

ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

New this year: the AFP Board met at Calvary Church on October 22-23 2014. We were graciously welcomed by Calvary's rector, the Rev. Jonathon Jensen, the staff, and other members of Calvary. Fr. Jensen showed us the Samuel Shoemaker Room, now named the Helen and Samuel Shoemaker Room. Calvary had agreed to add donations of books by our co-founder, Helen, to those of her husband – and materials showing the history of the AFP, in addition to those displaying the history of Alcoholics Anonymous, the Pittsburgh Experiment, and other organizations influenced by Dr. Shoemaker.

One of the things Helen and Sam (rector of Calvary 1952-1961) had in common was their belief in prayer and the value of small groups as a way to encourage and develop the habit of lifting our concerns to God as we share them with one another.

We elected a new president, the Rev. Dr. John Throop, who had encouraged our meeting at Calvary, and we enjoyed visits by Bishop McConnell and the Rev. Charles Hamill. Bishop McConnell and the former executive director of the AFP, Bishop Donald Hultstrand, had a telephone exchange during the meeting; Bishop McConnell asked Bishop Hultstrand for comments about the history and mission of AFP, and Bishop McConnell was asked for ideas about where to go from here. When he had finished, Bishop Hultstrand said: "It sounds as though you have entered the 21st Century." Fr. Hamill shared ideas about how to communicate with youth. There was also a telephone conversation with Archdeacon Paul Feheley, the new executive director of AFP Canada.

We publish a newsletter three times a year and maintain a website at www.afp.org. Please pay us a visit. 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 page. As with other Facebook group pages, it is necessary to "friend" a member of the group and then to ask to join.

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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