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The Rt. Rev. John Miller Will Step Down July 12 As Rector of Christ Church Anglican Vero Beach

VERO BEACH, FLA., JUNE 19, 2019 – Bishop John E. Miller, III, Rector of Christ Church Anglican Vero Beach since August 2012, will retire from full-time ministry July 12 and preach his last sermon at the church as their rector and pastor on July 7.



During his tenure, Bishop Miller oversaw rapid growth and expansion of the church and their ministries which included overseeing the capital campaign and building of a new 26,000 sq. ft. parish campus located at 20th St. and 6th Ave. Additionally, he spearheaded the establishment of the missional 9.23 Community Center, which continues to thrive under his watch, and the expanded TOTS (Teaching Our Toddlers Spiritually) and other Children’s Ministry programs.

“These seven years have gone by quickly,” says Bishop Miller. “I owe so much gratitude to my family and the members of Christ Church for their hard

work and faithfulness in helping me fulfill my vision for evangelism to our community and preaching Biblical truths. Their support and encouragement have given me great joy and helped me become a better servant of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Recognized as a powerful and authoritative Biblical teacher and preacher, Bishop Miller will continue to follow-up on opportunities for post-retirement Christian ministry. “My journey with Christ has not ended,” he says. “I see every ending as only an opportunity for a new beginning and I’m looking forward to the next chapter in my life of following Jesus.”

Bishop Miller completed his Master of Divinity degree in May 1993 at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pa., ending an 18-year career with the Smithsonian Institution and Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution as a marine biologist. He also holds a B.A. in Zoology from the University of South Florida and has done graduate studies in Marine Biology from the same university.

Bishop Miller was ordained a deacon in 1993 and to the priesthood in January 1994. In 1995, he served as the Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church & School in Melbourne, Fla., before being called as Rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Melbourne in 1996.

In 2004, Bishop Miller planted Prince of Peace Anglican Church in Melbourne. Consecrated a Missionary Bishop in 2008, he later that year became a Founding Bishop of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) in Bedford,

Texas. In his role as a Bishop, in oversaw 30 Anglican Mission churches in Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

Bishop Miller has led three mission trips to Rwanda and his work as an Anglican Bishop carried him to Canada, Israel, Kenya, Uganda, Singapore and South Africa, as well as all three quinquennial Global Anglican Future Conferences (GAFCON) to date.

Over the course of his 25+ years of ordained ministry, Bishop Miller and his wife, Joyce, have served as tour hosts on seven pilgrimages to the Holy Land and one to Greece and Turkey, studying the journey of the Apostle Paul.

A native of Easton, Penn., Bishop Miller and Joyce will continue to reside in Vero Beach following retirement. His near-term personal interests include travel and spending more time with his children.

Christ Church Vero Beach is a member of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese within the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) which unites nearly 1,000 congregations across the United States, Canada, and Mexico into a single Church. Additional information on Christ Church can be found by going to its website, www.christchurchvero.org or by calling the Church office at 772-562-8678.

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