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### **Anglican Alliance Grows, Develops Ministries**

*Jacksonville*—The Anglican Alliance of North Florida, an emerging local network of Anglican Churches, is pleased to announce the addition of several new congregations to its member churches.

The Rev. John Eason, formerly the rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville, is joining with a group of parishioners from that church to launch St. Barnabas Anglican Church in the Arlington area of the city. The new church will hold its first service on Sept. 3, 2006, and will be sharing space with Ft. Caroline Presbyterian Church. The congregation will come under the oversight of an overseas Anglican province.

The vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Jacksonville, has decided unanimously to reform as Christ Church Anglican, under the leadership of the Rev. Mark Eldredge, formerly rector at Church of the Epiphany. The new church will merge with Christ the King Anglican Church to represent orthodox Anglicanism on the Westside of the city, and will meet at Bishop John Snyder High School. The Rev. Robert Sanders, formerly the rector at Christ the King, will be the associate rector at Christ Church. Their first combined service will be this Sunday, Aug. 27, with a special inaugural service to be held Sept. 10. The new church is part of the Anglican Mission in America (AMiA) and is under the Province of Rwanda.

In addition, the Rev. Jim Parker, along with a large portion of the congregation of Church of the Holy Spirit, will be joining Holy Cross Anglican Church in Tallahassee. Holy Cross was launched in March 2006 under the leadership of the Rev. Bob Coon and most of the congregation from Church of the Advent. The first service of the new combined group will be held Sept. 3. Holy Cross is a member church of the Anglican Province of Kenya.

The addition of these churches brings to 16 the number of member congregations in the Anglican Alliance of North Florida. There are now six Anglican Alliance churches in Jacksonville, covering most of the city, in addition to the two in neighboring Orange Park. Anglican Alliance churches in the Tallahassee area now number five.

The Anglican Alliance is also developing new opportunities for combined ministry in the North Florida area. Most recently, the Alliance launched Anglican 4th Day at a rally held in Dowling Park. Anglican 4th Day is a spiritual retreat weekend modeled on the widely used Cursillo format, and is being led by veterans of the Cursillo movement in North Florida. The first 4th Day retreats will be held this October at the Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park.

The steering committee of the Anglican Alliance is thrilled at these recent developments and thankful to God for the continued growth of this ministry alliance in our area.

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*The Anglican Alliance of North Florida was formed in October 2005 to gather together biblically centered churches in the Anglican tradition for a common witness. The Alliance currently comprises 16 churches in North Florida, including Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Gainesville, and other cities. The goal of the Alliance is to represent orthodox Anglicanism in our area, and to work to increasingly combine our resources for common ministry and mission under the worldwide Anglican Communion.*