

St Michael's Church-St Michael's School 2011

Six decades ago St. Michael's Episcopal Church was founded on its current property and enjoys a history of positively ministering to a diverse parish family and the greater community. Perhaps the church's finest achievement occurred more than 50 years ago with the founding of St. Michael's Episcopal School. The church family has proudly watched its school grow from nurtured offspring to a leader in educating our young people.

That partnership took an evolutionary step last decade when St. Michael's Episcopal School grew beyond the church property to its beautiful new Singleton Campus. St. Michael's Episcopal School established an independent corporation and owns its Singleton Campus independent of St. Michael's Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. However, St. Michael's Church remains legally entrusted with all Diocesan property and buildings on Quaker Lane, Bon Air, Virginia.

The current Church School Cost Share Agreement, which expires July 31, 2011, is based on a previous understanding when the school and the church were still of one body, as if two members of the same family shared a home. With the independence that School Incorporation ushers in and since all Bon Air buildings and land remain entrusted to the church, the relationship evolves to one of Tenant (School) and Landlord (Church). Thus, St. Michael's Church proposes a new 5 year agreement to include these elements:

- Current Cost Sharing Responsibilities remain virtually the same.
- St. Michaels Church property is available to the school for a below market base rent to improve and protect the property entrusted to the church.
- Incentives to increase the number of active church families attending the school.

We believe this proposal provides a mutually beneficial opportunity for the school and the church to continue to co-exist. It is the intent of church leadership to invest the base lease revenue toward badly needed facility upkeep, Diocesan Support and a Buildings & Grounds Emergency Fund.

Church leadership looks very much forward to a positive and fruitful relationship with St. Michael's Episcopal School, Inc. and believes that both communities are enriched by it.

