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Dear Friends:

Like many of you, I have been following the news of the “septic tsunami” at Camp Bishopswood with interest and concern. The companion letter from Mike Douglass, Director of Bishopswood, makes it clear that now is the time for action.

The entire septic system at Bishopswood needs to be replaced before camp can open in June. The system includes holding tanks, pumps, pipelines and leach fields. In addition, new low water use toilets, showers and clothes washers will be installed. Some of this work can be accomplished in the cold of winter, but some will need to wait until after the spring thaw. That means the window for completion will be very tight in the spring.

Now is the time to make a gift toward this project. I have committed diocesan resources so that contracts can be made and work can begin, but there is no budget for this work. The Cathedral has committed a share of its capital campaign to the septic system, but these funds will only come in over time. The funding of this project is completely in the hands of all of us who love Bishopswood and want to see another generation of children benefit from its ministry.

If you made a donation over the summer to assist with the immediate crisis, I am grateful. I urge you now to make an additional gift to advance the long-term future of Bishopswood. As Vestries, Bishop’s Committees and individuals, I hope you will consider a donation. Many small gifts will make the difference. Please share my invitation to participate in this project as broadly as possible among your members and friends of the camp. The gifts we make today will serve campers for the next fifty years.

Please prayerfully consider an amount you can contribute to this effort and join me in this effort to sustain our diocesan camp. A link to the online giving page may be found on the diocesan home page at www.episcopalmaine.org or at www.bishopswood.org. You may also send a check made out to “Camp Bishopswood” to 98 Bishopswood Road, Hope, Maine 04847.

Faithfully,

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