Part I

The Andrew T. P. Merrow Fellowship

General Information

Guidelines

The Andrew Merrow Fellowship provides an opportunity for a person to come to the campus of the Virginia Theological Seminary for a sabbatical or study leave of four weeks. Candidates for this fellowship would be lay or ordained leaders from the Anglican Communion who represent the racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the Communion. (Preference may be given to applicants from Dioceses that have an existing relationship with St. Mary's Church, Arlington, Virginia.)

Merrow Fellowship recipients are invited to participate in the life of the Seminary community and in the life of St. Mary's parish. By their presence and planned interactions with the Seminary and the parish, the Merrow Fellowship recipients provide opportunities to explore and deepen our understanding and appreciation of the rich traditions and resources brought to our common life by our brothers and sisters who represent the richness of the Church through their racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds as well as their ministry settings.

The Virginia Theological Seminary offers the significant resources of the Bishop Payne Library and the African American Episcopal Historical Collection, which would be available to recipients of Merrow Fellowships. The seminary also offers a vibrant residential community for the Fellow. It is hoped that Merrow Fellowship recipients will participate in the worship, study, and common meals of the Seminary community, and in the Sunday worship life of St. Mary's Church. Ordained Fellows may be invited to preach in Seminary Chapel or at St. Mary's Church.

Expectations

The recipient of the Andrew Merrow Fellowship will be expected to engage in the life of Virginia Seminary and St. Mary's Church in the following ways:

- Engage in a program of directed study that will enrich the ministry of the participant. Library resources will be fully available to the fellow.
- Live in the housing provided by the Seminary
- Participate in the regular life of VTS, this includes Chapel services and community lunch
- Make a presentation to the students through the Missionary Society Forum
- Attend worship services at St. Mary's Church each Sunday during the time of residence
- Offer a Sunday Adult Education Forum Hour
- Enjoy your time here in Virginia and renew your spirit
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Virginia Seminary will provide the following for the Merrow Fellow:

- Access to the Library
- Transportation to and from Virginia Seminary from the home country
- Housing and meals on campus
- A mentor to provide support and guidance
- A minimal stipend for related expenses and needs

St. Mary's Church will provide the following for the Merrow Fellow:

- A person or persons to provide hospitality
- Transportation to and from parish activities and worship
- Opportunities to experience some of the cultural and historic resources of the area
- Assistance with visa application process, if applicable

*Please complete the application below.*
Part II

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Information and Application

Name _________________________________________________________________

Address  ________________________________________________________________

Address (City) ________________________  State _____  Zip _____   Country _______

Email Address ___________________________________________________________

Phone Numbers:

Cellular __________________  Home _________________  Office ________________

Current Ministry: _________________________________________________________

Diocese: ___________________________ Parish: _____________________________

Name of Bishop or Rector: _________________________________________________

Address of Bishop or Rector: _______________________________________________

Questionnaire

Please complete the following questions. We recommend short essays of approximately 250 words.

1. What would you like to explore in your time of rest and study?

2. What do you expect or hope to accomplish during your time in this program?

3. In what ways will your ministry be enhanced?

4. In what ways are you involved in the Episcopal/Anglican Church?

5. How will your family be supported during the four weeks of the fellowship?

Completed applications should be sent to Vivian Dooley-Burney at Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304 or faxed to 703-370-6234

Applications must be postmarked by September 1, 2006 to be considered.