

## THE REV. DR. PHILIP LINDER



Today, Sunday, July 3, St. John's Episcopal Church announced that we have called Fr. Philip Linder to be our next Rector. His first Sunday will be September 4, 2011.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1985, Father Philip has served as Associate Rector and Priest in Charge of St. Martin in the Fields, Atlanta, GA, Rector of Holy Trinity, Decatur, GA for 9 years, and most recently as the Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Columbia, SC for 11 years. Philip has a Doctorate in Psychology

from the Graduate Theological Foundation, Oxford, England and Indiana, a Doctorate in Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA; a Masters in Divinity from The General Theological Seminary, NY; and, a Bachelor of Science in Education from Villanova University, PA. He has taught as an Adjunct Professor of Religion at the University of South Carolina.

Father Philip has served as a Deputy to three General Conventions, serving as Deputation chair for Upper South Carolina in 2006 and 2009. He is strongly committed to the Millennium Development Goals, local outreach, and an inclusive Church. He has served on the boards of Community Food Banks, the Salvation Army, and Kanuga. Seven years ago Philip and his wife Ellen began the Columbia week at Camp Bob, Kanuga, a summer camp experience for 90 underserved inner-city children. In 2004 he published [A Priest's Journal of Hope](#).

Father Philip has been married for twenty-nine years; his wife, Ellen, is an RN, and they have three grown children: Gabrielle 28, Conrad 25, and Philip Jr. 22. He is an artist with a passion for pastoral care, writing, teaching, horses, and seeking to serve Christ and the people of God.

