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## *The Episcopal Church After General Convention 2012*

**An article from the *Cathedral Times*  
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Please join me this Sunday, September 16, 2012, for the inaugural Dean's Forum of the program year. As usual, I will present a forum almost every Sunday in Child Hall, at 10:10 a.m., following the conclusion of the 8:45 Eucharist. Throughout this Fall, I hope to present various reviews and analyses of the state of the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Communion of Churches, and, indeed, the Christian Church.

This Sunday, I will begin a review of the work of The Episcopal Church at General Convention, 2012. Many of us, representing the breadth of the church, met in Indianapolis, Indiana, from the 4th through the 13th of July. Several issues garnered a lot of attention, including the authorization of a liturgy that would bless same sex unions, and including much discussion about how the structure of The Episcopal Church might be re-organized. Budget issues loomed large this past summer, too.

But there were other notable resolutions. We discussed the Anglican Covenant, a means by which some hoped to hold together differing factions and opinions across the Anglican Communion. We discussed whether to sell the New York building which houses our church offices (815 Second Avenue, New York). We discussed how far we must re-affirm baptism as a requirement for receiving communion. We discussed whether or not the next presiding bishop must also give up his or her diocesan bishop position. Finally, of course, we confirmed the elections of several new bishops, including that of our own new bishop-elect, Rob Wright; that was certainly a highlight for our own Atlanta delegation!

Join me this Sunday for further exploration of these issues. In the following Sundays, I will examine further where we are as The Episcopal Church, and where we are as The Cathedral of St. Philip. I look forward to seeing you on Sundays!

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