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Dear Clergy Spouses,

Since last year's diocesan convention, a lot has happened! One major bit of news in our household, of course, is that Charlie has announced his intent to resign as Bishop of East Tennessee, effective June, 2011. After making that announcement, the two of us have experienced excitement, trepidation, and some sadness. Indeed, all of you have been a great source of support for me over the years, and I will be sad to leave you.

We still have a year and a half until we leave, though. I'll probably say "Thank you" a million times over these next months, but I want to express my thanks first of all to you clergy spouses. We have done some interesting, productive, and fun things as a group – especially at previous diocesan conventions and at bishop house parties. As we anticipate our convention next February, we do not need to plan to host the Presiding Bishop or prepare for a General Convention. So, we can concentrate on our diocese this year.

Clergy spouses have been asked to act as pages at convention again this year. This request provides us an opportunity to serve the diocese, to participate and be involved, and to show our support for the work of the church in East Tennessee. Please seriously consider serving as a convention page, and if you are willing to do so, please contact Laura Nichols at [lnichols@etdiocese.net](mailto:lnichols@etdiocese.net) or (865) 966-2110.

While at convention, remember to stop by the spouse room. It will be good to have a place to gather once again. Bring a book you are reading, a project you are working on, or your students' test papers to grade. The room will be open at lunch time, on Friday, so we can pick up our meals and eat them in the spouse room. And, there will be candy, as always!

This year's convention will be February 12 and 13, in Knoxville. For Charlie and me, it will be a very special time with you in East Tennessee. We look forward to seeing you there!

Godspeed,



Annie

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UNIFIED AND EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD,  
EMBRACES THE CALL OF JESUS  
AS SERVANTS FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD  
AND AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS  
OF GOD'S GRACIOUS BOUNTY.