**RETIREMENT REFLECTIONS MARCH 2021**

An occasional newsletter for the retired clergy, spouses, widows/ers of the Diocese of

New Jersey

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**WE’RE GOING VIRTUAL AGAIN**

**MARCH 16TH AND 17TH**

Thank you for your response to our Winter Embertide Zoom gathering last December. Over forty of us New Jersey retirees and spouses logged on and participated in a lively reunion. We also thank Bishop Chip for leading us off with his meditation and fielding questions.

As in the past, our Spring Embertide gathering will be delayed a couple of weeks dur to our Diocesan Convention on March 6th (also on Zoom).

This year, we Diocese of New Jersey retirees and beneficiaries are invited to join the other dioceses of Province II for a Provincial Meeting sponsored by the Church Pension Fund. (Province II includes the dioceses of New York State, Newark, Haiti, the Virgin Islands, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe). The staff of the Church Pension Fund will be presenting high level information about the Fund, Medical Trust, Financial Fraud Prevention, Legacy Planning, and E-Learning resources. Participants will receive an interactive handout that connects to the Church Pension Fund website. And, of course, there will be time for questions.

This Province II Zoom Meeting is live streamed on Tuesday, March 16th at 2:00 pm and repeated the next day on Wednesday, March 17th at 10:00 am. Se we have a choice of convenient days and times. **Look for the invitation in your email** and don’t forget to register to receive the link. No computer or email? No problem. You can participate by phone. On March 16th dial: 1 646 558 8656 and use Meeting ID 933 4981 101. For March 17th dial 1 646 558 8656 and use Meeting ID 973 7871 7719.

So, put a circle around March 16th at 2:00 pm or March 17th at 10:00 am (both Eastern Day Light Savings Time) and join our brother and sister retirees, spouses, widows, and widowers of Province II.

**CHURCH PENSION FUND WEBINAR SERIES**

The Church Pension Fund has many informative webinars that are available just by going to its website at [www.cpg.org/retired-clergy/learning](http://www.cpg.org/retired-clergy/learning) and clicking on the E-Learning Library. These include programs on nutrition, fraud protection, personal wellness, and more. Learn more about these and other resources at the Province II Meeting on March 16th and 17th.

**A WORD FROM THE WISE:**

**CICERO ON OLD AGE**

So, people who declare that there are no activities for old age are speaking beside the point. It is like saying that the pilot has nothing to do with sailing a ship because he leaves others to climb the masts and run along the gangways and work the pumps, while he himself sits quietly in the stern holding the rudder. He may not be doing what the younger men are doing, but his contribution is much more significant and valuable than theirs. Great deeds are not done by strength or speed or physique: they are the products of thought, and character, and judgement. And far from diminishing, such qualities actually increase with age.

(Of course, in Cicero’s time “men” did not include “women”. Cicero may be wise, but we know better. Editor’s note.)

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