

Section F

Other Reports

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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Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, US Council
Parishioner, Christ Episcopal Church, Indiana, PA

ARCHIVES

In 2014, the archives continued to receive large quantities of parish records and artifacts from recovered church properties. The backlog for processing is growing. We also received records and gifts from several private individuals, including two small stained glass windows from the long-closed church in Meyersdale, numerous photographs and materials from St. Martin's, and memorabilia that filled gaps in the Trinity Cathedral collections.

Over the summer of 2014, the archives had three volunteer workers from the University of Pittsburgh's Information Sciences program. Two worked on setting up a cataloging format and cataloging books in the archives library. There is much cataloging left to be done. One volunteer worked on processing records. A fourth student, who had volunteered during the spring term, continued during the summer. She worked on processing. The archives also handled a number of research requests, including background research for a book on August Wilson (who did some of his earliest writing at a project run by Episcopal parishes in the Hill District). The researchers rewarded the library by finding a working zip drive that we could use to read some diocesan records that had been inaccessible. This summer, I have had volunteers from ECW and the History and Archives Commission helping with processing. This fall, a Pitt intern will work ten hours a week.

The archives also began planning exhibits for 2015 in honor of the 150th anniversary of the diocese. Two of the exhibits have come to fruition. The third is still being planned. Parishes have signed up to host the travelling exhibit of 15 foam panels exploring Western Pennsylvania from 1860 to 1865 and how Episcopalians contributed to the community. The opening of the exhibit was at St. Thomas Memorial Church in Oakmont at the beginning of March. It is booked through Easter of 2016. The second exhibit was finished in May. It is an on-line timeline with key developments in the history of the diocese from 1755 to 1866. It involves around 120 subpages and more than 160 historic images. It can be viewed at www.episcopalpgh.org/archives/resources/exhibits.

The Archives and History Commission was able to identify a space and plan for construction of a new area at the cathedral to house archives collections. That construction was completed in early 2015 in order to facilitate the remodeling of the third floor of the cathedral for diocesan offices. The major archives collections were moved to the new space in April. This was a major effort involving several days, with help from two construction workers and two volunteers. There were over 700 boxes of records to move, shelf sets to disassemble and reassemble, and placement of the collection on the shelves of the new space in some semblance of order. Then the archives library (another 50 + boxes) had to be packed for temporary storage on other floors of the cathedral, and the office and processing areas were moved into temporary office space and storage. The office furniture was moved into the remodeled space in late June and then the library had to be brought back up and re-shelved.

Joan R. Gundersen
Archivist

CHAPLAIN TO RETIRED CLERGY

I have served as chaplain to retired clergy, spouses and surviving spouses for more than ten years, which includes changing times in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and under four bishops in succession.

Currently, the bishop's office and I plan a luncheon/social twice each year for June and December. A variety of places are used. Earlier, we met for lunch at a mutually convenient restaurant in the city. Later, we met in the home of a retiree and spouse. Currently we meet in a church where a luncheon can be served.

Bishop and Betsy McConnell host the luncheons and share in table conversations. The bishop makes it a point to attend all luncheons, along with some of his clergy staff.

Part of the ministry to the retired involves mailing greeting cards. Recognizing the birthdays of clergy and spouse or surviving spouse includes mailing some 170 cards over the span of a calendar year. They include those canonically resident in the diocese as well as those from other dioceses living in the Pittsburgh area. Numerous cards are mailed to those outside the Pittsburgh area, such as clergy and spouses living in California, Kansas, Indiana and Virginia. Many expressions of gratitude have been received. Cards are sent on other occasions as well, such as hospital admissions and occasions of death or grief, and to nursing home residents and those in an assisted care facility.

Diocesan funds support the greater part of the cost of card purchases and mailing, and underwrite the cost of all luncheons.

This chaplaincy allows me, along with my wife, to attend Province III meetings, and we are grateful to the Church Pension Group for making that possible.

My current reading list does not directly relate to this ministry. However, I am currently serving two mission churches on a part time basis so that all professional reading at present is related to service and sermon preparation and scripture commentaries.

Gratefully serving this ministry, I am,
The Rev. Arthur C. Dilg+
Indiana, PA

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

Children's Ministry continues to grow in our diocese, with many congregations striving to share the love of Christ with the youngest members of the household of God.

