

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ATLANTA



OUR COMMON MISSION

The Gospel of Jesus always extends to us *a higher calling*, and we are confident that we will respond to that call by going forward together with faithful and bold new initiatives that will embody the particular witness that the Episcopal Church brings to the world.

This is our vision of our life together in the coming years. Let us join hearts and hands and:

- **Strengthen** and grow our ministries with children and youth in our parishes, in our diocesan programs, and in our camp and conference center programs;
- **Renew** our commitment to lifelong Christian formation for every baptized person through new initiatives in adult education and through new programs for lay leadership and development
- **Broaden** our support (in both direct support and advocacy) for ministries to the poor and disenfranchised in middle and north Georgia;
- **Commit** fresh energy to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through the work of Episcopal Relief and Development and through our diocesan mission partnerships around the world, especially with our companions in Central Tanganyika, Ecuador Centrale, and Rio de Janeiro;
- **Recommit** ourselves, for the sake of all these ministries, to growing the church in our diocese by planting new parishes through our Alleluia Fund for Mission and strengthening our established parishes with new initiatives in congregational development training and support.

This is God's church and we are privileged to be the agents of God's reconciling love by feeding those who are hungry in body, soul, and spirit. Holding before the world the rich food of God's grace is the purest form of joy and delight. In a world often ready to give up, *proclaiming in word and deed the life-transforming message of the resurrection of Jesus makes a world of difference.*