

Section F

Other Reports

ADMINISTRATOR FOR PROPERTY AND ARCHIVIST

This is my last report to you as Property Administrator. My duties as archivist will continue. Throughout 2014 I continued to deal with tenants, repairs, assorted legal/financial matters for the properties without Episcopal congregations, rebuilding congregations, and congregations that had resumed participation in the Episcopal Church.

The brutal winter months in early 2014 resulted in heavy costs for heat and plowing, and for a major insurance claim related to burst heating pipes at one of the buildings. I continued to deal with construction and repair projects at five buildings, including steeple repairs, two roofing jobs, a basement waterproofing, and interior repairs covered by insurance on a building with a leaky roof. There were a number of changes of tenants requiring new use agreements. I also served as financial overseer for bank accounts at three closed congregations and as treasurer of one rebuilding congregation.

As archivist, I continued the process of transferring boxes of records and artifacts from closed buildings to the archives preliminary to processing those materials. Until the archives has more space, transfer of the remaining records is problematic. During 2014 I had the help of three volunteers from the University of Pittsburgh graduate programs in information science. They helped with processing records and in beginning a catalog of the archive book collection.

I continued to develop the diocesan archive web pages by posting the first on-line parish register (from St. Michael's, Wayne Township) covering the years 1848-1943. The archives was also able to supply requested prayer books and Bibles to parishes, redistribute some Eucharistic vestments and linens to parishes in need of these, and provide furnishings to several parishes doing refurbishment projects.

In addition, the archives responded to at least one research request a week, helping family researchers, providing certificates of sacramental events, and scholars who needed access to the collection. I also attended the joint annual meetings of the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists and the Episcopal Women's History Project in Salt Lake City and the annual meeting of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church in Claremont, CA.

Joan R. Gundersen

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,
Mrs. Celinda C. Scott
Corresponding Secretary and Website Coordinator
Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, US Council
Parishioner, Christ Episcopal Church, Indiana, PA

CHAPLAIN TO RETIRED CLERGY

Over the years (more than ten), I have had the privilege of serving as chaplain to retired clergy and surviving spouses. Primarily, that means two things. First, to assist the bishop in planning and scheduling an annual luncheon, usually held at a restaurant. Recently, however, Bishop McConnell has encouraged not one, but two yearly luncheons. They provide great social occasions whereby we bring one another up to date with any significant events. The bishop and Betsy share in that time together as well. Lately, we have had the privilege of meeting in the home of a clergy couple, which has provided a relaxed way to meet and eat.

A second part of this ministry centers on greeting cards. Recognizing the birthdays of clergy retirees and spouse or surviving spouse, includes mailing cards to some 170 persons on our list. These include those canonically resident in the diocese as well as those from other dioceses living in the Pittsburgh region. A number of cards are mailed to those no longer living in the Pittsburgh area, but in places such as California, Kansas, and Indiana. In turn, there have been many expressions of gratitude from those receiving cards. It should be noted that diocesan funds support this ministry with the purchase of greeting cards and postage. Cards are mailed for other occasions, in addition, such as in cases of hospitalization or the death of family members.

This chaplaincy also allows me to attend Province III meetings, organized by the Church Pension Group, and to be in contact with chaplains in other dioceses of the Episcopal Church.

I am most grateful to serve in this capacity.
(The Rev.) Arthur C. Dilg

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

- 1.) The Children's Ministry Team held a three day Godly Play Core Training for people from our Diocese and other parts of Western Pennsylvania and New York. This was the first time that the Godly Play Foundation has sent trainers to Pittsburgh in order to teach people how to be Godly Play Storytellers and set up their programs.
- 2.) The Children's Ministry Team led a Saturday morning Godly Play Materials workshop for parishes in our Diocese who have started to use Godly Play or want to know more about it. Participants took home materials for eight different stories to use with children in their parishes.
- 3.) The Children's Ministry Team produces the *Feed My Sheep* newsletter for people who minister to children in our Diocese. Over 12 people in children's ministry have contributed to one or more issues.
- 4.) The Children's Ministry Pinterest boards are often upgraded so that people can visually share ideas for ministry with children. Our Pinterest boards include ideas for crafts, games, prayer, Godly Play, Advent, Lent, and books for adults and children.
- 5.) The Children's Ministry Team started an Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh Children's Ministry Facebook page in order for people to post ideas, questions, and share suggestions with each other.
- 6.) The Children's Ministry Team meets monthly to share ideas, support each other's ministries, and strategize how to help other parishes. Everyone who is involved in children's ministry in the Diocese is invited to attend.
- 7.) The Children's Ministry Team conducted a Diocesan survey to assess the state of children's ministry in parishes and to better understand the needs of individual parishes. As a result of the survey, parishes that expressed a desire to have financial assistance to purchase art and craft materials, were given financial support. Another response to the survey is that more Godly Play workshops are being planned. As a response to the need for people who want mentoring, a Children's Ministry Team Facebook presence was started. The team is continuing to look at the survey results to address more needs in the future.

Joyce Donadee
Children's Ministry Team Coordinator

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Grace and peace to you, brothers and sisters of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, and blessings as you gather for Convention! I look forward to joining you for this special occasion to bring our greetings and gratitude in person.