As determined by the Listening Committee, 30 of our parishes report having children in the congregation. Additionally, two parishes have teens, but no children younger than age 13, bringing the number of parishes with young people to 32.

Twenty-nine of our parishes have some form of ministry with or for children ranging from Sunday School, to VBS, to various outreach programs for children in their communities. Three of these congregations do not have at present any children in their parish, but they still offer ministry for children in their communities.

The Children's Ministry Team (CMT), comprised of lay and clergy, paid and volunteer children's ministry practitioners, continues to work to provide inspiration, support and resources to all children's ministry initiatives in the diocese. The CMT planned and organized a three-day Godly Play Core Training for 19 participants. After the core training, the CMT held three Godly Play Materials workshops where parishes could make the hands-on materials that are used when telling the Godly Play stories. At these workshops, members of the CMT also demonstrated Godly Play storytelling for people who had not attended the Core Training. Twelve parishes sent individuals or teams to one or more of the three Godly Play Materials workshops.

Additionally, at last year's diocesan convention, under the coordination of the CMT, every parish was given "Pray & Play" bags assembled by Girl Scout Troop 57003. These bags contained welcoming prayerful activities to be used by any children visiting or attending worship. Parishes could customize the bags by adding additional materials.

The bimonthly *Feed My Sheep* newsletter and the monthly Children's Ministry lunches continue to offer ways to network with one another and to highlight some of the interesting children's ministry initiatives occurring around the diocese.

All parishes in the diocese need to be aware of the changes in the Pennsylvania laws regarding youth protection and prevention of child abuse. A task force comprised of the Rev. Leslie Reimer, the Rev. Michelle Boomgaard, Joyce Donadee and Lisa Brown have recommended revisions to the existing diocesan policy covering child protection. The task force also assisted in publishing resources regarding compliance with the recent changes in law. These are available in the Safeguarding section of the diocesan website.

Joyce Donadee has stepped down as the CMT Coordinator, however she will remain an active inspiration to all of us! Lisa Brown, Director of Children's Ministry and Communications Coordinator at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, will assume responsibility for continuing Joyce's good work.

Submitted by
Lisa Brown, Coordinator

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*A Unifying Voice in the name of Jesus Christ
for the Mission of the Gospel and the Wholeness of Communities
Serving 10 Counties and 15 Faith Traditions in 27 Judicatories,
with 2,000 Congregations and 1,000,000 members*

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to all who gather for this year's annual convention! It's my joy and honor to bring you greetings and gratitude from Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania and our Council of Bishops and Judicatory Executives. Christian Associates works for the visible unity of the church with our 27 member church bodies, Anglican, Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant. Through collegiality, collaboration, and connectedness, we pursue the mission of the Gospel and the wholeness of communities.

The past year has been both busy and exciting. Our Council of Bishops and Executives issued a statement on racial reconciliation, recommitting ourselves to diversifying the voices in our fellowship so that we might contribute meaningfully to the struggle against racial injustice. We worked with the FISA Foundation to publish "Peace, Be Still!" a guide to help clergy engage their congregations in working against domestic violence and sexual assault. We launched a new Facebook page and an electronic newsletter, "Unity N'At." We worshiped together, celebrating our 45th anniversary with inspiring preaching and great music. We co-sponsored a wide range of events, including the Pittsburgh Pastoral Care Conference, the Trinity Institute, and a prayer service to commemorate Overdose Awareness Day. I also spent many Sundays and holy days working to increase Christian Associates' visibility by visiting congregations as a guest preacher, Bible study leader, or simply as a fellow worshiper. I welcome invitations to visit churches; please let me know when I can join you!

This year also marked a turning point in our collaborative ministries. For nearly 30 years, Christian Associates provided interfaith chaplaincy services at Allegheny County Jail. These programs flourished, offering spiritual support to inmates and officers alike, and giving birth to the Foundation of HOPE, which provides intensive training and mentoring programs for inmates and ex-offenders. HOPE is now an independent non-profit organization, with its own board of directors (including Bishop Dorsey McConnell) and – for the first time – a full-time Executive Director, Susan Orr. As of January 1, 2015, HOPE has also assumed responsibility for chaplaincy, as well. This transition allows Christian Associates to focus more intently on our central mission of Christian unity, assured that our partners at HOPE will use their expertise in correctional ministry to continue excellent work at the jail.

