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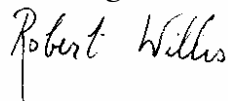
I write this having recently returned from the annual Washington meeting of the Board of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral in the United States. We met in the Library of the National Cathedral and our meeting was chaired by Bishop Peter Lee. It was a most beautiful fall day with the Cathedral preparing for the Installation of its new Dean, Randolph Hollerith. He was able to come and greet the Board and there was a great feeling of the fellowship of Cathedrals across the world and of mutual support.

The meeting itself heard the reports of very successful conferences of seminarians and those in early ministry from across the world which had been supported by FOCCUS and had taken place at Canterbury each summer. This Appeal Letter gives me a chance not only to express the need for resources but also the chance to thank you for all the support you have so readily given. These conferences for seminarians and young clergy from across the Anglican Communion will continue year by year. They are hugely important in the life of our Communion and a growing understanding among churches differing from one another.

The singular mission of FOCCUS is to provide badly needed financial aid to participants in these conferences. Representatives from Anglican parishes from all over our world is essential to the success of these annual courses and so is your generosity.

It is not too early to wish you a happy Christmas and a good New Year.

With all good wishes,



The Very Revd Dr. Robert Willis  
Dean of Canterbury