

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA

Dear Members of Trinity Parish:

As your bishop, I am inviting you to attend a confidential meeting at which I will provide you with additional information concerning my reasons for inhibiting the exercise of the priestly office by Dean Philip C. Linder.

I am convening this meeting because in my pastoral judgment, and in my exercise of the ministry of oversight as an ordained episcopal leader in our church, it is my conclusion that sharing additional information with you is necessary. I hope to assure you of the deliberate and careful way in which decisions have been made, and the factual justification for them. The ultimate goal of the meeting is to ensure that the health and wellness of the parish are preserved.

A similar meeting was held Sunday evening, but the decision to hold the meeting was only made on Saturday evening. For that reason, we were not able to call and invite as many key leaders and concerned parishioners as we would have liked.

I am requiring all attendees at these meetings to sign a binding oath of confidentiality. At the meeting, a registrar will check you in and ensure that you are a member of Trinity Cathedral Parish, as reflected on the rolls. The meetings will take place at **6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 22** and **4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 25**, in Averyt Hall. To accommodate the registration process, please try to arrive well in advance of the starting time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Andrew Waldo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "A".

The Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop
The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina