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For the spirit of the city



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TENDING THE SPIRIT

Walking to Jerusalem

We are in the last phases of installing at Richmond Hill the "Jerusalem Mile," a form of meditative labyrinth copied exactly in pattern and dimension from one that is in the floor of the cathedral at Chartres. Apparently, in the Middle Ages, it was considered an obligation for Christians to attempt to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, just as Muslims consider it an obligation to make the hajj to Mecca.

Chartres, built at the end of the 12th Century, was itself a destination for pilgrimage, more accessible to many than Jerusalem. Pilgrims arriving there could walk the Jerusalem Mile (or crawl it, if they were in penitence) as the fulfillment of their obligation.

We are walking to Jerusalem, the tradition tells us. Just as Jesus refused to stay in Galilee, outside the challenge of urban life, we are walking to Jerusalem. Just as our Lord has encouraged us to walk to the place where God is proclaimed to be present and where all nations will come to worship him, we are walking to Jerusalem. Just as our lives move inexorably to a fulfillment in the heavenly City, we are walking to Jerusalem.

The message is a helpful one, because otherwise we would just be floundering, walking about in circles, wandering this way and that, without so much as an intended direction, much less a compass to tell us where it was. The idea that we are on a journey, and that the journey leads somewhere, is encouraging.

Many days it is simply a question of putting one foot in front of the other. We cannot see more than several feet ahead of us, either in space or in time, so we continue on the path which will best express our present desire or best respond to the immediate challenge. Most of us have a list of these paths stored in our memory and ready to be taken as time or situation allows.

But the Jerusalem walk has a deeper and more mysterious destination. We are to be on the lookout each day for an instruction, or a redirection that we did not anticipate. Things that happen do not automatically supply directional

information. We must head for Jerusalem in the midst of many things, finding the way when things appear to be confused.

The Jerusalem walk is often indirect. Just as the labyrinthine pattern on the crest of Richmond Hill seems to go round and round rather than in a definite direction, so the actual path to Jerusalem seems to lead back to where we started, or to the side, or down a deep hole, or off on a slant. Jerusalem, we learn, is straight ahead. But the world in which we live is anything but straight, and a straight path may appear very crooked.

Earthly Jerusalem is hardly inviting these days. The sense of conflict, and hatred, and anger, and partisanship and danger is anything but an image of the goal of human life, much less a desirable destination for our own journey.

There is a secret to these things. We head for the city, even though it is currently in a horrible mess, trusting that when we have worked out our own route, the destination will have come unspooled as well. This too, is a part of what it means to be on a journey - to know that the resting place itself is hidden in the shadows, visible only in a sudden parting of clouds.

We are pilgrims along the road. We have left home so far behind that we cannot remember the way back. And even if we could, we know that the landmarks and roads would have changed so much we could hardly recognize it. Our childhood home would be a parking lot, our elementary school an apartment building.

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The church of childhood, if there was one, is no longer there. Either we miss it and have never been able to find it again, or we moved on from it, or we have found a way of hope in spite of it. The journey to God is a little like leaving the shore. The only true pilot speaks only in our spirit. No one else can know the route to our destination, and we ourselves have never been this way before.

The farther we go, the more the landmarks fall behind. Now there are boats which we ourselves have bought, or buoys we ourselves have discovered. Now there are companions who were not there earlier and may not be there in the future.

On land, or on sea, the journey has a remarkable solitary character. Those who travel with us are so very dear and so very important because the journey is so solitary. What we share with other pilgrims, above all, is the knowledge of this ultimate solitude. No one can take the walk for another, and no one can hand the journey off to someone else. At times this is a source of ecstasy - the journey is so very appropriate for you, and you alone. But at times, it is a source of archetypal sadness. The journey which you must take is known only to you, in detail and in balance and in crisis and in decision things are known which only you know - and they are more than you can bear.

There is someone who knows what you know, the Gospel says. The private thoughts and terrors, the incomprehensions and impossibilities, the fears and the hopes - these are known directly, precisely, and intimately by a friend in the spirit. Other human beings can touch these awarenesses sometimes. But he knows them always and altogether.

Pilgrims walking to Jerusalem, together, down the hill. We vanish from sight for awhile. And there, in the distance, not too many days or years hence, we emerge, walking in the sun through the golden gates of the heavenly city.

