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The Right Reverend Dean Elliott Wolfe, D.D.

The Right Reverend Dean Elliott Wolfe, D.D. is the Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, founded in 1859. He oversees 44 congregations, two campus ministry centers, two social service agencies and the leading private secondary school in Kansas. Bishop Wolfe was elected in July of 2003 as Bishop Coadjutor and became Bishop Diocesan on January 1, 2004.

Over the past 13 years he has focused on theological bridge-building, innovative missional leadership, and the creative generation and utilization of diocesan resources. He initiated an ambitious plan to expand local education for lay and clergy leaders resulting in the creation of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry, a unique collaboration of the dioceses of Kansas, West Missouri, Nebraska and Western Kansas. He led a successful capital campaign to build a new diocesan leadership center and has worked to strengthen youth and campus ministries throughout the diocese.

Bishop Wolfe is a Vice President of the House of Bishops, member of the House of Bishops Planning Committee, delegate to the World Council of Churches, and member of the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice, the Officer's Committee on Work for Racial Justice and Reconciliation, the Joint Committee for Planning and Arrangements for General Convention, and the House of Bishops Pastoral Development Committee. He serves as a coaching bishop, faculty member and member of the Board of Directors for the College for Bishops.

Within the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, he is a member of the boards of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry, Episcopal Community Services in Kansas City, Episcopal Social Services in Wichita and Bishop Seabury Academy in Lawrence. He was instrumental in the creation of Episcopal Wichita Area Refugee Ministries (EWARM), which now is an affiliate of the Episcopal Migration Ministries network.

Bishop Wolfe is an Associate of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist and a Chaplain of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem.

He is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio (B.A. in Political Science and Religion, 1987) and Virginia Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity degree, 1992; Doctor of Divinity degree, *Honoris Causa*, 2004). He completed a one year Clinical Pastoral Counseling residency at The Washington Hospital Center and Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Before being elected bishop, Wolfe served as Vice Rector of Saint Michael and All Angels in Dallas, Texas, one of the largest Episcopal churches in the country. Prior to that, he served as Associate Rector for Community Life at Trinity Church, Copley Square in Boston, Massachusetts. Following his ordination at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, he began his ordained ministry as Assistant and then Associate Rector at St. Clement's Episcopal Church in Berkeley, California.

He is married to Ellen Frantz-Wolfe, a mother, businesswoman, and active community and church volunteer. They have a son, William, who works for the law firm of Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. He is a *cum laude* graduate of Sewanee: The University of the South, where he majored in Philosophy and minored in Political Science and History.