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## CAMPAIGN FOR THE FOURTH CENTURY

October 1, 2015

Dear Parish Family,

As you may know, this past Sunday we had a grand afternoon and evening in celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Just prior to the service of Evensong, the congregation heard the following announcement about the Campaign for the Fourth Century:

“I’m delighted to announce that the goal of the Campaign for the Fourth Century will be \$8,000,000. As of September 25, we are 55% of the way there, with \$4,500,000 committed. The other piece of news is that a major lead gift has been made by the Bruton Parish Endowment Fund totaling \$1,950,000. Deepest thanks to the Endowment trustees for an extraordinary contribution over and above your long record of support. In the months ahead, we will be reaching out to the parish in various ways — by mail, telephone and visits — offering everyone an opportunity to participate. Sincere thanks to those who have already pledged or remitted a Campaign gift. I’m confident we’ll continue this trend of success in support of our wonderful parish.”

We are pleased to have reached this point sooner than anticipated. Every day that we make progress brings us closer to entering into agreement with the chosen organ builder.

There is a bit of parish history that ties in well with the Campaign. On May 14, 1905, the Rev’d Beverley D. Tucker preached a sermon inaugurating the first major restoration of the building, which was set to commence the very next day. An excerpt follows:

*It is your Church, but it is also the Church of the men and women who have gone before you. You are entering upon their labors. It is also the Church of those who are to come after you; the Church of many generations, which each must safeguard, and which each must hand down to the other, stronger.*

He was speaking of us, the ones who came after, equipped by our predecessors to do the work of God here. The Campaign is underway. The Church continues. Thanks be to God.

Sincerely,

The Rev'd Christopher L. Epperson

Albert Louer, Senior Warden

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The Rev'd Christopher L. Epperson, Rector  
The Rev'd Charles A. Robinson, Vicar  
The Rev'd Tyler L. Montgomery, Associate Rector & College Chaplain