B. P. Campbell, Pastoral Director

**CIVIL RIGHTS MEMORIAL
DEDICATION**

The Commonwealth of Virginia will dedicate a Civil Rights Memorial in Capitol Square on Monday, July 21, at 10:30 a.m. The memorial recognizes those who brought about the defeat of government-endorsed racial segregation in Virginia. The memorial features the efforts of Barbara Johns and her classmates, who challenged the School Board of Farmville, Virginia in 1951 to build a new, and equal, school for them. The Farmville case was taken by Attorney Oliver Hill of Richmond and became one of the five cases in the Brown v. Board of Education decision before the Supreme Court. Virginia's saga of state-sponsored segregation continued through the attempts of the General Assembly to block Brown v. Board with legislated "Massive Resistance," until those laws were finally struck down by simultaneous State and Federal Court decisions in January, 1959.

The dedication ceremony will cap two days of celebration, including a symposium and film entitled "From Struggle to Triumph to Tomorrow" offered from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 20 at the Library of Virginia, and tours of the Capitol and Richmond's Reconciliation Statue.

The dedication ceremony will feature Gov. Timothy Kaine, poet Nikki Giovanni, and national NAACP President Julian Bond. All events are open to the public. The Memorial is located in Capitol Square adjacent to the Governor's Mansion.

INDIVIDUAL RETREAT

*Available each week in 24-hour increments
between 4:00 pm, Monday and 4:00 pm,
Sunday*

**JOIN IN THE
RHYTHM OF LIFE
WITH THE
COMMUNITY.**

*Silent retreat, spiritual direction, and
Christian healing prayer sessions are avail-
able to those on individual retreat.*

*Suggested Donation:
Directed, \$75 per night
Non-directed, \$50 per night*

*Contact: Karen Moore at 783-7903 or
guestmaster@richmondhillva.org.*

Positions Available

These positions are available at Richmond Hill. Preference is given to persons who make a commitment as members of the Residential Community. Job descriptions are shaped to fit the particular gifts of persons called to residency.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR. We are seeking an experienced spiritual director who will oversee the spiritual guidance program, help to train adjunct spiritual directors, direct individual retreats, and provide spiritual guidance.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR. This is a residential position for a married or single person, including basic pastoral duties, liturgical work and preaching, work with program, and spiritual counsel. If skills and interest are present, work may include public ministry in the larger community of Richmond as well.

DATA COORDINATOR. This is a full-time residential position for an imaginative person, single or married, who will establish and maintain a full data base of members and friends of Richmond Hill, retreats, churches, and clergy. The position includes ample opportunities for other ministries as well.

INTERNSHIPS IN URBAN SPIRITUALITY. Residential internships at Richmond Hill are for a one-year term beginning in the Fall. This program is designed for persons who wish to explore ministry and vocation in this residential Christian Community for a year. Some persons participate full-time in the Community and its ministry; others do so while in seminary or graduate school. Inquiries and applications can be made at any time.

LIBRARIAN. We are seeking an experienced librarian to oversee the administration of our collection. This includes entering new volumes into our catalog and collection, overseeing the library space, and coordinating library volunteers.

TO INQUIRE OR APPLY contact the Rev. Ben Campbell, Pastoral Director, at 783-7903 or BCampbell@RichmondHillVa.org.

Metro Richmond at Prayer is a cooperative, covenanted effort of the churches of Metropolitan Richmond. We pray together each Sunday for the common concerns of our Metropolitan Richmond community. Coordination of this effort is provided by Richmond Hill. Ask your Pastor to commit your congregation to participate.

To order the prayer book, or to obtain a covenant, call the Rev. Del Sledge at 783-7903 ext. 24, or e-mail Metro Richmond at Prayer at mrp@richmondhillva.org. You may also fill out a covenant at our website: www.metrorichmondatprayer.org.



Metro Richmond at Prayer

Pray for Governments and Governing Bodies in Metropolitan Richmond

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

(Micah 6:8 NIV)

July 2008

July 6, 2008. We pray for governments and governing bodies in Metropolitan Richmond: For the Mayor and City Council of Richmond, the City Manager, and all city employees; For the Boards of Supervisors, Councils, Administrators, and employees of Charles City, Goochland, New Kent, Powhatan, Ashland, and Hopewell.