As in years past, the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh has enthusiastically supported the work of Christian Associates. At a time when budgets for all our member judicatories are tightening, we are deeply grateful for your financial support of our ministries. Bishop McConnell continues faithful participation in the work of our Council, and many more members of the diocese have been engaged in work on our committees and projects. Thank you all for your commitment to the unity of Christ's church!

Your sister in Christ,
The Rev. Liddy Barlow
Executive Minister

COMMISSION ON RACE AND RECONCILIATION

The Commission on Race and Reconciliation of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is called to work for the annihilation of racism in our church and communities, while fostering healing of all persons.

During the past year, trainers who are also members of the commission conducted two Anti-Racism Workshops.

The commission again coordinated the diocesan Celebration of Life and Ministry of Absalom Jones. The guest preacher was the Rev. Kim Latice Coleman, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Arlington, Virginia.

The commission prepared a banner that was approximately eight feet long that was displayed at Province III Synod. The title of the banner was “A Timeline: Anti-Racism Ministry – The Church’s Effort to Restructure Itself.” Smaller individual copies were reproduced and with supporting materials were distributed to everyone attending Synod. Everyone at diocesan Convention will also receive a packet.

Jointly, Province III and the Senator John Heinz History Center sponsored a one-day White Privilege Seminar at the Heinz History Center on May 2, 2015. The title was “Race and Freedom: How Color has Defined American Freedom.” The keynote presentation was given by Dr. Jacqueline Battalora, author of “Birth of a White Nation.” Funding for the event came from a grant to Province III from the Constable Fund. Members of the Commission assisted in facilitating the event.

Province III conducted two “Training/Refreshing the Trainer Workshops.” The commission sponsored the attendance of two persons at each workshop. These workshops provided the initial training required to become a facilitator for the mandated Anti-Racism Training Workshops.

At the annual “Workday” of the commission, it was decided that in calling people to the work of justice we could draw from Bishop McConnell’s diocesan priorities of Public Gospel, Missional Communities and Leadership Formation. To do this, the commission’s focus will be on deepening our relationships with the bishop, the diocesan leadership and people at the “grassroots” level. The intention is to engage priests, vestries and other leadership groups in dialogue around issues of race, to hear and hopefully allay their concerns and fears. The possibility of a clergy “quiet day” will be explored to provide the opportunity for a conversation among clergy about racism. The commission will ask the clergy to raise up two persons from each parish to support this work. The commission will plan a diocesan event, the focus will be reconciliation and forgiveness.

This year, the commission welcomed two new members, the Rev. Michael Foley, Church of the Redeemer, and Lyle M. Wood, Church of the Holy Cross.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Travis Bolden, Chair

CURSILLO

National Episcopal Cursillo voted this spring to change its name to “Episcopal Cursillo Ministry.” Veronica Hinkson, our area representative, has been in touch with us to explain the change. The governing committee is called “The Episcopal Cursillo Ministry Committee.”

We continue to have as a top priority the rebuilding of the “Servant Community” in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. We need to have more Cursillistas involved in Pittsburgh to be able to offer the three-day introductory weekend in the fall of 2016. To that end, Secretariat member Gerry Dalton sent questionnaires to all known Cursillistas in Pittsburgh asking them about their interest in Cursillo. Those who have not yet filled out the questionnaire are encouraged to do so at their earliest opportunity. Copies will be available at Diocesan Convention.

Pittsburgh Episcopal Cursillo offered three Ultreyas since last year’s diocesan Convention: November 23, 2014, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Oakmont; May 2, 2015, at St. Stephen’s, Wilkesburg; and September 19, 2015, at St. Paul’s.

The Secretariat has met several times this year in outreach to various parishes. Its membership is comprised of Holly Craighead, St. Thomas, Oakmont; Gerry Dalton, St. Stephen’s, Wilkesburg; Lionel Deimel, St. Paul’s, Mt. Lebanon; the Rev. Dr. Bruce Robison, St. Andrew’s, Highland Park; Annis and John Rogers, St. Mark’s, Johnstown; the Revs. Gwen and Vicente Santiago, St. John’s, Donora, and Advent, Jeannette, respectively; Celinda and Barry Scott, Christ Church, Indiana; and Steve Stagnitta, St. Andrew’s, Highland Park.

