A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.

John C. Maxwell

I grew up using road maps. They were folded in such a way that they would fit neatly into a car’s “glove box”. Once a map was unfolded it was sometimes difficult to get them to their original condition, they were a bit of a puzzle. These maps were fun to study as they showed distances, sights to see and what you might find along the road you were traveling.

In this digital day and age we have GPS and often we are given instructions on when we are to turn or when we will arrive. There is less mystery and more precision. (although after following a few GPS instructions I have not ended up at my destination).

Even in this day and age with all the technology at our disposal, you can get lost, lose your way, ending up in a place we did not intend. This sense of direction applies not just to geography but to all aspects of life. We can get lost in our vocations, our families and our identity winding up in a foreign landscape.

As a leader it is my responsibility to direct people to that preferred location; one of health, wholeness and prosperity. We sojourn to a place of fulfillment, purpose and meaning. I know this to be true, “You cannot lead people to a place you have not been.” So one of the key essentials of leadership is experience.

From a biblical narrative it is interesting to note that when David took on Goliath, he did so with faith. Yet in reading the background we see David had confidence because he had already defeated a lion and a bear. If you are going to lead as John Maxwell says, you need to know and show the way. With that thought in mind, What experiences have you had that qualify you for leadership? Out of your journey in life what do you have to offer others who find themselves in the throes of all that life is?

Leadership is born by experience. There is no substitute. You can take classes, you can attend seminars but this learning comes in the grit and grind of daily tasks. Canterbury offers a place to reflect and learn, a sacred space where all of life can be understood and you get the next steps in your journey. We ask for your support to make Canterbury a stronger force in this world, a place to grow and gain experience day by day.

The Rev. Jon Davis PhD
Executive Director

Stunning new discoveries in biology, cosmology, physics, and planetary formation all point to a transcendent intelligence that created space and time, and designed every species on Earth. Join us for an amazing weekend that will leave you with a rock-solid foundation for faith.

Our speaker is Douglas Ell, a former atheist and MIT graduate, and a prominent attorney in Washington DC, who has spent 30 years reconciling science and God. Doug is the author of Counting To God – A Personal Journey Through Science to Faith. Doug has lectured at MIT, and enlightened audiences at conferences and churches.

WHY: Doug is driven by his passion to fight the false perceptions of our mass culture, and the bullies who deny and try to hide the overwhelming evidence of God. With double MIT majors in math and physics, a graduate degree in theoretical math, and decades of experience sifting through competing arguments and facts, Doug is uniquely poised to untangle the often emotional relationship between science and religion.

WHO: This seminar is for anyone who wants to help those who doubt their faith. It is for anyone curious about the amazing discoveries of modern science. It is for anyone who seeks the truth.

HOW: Using everyday language, and simple multiplication, Doug will interpret the latest scientific results in a way that will astonish you. The only prerequisite is curiosity.

WHEN: Friday and Saturday, October 2-3, at Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center. For more information and to register on-line Click Here

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Almighty God, bless Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center; make it a lively center for sound learning and in the course of this busy life, a place of spiritual renewal, refreshment and peace. Give wisdom to the Board and Staff; to make wise decisions, to be good stewards of all resources. Lead us we pray to strength and stability. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit with a vision for greater mission and effectiveness for the expansion of your Kingdom in this diocese and beyond; that people would come to know you as Lord and Savior; grow in their knowledge of you by the work done here. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who modeled for us the need for retreat to be strengthened and renewed. Amen.