July 13, 2008. We pray for governments and governing bodies in Metropolitan Richmond: For the Supervisors of Chesterfield County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.

July 20, 2008. We pray for governments and governing bodies in Metropolitan Richmond: For the Supervisors of Henrico County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.

July 27, 2008. We pray for governments and governing bodies in Metropolitan Richmond: For the Supervisors of Hanover County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.

CLASSES

REDEEMING RICHMOND.

Dates: Thursday evenings, September 25 - November 13, 2008. 7:30 p. m.
Facilitator: Rev. Benjamin P. Campbell, Pastoral Director
Suggested Donation: \$120 with supper included; \$80 lectures only.

This course is a series of eight lectures on the History of Richmond from the time of its original inhabitants to the present. It explores the Covenant which the European settlers claimed to make with the God who is the Father of Jesus and the original sins which were committed in the establishment of Richmond and have continued to this day. Finally, it addresses the urgent mission of redeeming Richmond.

1. The Covenant of Richmond.
2. The Reasons for Jamestown.
3. The Conquest of Tsenacomoco.
4. An Economy of Servants and Slaves
5. City of Slaves
6. Segregation and Resegregation
7. Modern Patterns of the Original Sin
8. Redeeming Richmond.

Advance registration is encouraged.
 Contact Karen Moore, Guestmaster.
 780-1253.
 Retreats@Richmondhillva.org.

RETREATS

WHEN DREAMS DIE

Dates: October 24-26, 2008
Facilitators: Jerry and Patsi Deans, Sandy Gramling
Suggested Donation: \$150.00

This retreat will address reactions and responses to losses that occur in our lives. More than just the death of loved ones, our dreams die whenever we are forced to deal with changes and disruptions in our preconceived personal realities.

There will be four distinct parts of the retreat:

1. The Problem with Problems.

2. Standing on the Promises.
3. Preparing for and Receiving the Help God Sends.
4. Reconciling and Redeeming our Losses.

Jerry and Patsi Deans have led a grief ministry at Cool Springs Baptist Church for the last 4 years. Jerry has a Masters in Social Work from VCU and recently retired from the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

Sandy Gramling in on the faculty in the Psychology Department at VCU, is a licensed clinical psychologist, teaches stress management, has co-authored two books on stress.

Contact: Karen Moore at 783-7903 or guestmaster@richmondhillva.org.

THOMAS MERTON

A Retreat by Dr. E. Glenn Hinson

Dates: October 31- November 2, 2008
Facilitator: Dr. Glenn Hinson
Suggested Donation: \$160.00

Dr. E. Glenn Hinson became a personal friend of Thomas Merton when Hinson was a professor of Church History at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville in the 1950's. Merton, Trappist monk and spiritual writer, lived in the Abbey of Gethsemani near Louisville. Hinson went on to become involved in the ecumenical revival of spirituality in Christianity. From 1994 to 2004 he taught Church History and Christian Spirituality at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. Currently, he is Visiting Professor at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Senior Professor of Church History and Christian Spiritual Formation at the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. He is the author of many books, including *Religious Liberty: The Christian Roots of Our Fundamental Freedoms*, and *A Serious Call to a Contemplative Lifestyle; Spiritual Preparation for Christian Leadership*. Dr. Hinson has D. Phil from Oxford in Early Church History, as well as a Th.D. in New Testament from Louisville.

Dr. Hinson recommends that retreat participants obtain a copy of Lawrence Cunningham's *Thomas Merton: Spiritual*

Master: The Essential Writings. (Paulist Press). Available from the Richmond Hill Book Store.

Contact: Karen Moore at 783-7903 or guestmaster@richmondhillva.org.

CREATING A (SUB) URBAN CONSCIENCE

Dates: November 21-23, 2008
Facilitator: The Rev. Ben Campbell, Pastoral Director
Suggested Donation: \$150.00

Metropolitan Richmond is one socio-economic city that is divided into four major governmental units and at least six smaller ones. The divisions among jurisdictions give a particular quality to the continuing issues of race, class, and poverty, issues of social justice for Christians. A new generation of Christians is seeking to address and alleviate these problems, which are rooted in the history of our metropolitan city. There are original sins here - class, racism, Pharisaic religion, and greed. This retreat will address the precedents in our metropolitan city created by our history, allow for discussion about how to heal the wounds created by our history, and strategize on how we can help to develop a healthy community and seek God's righteousness for the one million citizens of the city of metro Richmond.

