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Dear Friends,

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Energetic leadership has stepped into place for FOCCUS.

We welcome the new Dean of Canterbury, the Very Reverend Dr. David Monteith, who was installed in December last year. He is a native of Northern Ireland who studied zoology before following the call to the priesthood. Among his other responsibilities, he served at Leicester Cathedral for thirteen years, first as Canon Chancellor and then Dean. He is making his first visit to the United States as Canterbury's Dean this month.

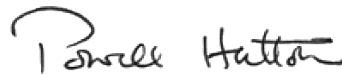
Our new Chair of the Board of Trustees for FOCCUS is the Reverend Canon Carl Turner, a board member for the past five years. He is currently Rector of St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York where, among his other duties, he leads the nationally acclaimed Choir School, one of the last three in the world where all students are choristers and boarders. He has been deeply involved in ecumenical outreach within the city. Before coming to New York, he was Canon Presenter at Exeter Cathedral for thirteen years.

Canon Turner replaces the Very Reverend Joseph Britton, who served with distinction as Interim Chair of the FOCCUS Board for the recent two difficult years. We are deeply grateful, however, that Dean Britton, who has been a board member for the past eleven, will remain on it, bringing to it as he does his experience both as a rector and as President and Dean of Yale's Berkeley Divinity School. In that latter position, he led annual pilgrimages of seminarians to Canterbury.

Transitions in leadership bring inevitable change, and while change is essential for progress, change alone does not guarantee it. As Alfred North Whitehead reminded us a century ago, "The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order". One without the other leads nowhere. FOCCUS since its inception has been blessed with far-sighted leadership that has preserved just such positive change, allowing it to move forward with confidence. It has also been blessed with the financial support to make that happen.

Please join me to support such able leadership to make such change possible.

Faithfully,



Powell Hutton
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