# call2disciple

#### December 2015

#### Dear friends,

Each year we ask you to consider a year end gift to call2disciple. This year is huge for us. We've taken some risk. We're trying something new. We want you to be a part of it.

- 1- *C2D is now our primary focus*. In May, Thad stepped down as pastor of Church of the Apostles, Fairfield, CT. We have returned to our church family at All Saints, Pawleys Island, SC with Thad serving as Bishop-in-Residence.
- 2- *C2D is adding a new dimension: CLERGY CARE.* Recent studies are telling us there's an epidemic of pastors needing pastors. They give themselves to strengthening us in Christ, but who strengthens them? Our heart for 2016 is to come alongside pastors and officially open a clergy care office. To learn more about it, please see the attached announcement.

This office is not fully funded. The Board of call2disciple, with Bishop David Bryan as Chair, will act as our mission board. This means the majority of our salary will come from call2disciple. As you can imagine, it's risky. But we believe the Lord has called us to it.

- 3- *C2D is more available for retreats and Sunday preaching.* Without the primary responsibility as pastor of a church, Thad and Erilynne are now more available to strengthen the church through the expository preaching of the Word. This is how to find us and share us with your friends:
  - > Facebook and Twitter (\call2disciple) and share it with others
  - Bookmark <u>www.call2disciple.com</u>
  - Share our resources with others. For example, we are pleased to announce the release of the third devotional this past September: REAL MERCY
  - Strive with us to make discipleship front and center in our churches. As our culture turns from God, we need to be strong witnesses for Jesus

We need your financial support as we come to year's end. Please consider donating today. You can also visit our website and click on the "donate" tab, or send a check to our address below.

### DONATE TODAY: http://www.call2disciple.com/#!donate/cno4

This year is different – but really exciting. We want you to be part of it.

God bless each of you -- to the praise of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Thad and Erilynne Barnum with the C2D board: David and Nancy Bryan, Ralph and Beth Sprinkle, Lou Lachicotte, and Barbara Counts

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# ANNOUNCING THE JANUARY 2016 OPENING

# CLERGY CARE OFFICE

## Our Passion is to Pastor Each Pastor Well

Recognizing few pastors have pastors caring for their soul in matters of spiritual growth, emotional health, and marital strength;

Recognizing also recent studies of pastors reveal a staggering epidemic of loneliness and lack of proper care among clergy;

Bishop David Bryan has asked Bishop Thad Barnum to open a Clergy Care Office in his emerging diocese and serve as a Chaplain to Clergy.

- > Providing Care for Anglican Clergy and beyond
- Utilizing Video Conferencing
- > Offering 10-12 appointments per week
- > Assisting, training, and encouraging Chaplains who also serve in Clergy Care
- > Helping to launch Clergy Care Offices in other Anglican dioceses

Chaplains, distinct from professional counselors, are seminary trained and hold to the same standards of confidentiality required by all ordained Anglican clergy.

This Office is not funded by the diocese. As one source of funding, clergy benefiting from the Office will be encouraged to financially support it.

Bishop David has designated the ministry of "call2disciple" to oversee all financial contributions for this Office. If you're able, please support this Office with a year-end gift and pray for this Office to be fully funded in 2016.

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The work of all Pastors is to present "everyone mature in Christ" (Col 1:28). This Office strives for the same with the clergy we serve.

To contact the Office of Clergy Care, go to: <u>www.sepearusa.org</u> To know more about CALL2DISCIPLE, go to: <u>www.call2disciple.com</u>

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