Contact: Karen Moore at 783-7903 or guestmaster@richmondhillva.org.

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP RETREAT featuring Offering

Dates: January, 30-February 1, 2008
Suggested Donation: \$150.00

Come join local musical group Offering and the Richmond Hill Community for an opportunity to grow closer to God through a retreat which will feature musical worship and praise.

Contact: Karen Moore at 783-7903 or guestmaster@richmondhillva.org.

SCHOOLS

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Opening 24 hour retreat:

September 6-7 2008

Classes are on Thursday weekly from 6-9:30 pm beginning September 11, 2008

Pastoral Care and Counseling is a one-year program that focuses on enhancing one's skills in ministering to those who are experiencing physical, emotional, and spiritual difficulties. It also helps persons improve the quality of their own self-reflection through journaling, prayer, meditation, and Bible reflection. Weekly sessions are held on Thursday nights beginning with community prayer at 6:00 pm in the chapel and followed by dinner and class.

Deadline for application is July 31. Application includes a written form, an interview, and a \$50 nonrefundable fee.

For further information, call the Rev. Dr. Alice Harris, Director, at 804-783-7903 or 804-232-8312, or e-mail at aw_harris@juno.com.

RUAH SCHOOL OF SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Now accepting applications for 2009-2011 class

The RUAH (Hebrew word meaning 'breath' or 'spirit') School of Spiritual Guidance exists to help both laity and clergy to identify and develop the charism of spiritual guidance. A two-year, two-phase program, runs from September through June each year. The first year focuses on the identification of the gift of spiritual guidance and provides opportunity for careful spiritual formation. For those who wish to continue the development of the gift of spiritual guidance, the second year will focus on skill development and supervision in the context of deepening one's own faith life.

For further information, contact Janie Walker at 783-7903

SOZO SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN HEALING PRAYER

There will not be a 2008-2009 SOZO class. We are now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 class

The SOZO (Greek word meaning "to make whole" or "to heal") School is a one-year school which consists of four 24-hour retreats and three eight-week sessions. Designed for persons discerning a call to the ministry of Inner Healing Prayer, weekly sessions are held on Thursday nights beginning with community prayer at 6:00 pm in the chapel and followed by dinner and class. The first trimester focuses on an introduction to Christian Healing Prayer, the second on inner healing, and the third on special topics around healing prayer, ethics, and guidelines for ministry and self-care for the prayer minister. Classes include presentations, discussion, and prayer practicum.

For further information, contact Janie Walker at 783-7903.

GROUPS

THE SACRED DANCE SATURDAYS

Second Saturdays, 10:00a.m.-noon, Mulenga Katyoka, facilitator

This group is for those interested in cultivating inner peace and an enhanced sense of wellness through Sacred Dance, an integration of Gospel music with traditional African gestures and jazz. Contact Mulenga Katyoka at Mulenga_k@yahoo.com or by phone at 433-9840 for more information.

AA TWELVE -STEP MEETING

Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUPS

*Tuesdays, 4:45 - 5:45 p.m., Karen Moore, facilitator
Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Helen Eano, facilitator*

Each group is open to all, both those who have experience in centering prayer and those who do not. Contact Karen Moore for more information.

Retreat Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Retreat: _____

A non-refundable 50% deposit is required.

____ Enclosed is \$

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Please complete registration form and return with check to:

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2209 E. Grace Street
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Richmond Hill retreats and classes are open to anyone interested in strengthening their relationship with God. Suggested donations are set as low as possible and are subsidized by the labor and love of many volunteers. Scholarships are available upon request.

For more information on the opportunities listed here, contact Karen Moore at 783-7903 or email guestmaster@richmondhillva.org.

DAILY PRAYERS

Morning 7:00 - 7:30 A.M.
 Noon 12:00 - 12:15 P.M.
 Evening 6:00 - 6:15 P.M.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Every Monday

The community celebrates Holy Communion. Services are led by ministers of various denominations according to their traditions. We invite you to join us afterwards for dinner in the refectory.

TAIZÉ

Leader: Jim Bennett

7:30 p.m. first Monday of each month

Taizé worship is contemplative and meditative in character, using short songs, repeated again and again in a candle lit chapel. Using just a few words, the songs express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, the hope is this reality will gradually penetrate one's whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God.

