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Foreword



Begun in September 2011, the Weekly Meditation is a regular email from the Reverend Daniel R. Heischman, executive director of the National Association of Episcopal Schools, to the Association's member heads, rectors, and chaplains. Oftentimes, they are forwarded to greater constituencies within school communities. The message is intended to inspire and encourage us as we guide and tend to our institutions and the students and families in our care. It is something I, and my colleagues, eagerly await each Monday morning during the school year. NAES is delighted and, in fact, honored to publish these pieces from this endeavor's first three school years (2011-2014) in this volume, making them available to the wider school community and The Episcopal Church.

Heads of school and trustees; vestry members and parish clergy; bishops and diocesan staff; faculty members, chaplains, and administrators; parents; educators in general: All will find Dan's pithy and thoughtful musings about the rhythm and culture of our schools, their Episcopal identity, the demands of leadership, and the education and moral development of our students to be honest, accurate, and uplifting. Whether you read them singly, or explore a month's or year's worth of messages in one sitting,

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you will find yourself, by turns, comforted, provoked, encouraged, and nourished for your journey both within and through Episcopal schools.

As we prepare our students for living faithfully and well in the twenty-first century, may this collection renew our energies for reflection, and strengthen our commitment to the ideals of godly service and care for others that lie at the heart of our Episcopal schools.

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