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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Episcopal Divinity School Welcomes Rev. Randall Chase Jr. Back to Their Community**

**July 26, 2006, CAMBRIDGE, MA** - Episcopal Divinity School welcomes The Rev. Randall Chase Jr. back to its community as Director for Alumni/ae and Church Relations, a position he held in the early 1980s. Chase is well known throughout the Episcopal Church, serving in leadership positions in both Province I and for a number of Episcopal organizations. His return to EDS signals the School's commitment to continue to develop programs and resources designed to support lay and ordained leaders of the Church.

"I look forward to reconnecting with the Alumni/ae and working closely with the Alumni/ae Executive Committee," said Chase. "I will be working closely with the Dean [The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston], the Faculty, and particularly with Nancy Davidge, [EDS' Director of Communications] to help communicate more broadly, throughout the church, the exciting ministry and mission of EDS."

Following his original stint in the Development Office, he served as the Associate Dean for Community Life, a position he held until June of 1989 when he left EDS to work as a Diocesan Administrator in the Diocese of Massachusetts, in efforts to assist in the support for their new Suffragan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris. Most recently, Chase was the Executive Secretary of Province I serving as the coordinator of provincial programs for the seven dioceses within the New England states. Prior to his appointment to as executive secretary of Province I, Chase was the Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

Chase is a Trustee of the Church Pension Fund and serves a member of the board of directors for both CREDO and the Episcopal Media Center in Atlanta. He has also served on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, as the partner to the Anglican Church of Canada, and as rector at The Chapel of St. Andrew in Boca Raton, Florida.

Episcopal Divinity School is a respected center of study and spiritual formation for lay and ordained leaders with a strong commitment to justice, compassion, and reconciliation. EDS, formed in 1974 with the merger of Philadelphia Divinity School (founded in 1857) and Episcopal Theological School (founded in 1867), offers doctor of

ministry and master's degrees, as well as certificates in theological studies. Located on an eight acre campus just a few blocks from Harvard Yard, EDS is a member of the Boston Theological Institute, a consortium of nine eminent theological schools, seminaries, and departments of religion.

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