We invite you to participate in our practice of Taizé which includes singing, prayer for Metropolitan Richmond, and a period of silence. Jim Bennett is a skilled musician and leads this time of worship with a variety of musical instruments.

12-STEP HOLY COMMUNION

2nd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

The order of this service centers on the Twelve Steps used in AA, NA, and many other programs. Open to everyone. For more information, please contact Ben Campbell or Janie Walker at 783-7903.

SOAKING PRAYER SERVICE

Leader: Fontaine Williamson
 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.
 1st Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Those struggling with illness have benefitted from being "soaked in prayer" over periods of time. Prayer ministers are available to pray with those desiring emotional, spiritual, or physical healing. Participants are invited to find a comfortable place, sit, relax, and receive prayer. Participants may also come and go during the service.

EUCCHARIST FOR GENERATIONAL HEALING

Leader: The Rev. Janie Walker
 5th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Once a quarter, Richmond Hill offers a Eucharist for Generational Healing. This is an opportunity to invite God's healing into your family, including the generations that have gone before and the generations that will come after you. Please bring the blessings as well as the pains and traumas of your ancestry written on a piece of paper (not to be shared). For more information call Janie Walker at 783-7903.

On Christian Social Transformation

Christian Social Transformation: Praying and working for the coming of the Kingdom of God in metropolitan Richmond. *Rule of Richmond Hill*

"He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come!" (Mark 4:26-29 NIV)

As a young man growing up in a conservative evangelical church, I was led to believe that the Kingdom of God was a place that you inhabited after your death. It was taught that death was the solution to all of the problems of this world, because it was the entrance into the next life, where everything would be right. Death was taught (unintentionally) as a passage to eternal paradise; even though scripture tells us death is the punishment God gave to man as a result of his sin. As I grew older I began to question my understanding of my faith, especially what the Kingdom of God was, and what it meant for life, not death; and especially life now, today.

What I discovered is that the salvation of Jesus was a present reality, not just a future one. In the gospel of Luke, Jesus tells Zacchaeus that salvation had come to his house on that very day, not because he was going to enter into a different reality upon his death, but because Zacchaeus had agreed to bring justice into his business ventures. And so I began to realize that the Kingdom of God has a duality in existence, that God is growing it even as we speak among us; it exists today, but at the same time it has yet to reach fruition.

Every day people make decisions to display redemption, reconciliation, creativity, forgiveness, justice, and love. These are the very characteristics of the Kingdom of God. As we understand more about the original sins of metropolitan Richmond, we seek to bring about these characteristics of the Kingdom of God in our city. But I also realize that the Kingdom of God must first begin in me. Unless I find redemption, reconciliation, creativity, forgiveness, justice, and love in myself, for myself, even in spite of myself, I will never be a part of bringing the Kingdom of God to others. And my experience has shown me that my own real salvation, my eternal life, and the salvation of everyone around me, which are all the Kingdom of God, are inextricably linked.

Scott Simmons
 Intern

Reflections on Transformation

The Pastoral Care and Counseling Class of 2008 shared their reflections of the past class year. Enclosed are some of their experiences, which to focus on the theme: "Reflections on Transformation." Drawing from the scripture: "Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God-what is good and is pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:2 TEV)

The class shared personal reflection about the transformations they have experienced during the class year. "During this class, I have learned the importance of FAITH for the identity and role of the Pastoral Counselor and about the therapeutic change that Pastoral Care and Counseling can facilitate in the life of the client." "I have been enriched by this course. Unexpected growth has occurred in me; it is the feeling of having opened up on the inside."

Of healing: "I have witnessed many personal healing experiences of Christ's love extended and expressed in a very personal manner to one's neighbor...a neighbor who just might be seated right across the table. I have grown to love my leaders and classmates and know that these bonds are formed with the commonality of Christ's love and a hunger and thirst to love and serve God in all persons. Such relationships are forever a blessing. I am grateful to have this experience to focus on honoring and serving God to learn and practice skills which may be used to expand God's Kingdom. This class has been healing for me."

Boundaries: "What I have gained from this course is learning about boundaries. I have learned to listen, to be quiet and not to speak on everything. I learned to be at peace while going through a storm, not letting people steal my joy. This class has truly been a blessing to me. Today I am wonderful inside because I have learned how to set boundaries for my life, by falling together instead of falling apart."

