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To: Priests in Charge of Congregations and Senior Wardens
From: The Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane
Re: 2017 Bishop's Visitation Schedule
Date: 30 September 2016

Dear Friends:

Enclosed with this letter is my Visitation schedule for 2017. The dates listed will be the dates for my visits. If there is a conflict you simply cannot live with, please be in touch with Barbara Martin (bmartin@episcopalmaine.org or 772-1953 x125) to discuss alternatives.

If there are other occasions you would like me to celebrate with you (patronal feasts, anniversaries, Holy Days, etc.), please talk with Barbara about those occasions. Sometimes such events can also serve as a Visitation, but in most cases, we will still want to proceed with the scheduled Visitation.

Regional Confirmations are increasingly popular, and I support this approach. Regional confirmations have the benefit of separating confirmation preparation from the Bishop's visitation, freeing up my visit for other things, and providing you greater flexibility in preparation. There are now several Regional Confirmations each year. If you have questions, or would like to host a Regional Confirmation service (opportunities are still available for 2017), please be in touch with Barbara.

All the materials you need will be available on our website in the "Clergy Resources" section. Please check for the most recent version of these documents.

I am looking forward to our time together. Don't hesitate to be in touch with questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you.