

ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER 2014

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, an international prayer ministry founded in Pittsburgh in 1958, is listed in the Episcopal Church Annual, where our mission reads as follows: “To serve the church by encouraging, facilitating, and promoting the understanding and discipline of prayer in the Anglican Communion. We especially emphasize the value of small group prayer and the parish as a center of prayer.”

We have a national board, and our board members and advisors come from the dioceses of Virginia, Idaho, Upper South Carolina, Western Louisiana, Pittsburgh, and Central New York (our newest member, the Rev. John Throop). Unfortunately, our president for many years, Dr. Will Williams, has had to retire due to illness in his immediate family.

We were very grateful to Bishop Dorsey McConnell for participating in a web seminar at our last full board meeting, April of 2013 in Richmond, Virginia. Since that time, another board member has had to go inactive due to illness.

We put out a newsletter to all members three times a year, and maintain a website: www.afp.org. One of the sidebars on the home page has a link to Prayer Requests. People can also write prayer requests and news on the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Facebook Group Page. As with other Facebook Group Pages, it is necessary to “friend” a member of the group, and then to ask to join. The website also includes links to past newsletters, the Lectionary, and other items. Please pay us a visit.

This March, three members of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer attended the Anglican Women at Prayer conference at Virginia Theological Seminary. It was organized by Phoebe Griswold and members of the Society of Companions of the Holy Cross (of which Helen Shoemaker and Polly Wiley, AFP co-founders, had been members), and the Center for Anglican Communion Studies at VTS. I represented AFP US. We sponsored Gillian DeLancey from Turks and Caicos. AFP Canada was represented by Jane Jensen.

We are recognizing our Pittsburgh roots in the near future by contributing books and other items associated with co-founder Helen Shoemaker to Calvary Episcopal Church, Shadyside, for their Shoemaker Room, a meeting room which commemorates former Calvary rector the Rev. Dr. Samuel Shoemaker, Helen’s husband.

We also maintain a working relationship with AFP Canada, which has a new executive director, Archdeacon Paul Feheley.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us via the website if you are interested in joining the AFP, or if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
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