

Vestry Commendation

For Extraordinary Service to our Lord and to St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Whereas: **Brian Hollstein**

had a vision for a St. Mark's Garden and executed this vision with dispatch and daily dedication to all the chores involved in horticultural drama; that he involved the Boy Scouts, Pivot House, the Senior Men's Club and the St. Mark's Nursery School; and that he made the Gospel Garden such a wildly fruitful success that its beneficiaries started requesting bananas; and

Whereas, he has brought his wisdom and clear vision to the St. Mark's Vestry, both as Clerk of the Vestry and as a member of the Executive Committee; and

Whereas, he revolutionized the Christmas pageant by responding to Fr. Peter's musing about a camel by responding "I will make you one;" and

Whereas, he was one wise man for having Googled faux fur, camel eyes and other camel-building supplies in the creation of the Hollstein Camel while having already crafted a star and bejeweled crowns for three kings; and

Whereas, Brian helped to institute the video ministry, bringing St. Mark's into the digital age, allowing parishioners to know each other better, and setting the stage for an oral history of the parish; and

Whereas, he was Chair of the Outreach Commission, and has given long-standing support, not to mention his own time and dexterity, to many ministries including Community Bridgebuilders; and

Whereas, Brian and Catherine Hollstein are devoted to the Wednesday Bible Class and always take a front-seat attitude toward all things St. Mark's; therefore,

We the St. Mark's Vestry on January 31st, in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, commend him for the profound and joyful effect he has had on the life of the parish.

Rector

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Tom Berardino
George deMenocal
Jill Ernst
Jon Fleming

Chris Gruseke
John Layng
Clif McFeely
Richard Megherby

Dudley Roski
Jill Sautkulis
Diana Smith
Stan Twardy