fri breakfast and lunch), one copy per church/group of the historic *Conversations with Fathers of the Faith* DVD Series and other great resources.
- Lodging & Meal Options at Canterbury:
 - Overnight rate: Thursday night stay
+ Double occupancy - \$45 / Single occupancy - \$60

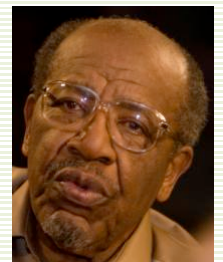
Questions?

- Contact the Lionshare office at (615)377-4688 or Canterbury at (407)365-5571 for lodging.

Participating in Florida



Dr. Henry Blackaby has served as a pastor and as the president of his denomination. He is known for his book, *Experiencing God*, which has sold over 7 million copies and is now available in 45 languages. Currently, much of his time is spent shaping 170+ CEOs in the ways of God.



Dr. John Perkins, a sharecropper's son from Mississippi, has pioneered and led the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) which now has 6,800 individuals and 600 churches, ministries, institutions and businesses participating from all across the country.



Dr. Winkie Pratney, a native of New Zealand, logs some 150,000 miles a year speaking with over a half-million youth and young leaders. He has authored more than a dozen books and is one of the General Editors of the soon to be released *Revival Study Bible*.

Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center

Canterbury's mission is to be a resource for the Diocese of Central Florida, the Church and the wider community, to celebrate the Great Commandment and the Great Commission and to take Central Florida for Christ!



Here is a list of offerings we plan for Canterbury in 2010 to help us grow in our knowledge and love for Christ:

☐ **March 5 & 6, – Bishop's Lenten Retreat** – Approved Unto God - This year's theme is Stewardship and promises to be a rich time of fellowship, teaching, worship and more.

☐ **May 27-29 - Kingdom Mandate** – Church Growth and Church Planting Strategies effective in advancing the Kingdom of God.

☐ **August 19-20 – Discipleship / Leadership Conference** – with Henry Blackaby (author of Experiencing God) / Winkie Pratney / John Perkins / Dave Buehring . This conference is designed for clergy and church leaders (lay and ordained, staff and volunteers) to equip them in leadership.

☐ **September 16-18 – Worship School** – A conference to equip worship leaders and inspire worship that engages congregations and deepens their relationship with Almighty God.

☐ **December 4-5 Missions Conference** – This conference is designed to prepare a church to take a short-term mission trip in 2011, training the team for the cross-cultural ministry and more

Look for more details about these and other events at www.canterburyretreat.org. I believe this new beginning in 2010 will make Canterbury the center for faith, renewal and Christian spirituality and strengthen it to be a premiere destination for people from all over. Please mark your calendars and join at these very special gatherings. Our prayer is you will walk away with deeper faith, greater love and sense of purpose from having been in the God's presence.

Finally, let me express my gratitude in this calling. Please pray for us as we move forward in faith, hope and love. The task may seem monumental and we are crafting something new in terms of Canterbury's ministry and partnership with Church of the Incarnation. I believe with all I am, that God has opened an amazing door that will lead to great things for Canterbury, Incarnation and The Diocese of Central Florida.

If you have questions or comments or if I can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact

The Rev. Jon Davis
Executive Director

(407) 365-5571

www.canterburyretreat.org

E-mail: jon@canterburyretreat.org