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Dear Clergy and Lay Delegates to Annual Council,

Our 122nd Annual Council is just a few weeks away. I look forward to seeing everyone in Williamsburg. As we prepare, I am reminded of three primary reasons we gather each year in this manner:

- To conduct the business of the Episcopal Church in Southern Virginia.
- To enjoy one another's presence in Christ through fellowship, celebration and worship.
- To share our common challenges with one another and to seek creative solutions through education and collaboration.

As our legislative process before and during Council has become more streamlined, Council weekend now affords us a greater opportunity to work on our challenges – to be together with one another as both teachers and learners. This year's speaker Dwight Zscheile, noted author and teacher, will guide us in deeper discernment.

Our time together at Council is valuable time. It is my prayer that delegates and visitors will arrive in Williamsburg ready to engage together in hard work, and ready to be open to new movements of the Spirit.

See you then!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Herman Hollerith". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Bishop Hollerith

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