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BISHOP C. ANDREW DOYLE TO LEAD COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY

HOUSTON, October 27, 2014 –The board of directors of the Compass Rose Society, an international charitable organization that provides financial support to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Consultative Council, has elected the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, the ninth bishop of Texas, president of the Society succeeding the Rev. Canon John L. Peterson.

Commenting on his new role Bishop Doyle said, "I am honored to lead the Compass Rose Society. We are excited about our plans to continue to fund mission, ministry, and communications in the global Anglican Communion. We are grateful for the work of immediate past-president Rev. Canon John Peterson who has given so much to the Society and to the Communion. And, we look forward, as a Society, to developing partnerships and collaborations that build a spiritually healthy, reconciled, and growing Anglican Communion."

Canon Peterson said, "I am delighted that Bishop Doyle has accepted the role of president of the Society. Under his leadership, our future is bright."

The board met before the Society's annual meeting held last week in London, UK. The meeting featured a panel discussion titled "Faith in the Public Square," remarks by the Rev. Jesse Zink; The Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi, Archbishop of Burundi; The Rt. Rev. Margaret Vertue, Bishop of the Diocese of False Bay; remarks and questions and answers with The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend & Right Honourable Justin Welby; and a plenary session and questions and answers with Mrs. Caroline Welby.

The panel discussion was the first in a planned series of conversations with religious and secular thought leaders at the Society's annual meeting. Members of the panel were The Rt. Honorable Lord Cope of Berkley, member of the House of Lords, Bishop Ntshoturi and Bishop Virtue, The Rev'd Dr. Sam Wells, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the Fields Trafalgar Square, and moderator Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, Vicar of Washington National Cathedral.

Canon Cope said, "Sam Wells did a masterful job framing the issue of global economic inequality and the panel passionately articulated their particular views about it in their presentations."

Mission Visit to Cape Town

Following the annual meeting, members of the Society embarked on a Communion Visit to the Diocese of Cape Town at the invitation of Bishop Thabo Makgoba. Last year, the Society gave \$16,000 to support Bishop Thabo's project to supply e-readers for theological education at the College of Transfiguration in Cape Town.

Compass Rose Society Board of Directors

The Society also elected three new directors to four year terms:

The Rev. Canon Michele V. Hagans, associate rector Grace Episcopal Church, Silver Spring, MD
Charles M. Royce, chief executive, Royce & Associates, LLC and president of the Royce Funds, Greenwich, CT

Tse Sik Hung David, managing director, Hop Yuen (Holdings) Ltd., Hong Kong, SAR

The Society's other directors are:

B. Norris Battin, Newport Beach, CA;

Robert Biehl, Houston, TX;

Michael J. Brown, Montevideo, Uruguay;

Bruce F. Chambers, treasurer of the Compass Rose Society of Canada;

The Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, Washington, DC; vicar Washington National Cathedral;

The Rev. Pamela Cotrell Shier, rector Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Salem, WV

The Right Reverend C. Andrew Doyle, Houston, TX; Bishop of Texas

David J. H. Gannicott, president of the Compass Rose Society of Canada

The Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon, London, UK; Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

The Rev. Rick Lord, Vienna, VA; rector Holy Comforter church, Vienna, VA.

Carlos R. Muñoz, White Plains, NY

The Rev. Canon John L. Peterson, Hendersonville, NC; former secretary general of the Anglican Communion and past-president of the Society

Della Wager Wells, Atlanta, GA;

Antonia Wong Tuen-Yee, Central Hong Kong;

Beverley Patterson Wood, Aurora, ON.

Bishop Doyle thanked the retiring board members for their service and added, "I also thank those who have agreed to continue to work with us going forward as we strive to support the work of the Anglican Communion and expand our membership throughout the Anglican world."

Since its founding, The Compass Rose Society has donated over \$8 million to support the mission of the Anglican Communion. In 2013, the Society's contributions included gifts to the Anglican Consultative Council; the Diocese of South Africa; the Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana; St. George's College Jerusalem; the Diocese of Jerusalem; the Diocese of Malawi; and the International Anglican Women's Network.

About Bishop Doyle

Charles Andrew Doyle (Andy) was elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Texas on May 24, 2008 and was consecrated on November 22, 2008 at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston. He was seated as the ninth bishop of Texas on June 7, 2009 at Christ Church Cathedral, Houston.

Born in 1966 in Carbondale, Illinois, and raised in Houston, Bishop Doyle served five years as canon to the ordinary prior to his election. Bishop Doyle holds a bachelor of fine arts from the University of North Texas and served at St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Austin before receiving an M. Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon in 1995 and priest the following year. He served at Christ Church, Temple, St. Francis, College Station, and as canon to the ordinary for Bishop Wimberly.

Bishop Doyle is the author of "Unabashedly Episcopalian: Proclaiming the Good News of the Episcopal Church," published in 2012 by Morehouse Publishing.

About the Compass Rose Society

The Compass Rose Society with over 300 members worldwide was founded in 1997. It takes its name from the symbol of the Anglican Communion. Membership information is available at the Society's Web site www.compassrosesociety.org.

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