Making Choices: "Today I made a quality choice to turn from my past ways to Jesus. It was difficult to pick through my experiences and find the things that will nourish me. But in it all I have changed because without God I would not have made it...because He has washed me white as snow. Through this class I have learned that Pastoral Care begins with an evolution of one's spirit and attitude. This opens oneself to a better relationship with God who helps me listen and to respond to and interact with others."

Practice: "I will remember this class as one that taught me to be patient, to practice my presence in order, not to skip right to the assessment and trying to solve the problem, only God really does that, but to still work together reconciliation, because this is an integral part of Pastoral Care too!"

Acceptance: "In this class, the most enjoyable segment was the acceptance shown by everyone involved and the atmosphere of Richmond Hill, beginning with our first class of sharing, in the small group assignments, and the way we prayed for and with each other. I truly thank God for the opportunity and I thank you all for the love that grew in the place. This program is a gift. It is not all about God or helping others. It's about helping self to be a better servant to the human race no matter what that other person may or may not believe. Just remember God made us in His image so I see God in all of you."

Summary: "We are all, to a degree, a product of our environment. Where we live, how we spend our days, and those we interact with affect who we are and who we become over time. We are in part, a summation of our experiences. When we open our life and are willing to step into new experiences, we are able to step outside the normal routine. To become involved in a class with a number of unique individuals with such varied backgrounds, life experiences, and spiritual growth is to disrupt the normal and to venture into the unique. It is to willingly enter into a process that changes our world and our perspective. It is what changes our mind and our outlook and in the end our spirit. This class should remind us all that when life gets to be too predictable we need to step out in faith and into something different. I pray that I have truly learned this."

The reflections really touched my heart. I hope you will read them carefully and reflect on what they have to say.

*Rev. Dr. Alice W. Harris
Pastoral Counselor*

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Metro Richmond at Prayer

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Pray for Governments and
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Richmond Hill is an ecumenical Christian fellowship and residential community who serve as stewards of an urban retreat center within the setting of a historic monastery. Our Mission is to advance God's healing of Metropolitan Richmond through prayer, hospitality, racial reconciliation and spiritual development.

RICHMOND HILL'S DAILY CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for Metropolitan Richmond
Every Day: For the healing of metropolitan Richmond; for the sick and those in our hearts; for the welfare of all our citizens; for the establishment of God's order in our community.

MONDAYS: Our citizens who live in the City of Richmond, the Mayor, Manager, City Council, and School Board. Non-profit organizations and their ministries. All schools: students, teachers, and staff. Day care centers. All who suffer from addiction, dependency, and co-dependency. The Council, residents, and staff of Richmond Hill.

TUESDAYS: Our citizens who live in Hanover County, the Board of Supervisors, School Board, and Manager. The print and broadcast media. The churches of metropolitan Richmond: members and clergy. All who live in poverty. All who suffer from mental illness.

WEDNESDAYS: The Governor of Virginia, the General Assembly, and all who work in State Government. All who work in businesses which provide services to others. All who work in construction. Hospitals and nursing homes: patients, resi-

dents, and staff; all who provide health care. Victims of violent crime; all who commit violent crime. All senior citizens.

THURSDAYS: Our citizens who live in Ashland, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, and Petersburg, the town and city Councils and Managers. All who work in banks and finance; all making financial decisions for greater Richmond. Prisons and jails of metropolitan Richmond: prisoners and staff. All who are unemployed or underemployed. All public servants.

FRIDAYS: Our citizens who live in Henrico County, the Supervisors, School Board, and County Manager. All who work in the manufacturing industry in metropolitan Richmond. The police, fire, and rescue workers. The courts. All young people. All who hurt, need inner healing, or are unable to love.

SATURDAYS: Our citizens who live in Chesterfield County, the Supervisors, School Board, and County Manager. All who work in retail trade in metropolitan Richmond, and those who own our businesses. Counselors and spiritual directors. The Sisters of the Visitation of Monte Maria. All victims of abuse; all perpetrators of abuse.

SUNDAYS: Our citizens who live in the Counties of Charles City, Goochland, Powhatan, and New Kent, the Supervisors, School Boards, and Managers. An end to racism and racial prejudice. All places of prayer or worship: churches, mosques, and synagogues. Universities, colleges, and technical schools. All who seek God.

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