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All Saints Day, 2012

Dear fellow American Friends:

Years ago, noted Anglican ecumenist Dame Mary Tanner stayed at our home in Florida for a diocesan conference. That Sunday, she preached at St. John's Cathedral (Jacksonville) on John 17. Her sermon, based on Jesus' prayer to his father, "so that they may be one, as we are one," rang as true then as it does now.

That we all may be one... A tremendous, and obtainable, goal. How exciting to think that we are part of that Gospel process!

Those words continue to unfold in my life as I now accept our Presiding Bishop Katherine's nomination and look forward to serving as the new Chair of the American Friends. The members and past leaders have created a firm foundation for us to continue our work of support for the Anglican Centre in Rome. I am excited about the future we are building together.

Our next American Friends board meeting in New York on December 4 should be wonderful. The hospitality of the Rev. Andrew Mead and St. Thomas is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing as many of the board members as possible at 10:00am and then for luncheon following. Mary Reath and I will have just returned from the Centre's annual meeting in Rome and will have much to report.

I eagerly anticipate this next chapter in the American Friends of the Anglican Centre in Rome.

Blessings,

(The Rev. Canon) Kurt H. Dunkle