Representatives of Pittsburgh Episcopal Cursillo’s Secretariat met with Bishop McConnell on May 12 to discuss and to get his approval of the Pastoral Plan for Cursillo in our diocese; it was developed by Holly Craighead, with input from others on the Secretariat. The Plan was signed and is a part of our official documents.

Respectfully submitted,
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

2015 marks the beginning of new meeting rules. We now have two-hour meetings with lunch and manage to get lots of business done.

We now celebrate women and their ministries.

This year, we celebrated Jeremiah's Place, the Seaman's Church Institute, and our Grants for Mission and Memorial Scholarships.

We shall keep entering the 21st century with modern steps like electronic news and announcements.

We are looking forward to a new ministry in helping victims of Human Trafficking in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Please see our display at Convention, as we are all in the learning stages.

Elizabeth Duckstein
President

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Prayer, Service and Evangelism form the centerpiece of the vows that a woman must take to become a Daughter of the King in our Order. Daughters in the Pittsburgh Assembly are grateful that we can serve our Lord under the blessings of both the Anglican and Episcopal Dioceses of Pittsburgh.

The Pittsburgh Assembly holds two assemblies and three board meetings per year, the latter by conference call. In 2014, we initiated seasonal conference calls to encourage and inform board members between meetings.

The Fall Assembly was hosted by the Joan of Arc Chapter at St. Thomas in the Fields, Gibsonia, on November 1, 2014. Our speaker, the Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton, Director of CMJ, had just returned from a mission to the Holy Land. To our surprise and joy, he brought us greetings and a video from our International Prayer Partners at Christ Church, Jerusalem. He also spoke movingly about sharing Christ's love with people of Jewish faith.

The Spring Assembly, with election of officers, was held on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Shepherd's Heart Fellowship, Uptown. It was hosted by the Pittsburgh Assembly in common. Our speaker was Dr. Erika Moore, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Trinity School for Ministry. She gave us a sample lesson from one of her Old Testament classes using her famed Bible, now permanently open from being so frequently searched. Assembly officers elected for the Triennium of September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2018 are:

President: Jessie Hipolit, Verna Dozier Chapter, Emmanuel Church, North Side

First Vice President (Events): The Rev. Barbara McMillen, Song of Victory Chapter, St. George's, Waynesburg

Second Vice President (Membership): Carolyn Booker, Daughter-at-Large, St. Stephens, Wilkinsburg

Secretary: Judith Daniels, Daughter-at-Large, St. James Anglican, Penn Hills

Treasurer: Jan Murtha, Daughters of Advent Chapter, Church of the Advent, Jeanette

Our Fourth Annual Lenten Quiet Day was scheduled at Shepherd's Heart Fellowship for February 21, 2015, the first Saturday after Ash Wednesday. Under the theme of "Heroes and Heroines of the Bible," individual Daughters had prepared meditations and prayers for 12 Old Testament figures. Chapters had prepared edibles and potables. At the last minute, however, winter's arctic blast made driving hazardous, and we had to cancel. Although disappointed, we feel grateful to be almost fully prepared for Quiet Day 2016.

For service projects, two new chapter initiatives in the last year include stuffing backpacks for disadvantaged school children and instituting an Intercessory Prayer Ministry during Sunday services. Other chapter projects, plus a variety of individual community service projects, continue from past years.

Our Pittsburgh Assembly goals for the year have been to stay united in our Order, to serve Christ through our Order, and to bring others to Him.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Simpson
President, Pittsburgh Assembly
The Order of the Daughters of the King

SHELDON CALVARY CAMP

Sheldon Calvary Camp marks its 79th year with deep gratitude for all that is and great hope for what lies ahead. Through generous participation by many, we have exceeded the goal of three million dollars for our current capital campaign, and we continue to receive gifts. We are grateful for support from the diocesan Board of Trustees in these efforts. Plans are taking shape for the new dining hall, which will serve our summer camping programs well and provide a year-round space for people to gather overlooking Lake Erie. The beach project has been completed, providing an expanded sand beach, which was well used this summer for walking, swimming, and boating,

In 2015, the camp served nearly 1,000 children in our summer programs: Coed Camp; Ready, Set, Camp; and Day Camp. One in five campers received some financial assistance. Family Camp and Labor Day camp were filled this year. Extended season work, including a camp experience for adults with disabilities, school groups, and a youth leadership program, continues to reach the local community far beyond the summer camping months.

