

December 2021

2021 Benefactors Event a Success

On Saturday, December 4, the University of the South held its 11th annual celebration of benefactors who provide scholarships and internships for Sewanee students. It was remarkable to witness these amazing students expressing their gratitude to their benefactors. At this year's event, two students from the School of Theology, [Kat Chappell, T'23](#), and [Ian Williams, T'22](#), reflected upon how their scholarships and internships have shaped their incredible life experiences made possible through your generosity. Click the student names above to watch their videos.



Save the Date for an Easter Week Alumni Retreat

The Office of Alumni Engagement at the School of Theology is thrilled to announce that we will host an alumni retreat Tuesday, April 19 - Friday, April 22, 2022. The retreat will take place at the [Rivendell Spiritual Center](#) in Sewanee and will include plenty of time for rest, reflection, and fellowship with friends old and new. More details will follow in the new year!



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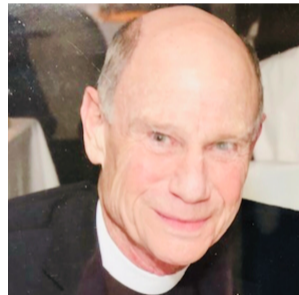
Job Opportunities

- [Rector, St. George Episcopal Church - Jacksonville/St. George, FL](#)
- [Associate Rector, Christ & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church - Westport, CT](#)

Clergy Transitions

Updates submitted by our alumni

*Click the photos for more information, if available.



The Rev. Rusty Goldsmith, T'81, H'98, is now serving as Interim Rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Demopolis, AL.



The Rev. Emmanuel Bwatta, T'10, was recently elected Bishop of Western Tanganyika in Tanzania. His ordination and consecration will be Jan. 30, 2022.



The Rev. Omar Reyes, T'21, has accepted the call to become Priest-in-Charge at St Alban's Episcopal church in St. Petersburg Beach, FL beginning Jan. 6, 2022.



The Very Rev. Brian Burgess, C'80, T'99, has recently been elected as the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Springfield.

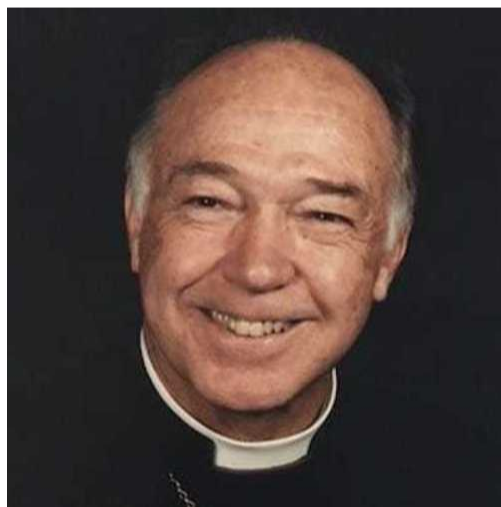
Notable

- The Rev. Scott Arnold, T'87, has recently authored a new series of espionage novels centered around an Episcopal Priest — Father Scott Flenn. www.fatherflenn.com
- The Rev. Dr. W. Robert Abstein, T'65, T'78, married Jo Ann Gessler Pate on Nov. 13 at St. Paul's, Franklin, TN.

In Memoriam

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Click the photos to view obituaries.



The Rt. Rev. William E. Sanders, T'45, H'59

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