

## **The Right Reverend John Guernsey Bishop of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic, ACNA**

The Right Reverend John A M Guernsey was elected bishop of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic, an recently formed diocese in the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).

Previously, he was Bishop of ACNA's Diocese of the Holy Spirit, a diocese that dissolved when its geographically scattered churches were encouraged to join together with nearby ACNA parishes to form regional dioceses.

Prior to being consecrated as a bishop in September 2007 under the Church of Uganda, Bishop Guernsey served as the associate rector at Christ Church in Alexandria, Virginia (1978 - 1981), then rector of All Saints' Church, Dale City, Virginia, a position he held for 29 years.

He was born in St Louis, Missouri, and now lives in Woodbridge Virginia with his wife Meg Phillips Guernsey. They have two married children.

Bishop Guernsey is a Magna Cum Laude graduate from Yale University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA.

Bishop Guernsey currently serves on the ACNA Executive Committee, the Archbishop's Cabinet, Stewardship and Finance Committee, and the Task Force on Islam and Interfaith Engagement. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Sharing of Ministries Abroad – USA (SOMA), an Anglican short-term mission organization.

Bishop Guernsey says of his pastoral leadership:

*"I have a high priority of ministering to clergy and their families. I telephone the clergy regularly to check in and to pray for them. I am always looking for emerging leaders, particularly those of the next generation, to encourage and disciple."*

*"In my preaching I seek to spur the church to engage in mission and evangelism and I often invite those who do not yet know the Lord to surrender their lives to him."*

*"Dealing with stewardship has been a priority in ministry and a significant part of my own journey in Christ. I teach biblical stewardship and readily witness to the blessing of tithing in our own family. I taught financial stewardship at Virginia Seminary for 12 years, as a consultant in dozens of dioceses and congregations, and most especially at All Saints' Church in Dale City."*