Sixty-one dedicated young adults served as members of the summer staff, developing their own sense of vocation as they engaged enthusiastically with campers. Their boundless energy was felt from the beginning of staff training in late May through the end of Family Camp in August. Leadership comes from Tim Green, Executive Director, supported by year-round Assistant Director P.J. Williamson and Program Director Samantha Borkovic, as well as Susan Roth, Staff Development Director, and the Rev. Leslie Reimer, Director of Spiritual Life. Alyse Viggiano, a seminarian from the diocese, served an internship as summer chaplain.

We recognize the commitment of the Calvary Camp Board in a year where there was significant business to accomplish: Eric Linn, President; Lynne Curtis, Vice President; David Sharbaugh, Treasurer; Rebecca Randall, Secretary; the Rev. Canon Cathy Brall, Amy Bojarski, Gregory Green, Laura Jones, Lawrence Knapp, the Rev. Kris McInnes, the Rev. Jeff Murph, Trudy O’Nan, Joseph Ryan, James Strong, Doug Strott, the Rev. Gary Taylor, and the Rev. Charles Weiss, members; and Kenneth Argentieri, chancellor.

Bishop McConnell visited us on the very first day of staff training, offering his particular gift of communicating with young adults to set the foundation for our summer of ministry.

The camp continues its original vision as a Christian community where faith is integrated into every aspect of life. That life is centered in the Bishop Thomas Chapel, a holy space overlooking the lake, filled with joyful song and the voices of young people leading Compline, sharing the Eucharist, speaking from the depths of their own experience, and sharing the light of Christ in candlelight at the end of each session.

As a ministry of the diocese, we appreciate your support of Sheldon Calvary Camp and look forward to sharing the unfolding news of our future with you. You are welcome to visit us in person next summer – or any time at www.calvarycamp.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Green
Executive Director

SHEPHERD WELLNESS COMMUNITY

Founded in 1987 by Fr. Lynn C. Edwards, Shepherd Wellness Community (SWC) is the only HIV/AIDS community center in western Pennsylvania, providing supportive community and wellness programs for people living with HIV/AIDS.

SWC is pleased to be an affiliate organization of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and we are grateful for the support provided by the diocese and individual parishes.

We want to thank the diocese for providing Green Grants which enabled SWC to create a raised-bed herb and vegetable garden. This project continues to enrich the lives of our members by providing fresh vegetables and herbs for our wellness dinners. Special thanks also to St. Paul's Church for providing zucchini, beans, peppers and tomatoes from its parish garden.

SWC recently completed a strategic planning process and updated our mission, vision and core values to address the changing needs of our members living with HIV/AIDS. Our new mission is helping people living with HIV/AIDS improve their wellness.

Our 2015 HIV/AIDS wellness services include the following:

- **Wellness Dinners** improve nutrition, reduce isolation and provide social support.
- **Peer Counseling** phone calls connect members with HIV/AIDS services and offer a lifeline of help, support and hope.
- **Support Groups** boost mental and physical health. Groups guide members through the challenges of living with HIV/AIDS and help participants to deal with anxiety, depression and other relevant issues.
- **Health Education Programs** offer health and wellness guidance and provide information about HIV/AIDS treatment, HIV medications and the latest medical advances.
- **Complementary Therapy Classes** teach members how to improve health and wellness and strengthen their immune systems.
- **Treatment Adherence and Risk Reduction Programs** advise members on how to effectively maintain their HIV medical regimen and on ways to decrease the risk of HIV transmission and reinfection.
- **Spiritual Life Programs** presented in an interfaith format offer insight, encouragement, inspiration, direction and guidance.
- **Social and Recreational Outings** combat isolation and loneliness and provide supportive community.
- **Wellness Classes** improve quality of life by addressing the Six Dimensions of Wellness (social, occupational, spiritual, physical, intellectual and emotional).
- **Transportation Assistance**, in the form of bus tickets or mileage reimbursement, helps our members attend programs and access services.

The Board of Directors, staff and members of Shepherd Wellness Community express our gratitude to the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh for many years of support and ministry to people living with HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely,
B. Scott Peterman
Executive Director

TRINITY SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

Trinity School for Ministry has entered the public phase of its \$14-million capital campaign, “Reach for the Harvest,” which will be completed at the end of the year. We give thanks and praise to God that the campaign is going extremely well. The emphasis of the campaign is not primarily on “bricks and mortar,” although the plans include the renovation and expansion of a state-of-the-art media center. Rather, a major focus is on scholarships, to enable Trinity to continue its current giving of full tuition scholarships to all full-time residential students.

There is also significant funding for the Robert E. Webber Center for an Ancient Evangelical Future, which has recently published *Confessing the Faith*, the first of an eight-volume in the Foundations for Christian Ministry curriculum. Foundations is an advanced training program for adults seeking greater preparation for Christian life and ministry. The workbook format will cover Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Anglican History, Basic Christian Doctrine, Anglican Doctrine, Christian Ethics, Christian Spirituality, and Christian Ministry.

The Stanway Institute for World Mission and Evangelism will also receive additional funding. The Center is currently offering the first course in its new Spanish Language Post Graduate Diploma in Anglican Studies. Designed specifically for native Spanish speakers, this two-year, six-course, online program allows students to stay in their ministry context as they study. The program is meeting an urgent need in our growing Spanish-speaking communities.

This fall, Trinity began a pilot program in Jos, Nigeria, in which clergy are receiving online training toward the Master of Arts in Religion degree from Trinity at the Christian Center in Joss.

Dean/President Justyn Terry and Academic Dean Mark Stevenson attended the annual meeting of the Council of Deans of Episcopal Seminaries held this year at Bexley Seabury in Columbus. Next year’s meeting will be held at Nashotah House. Trinity had an information booth at this summer’s General Convention in Salt Lake City. The school also hosted an alumni dinner attended by more than 35 alumni and friends of the school.

In all we do, we seek to be faithful to our mission statement: Trinity School for Ministry is an evangelical seminary in the Anglican tradition. In this fractured world, we desire to be a global center for Christian formation, producing outstanding leaders who can plant, renew, and grow churches that makes disciples of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Stevenson, PhD
Academic Dean

UNITED THANK OFFERING

“Your Change, Changes Lives!” Happy 125th Birthday, United Thank Offering (UTO)

For 125 years, the coins collected in “those little, blue UTO boxes” have been providing grants for ministry to every province of the Episcopal Church. And every cent received is granted. Since its birth in 1890, UTO has awarded 5,178 grants, for a total value of \$133,355,181.05. **“Your change, changes lives!”**

In celebration of the 125th anniversary besides our regular grants, two additional grants were awarded to each province: one bishop grant and one young adult grant. The number of grants awarded in 2015 was 55, for a total of \$1,558,006.85. **“Your change, changes lives!”**

From the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the total ingathering amount for the 2015 Triennial was \$25,415.77. **“Your change, changes lives!”**

As your newly elected diocesan UTO Coordinator, my goals for this coming year are:

- actively recruit and train a UTO coordinator in every parish
- support parishes with their ingathering tasks
- provide customized printed materials, per parish requests (flyers, bulletin inserts, etc.)

To rekindle the spirit and habit of “Thankfulness” throughout the diocese, I encourage each parishioner in every parish to consider...

The Theology of Thankfulness:

- **When you are thankful for God’s blessings – drop a coin in the Blue Box.**
- **When you finish a big project – drop a coin in the Blue Box.**
- **When you thank God for special blessings – drop a coin in the Blue Box.**
- **Remember to be thankful for every situation.**
- **Remember your Blue Box.**

“Your change, changes lives!” ... and not just the lives of grant recipients. Our lives are also changed and enriched. As we give thanks, we are drawn into a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father. Giving “Thanks” changes every one of us.

All United Thank Offering materials are FREE.

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