Christian Associates remains committed to its three core values: Collegiality, Connectedness, and Collaboration. We bring together the bishops and judicatory executives of 26 church bodies – Anglican, Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant – to build relationships of trust, common purpose, and true friendship. Conversations that begin around our Council table lead to initiatives that change lives for the better. In my term as Executive Minister, I hope to widen our circle to reflect better the full diversity of the Christian community, reaching out to African American churches, to independent evangelical churches, and to other fellowships not well represented among us.

We also continue our shared ministries and community collaborations. Our partner in ministry, the Foundation of HOPE, provides faith-based pre- and post-release training and mentoring for incarcerated men and women, dramatically reducing recidivism rates. Soon, HOPE will also take responsibility for our chaplaincy programs at Allegheny County Jail and Shuman Center. Working with our community partners, we help to organize the Pittsburgh Pastoral Care Conference and the Returning Military Conference, and we play a part in organizations that assist in local and statewide disaster response, emergency food and shelter, and interfaith cooperation. This fall, we are helping to launch the Greater Pittsburgh Interfaith Coalition, a new, grassroots initiative seeking to nourish healthy neighborhoods through interfaith dialogue and education.

Christian Associates also publishes a newsletter, *The Call*, which reaches more than 5,500 readers. In the months to come, we plan to reinvigorate our communications ministries: look out for us on social media!

It is my hope to serve as a resource for our congregations and their leaders as they work toward Christian unity in their own neighborhoods. If Christian Associates can help you to revitalize a local ministerium, offer a confirmation class program, or plan an ecumenical worship event, please give us a call. Personally, I enjoy visiting our congregations and sharing the message of Christian unity; let me know when I can come to your church to preach, assist in leading worship, teach a Bible study, or simply join you in prayer.

Encountering our Christian brothers and sisters deepens our own understanding and practice of faith, and helps us to recognize that despite all of our differences, we truly are one body. May the spirit of unity, friendship, and reconciliation be with you all, and thank you again for your support of Christian Associates.

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

COAL COUNTRY HANGOUT YOUTH CENTER

Coal Country Hangout Youth Center (CCHYC) has weathered the storms of the past two years. It is thanks to each one of you that CCHYC's presence in the rural area encompassing Cambria, Indiana, and Clearfield counties has grown stronger with each year. You are vital to CCHYC's success – here's how:

The Daycare has 55 children enrolled. The Preschool just graduated eight students. During the past six months, all have enjoyed field trips to the circus and Tanoma Wetlands.

The Teen Center has completed two community projects: washed windows of 14 downtown businesses and scrapped, sanded and repainted Northern Cambria's Memorial Park Gazebo. In July they were off to Pittsburgh CLO to see the musical *Cats*. The Teen Center reopened officially with the start of school in August.

Cambria Re-Coal-lections, the experiential educational component of CCHYC's overall program proudly unveiled the third monument marking the Kittanning Path (1710-1776) across Cambria County. It is located on 219 North at Emeigh Road and was designed and created by students at Purchase Line High School and Admiral Peary Vo-Tech.

Deacon Ann Staples

COMMISSION ON RACISM

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

General Convention Resolution A062 (1982) requests that Dioceses and Congregations form committees on Racism to study, identify and confront the causes of racism.

GC Resolution B049 (2000) mandates anti-racism training for all in leadership positions both lay and clergy. These workshops provide the opportunity for studying and attempting to root out the causes of racism. The fall workshop was held on October 3 and 4 at the Church of the Redeemer, Squirrel Hill. The spring workshop will be April 24 and 25, 2015.

GC Resolution A127 (2012) adds that training should be continued on an on-going basis. A variety of formats are being used to provide additional educational experiences both to those who have attended the workshops and those who have not.

2014 emphases of the COR were:

- 1.) An increase in the number and variety of educational experiences; and
- 2.) Further exploration of recruitment of minorities for ordained ministry.

Educational experiences:

In November 2013, one member of the COR and one member of the Standing Committee represented the Diocese at the Episcopal Church Forum “50 Years Later: The State of Racism in America” held in Jackson, Mississippi. In March 2014, one member of the Commission represented the Diocese at the Annual White Privilege Conference held in Madison, WI. In each instance reports from those events were presented to the Commission and we also recognize the need for a plan that provides the opportunity for conference and workshop attendees to share what they have experienced and learned with others in the Diocese.

The COR was represented at the Province III gathering of representatives from the Anti-racism/Reconciliation Committees/Commissions of the 13 dioceses in the Province. At these meetings, attendees exchange ideas, share and learn from each other. This year there was also a presentation made based on the presenters’ research. The second meeting of the group was a conference call on March 31, 2014.

Within the Diocese time was provided at Diocesan Convention at each District meeting for a discussion of two questions: What is your ethnic/cultural heritage? What are you most proud of from that heritage?

As part of the Absalom Jones Day Celebration there was a return to offering the opportunity to attend a focus group rather than having one panel discussion. There were four focus groups, each discussing a different topic related to Race. Although they were scheduled for one and a half hours, most extended to two hours.

The COR is now on Facebook and this provides an additional opportunity to share information both educational and experiential. The COR is also investigating the creation of a COR webpage.

In May 2014, COR was invited and agreed to become a co-sponsor of a series of meetings in the community. The title is “Race and Racism: A Conversation in Five Parts.” These moderated panel

discussions, which began in June and continued once a month through October, were offered by Freedom Unlimited, Inc. and were held at The Neighborhood Academy on Aiken Avenue.

Exploration of recruitment of minorities for ordination:

At the request of the Bishop, a letter was drafted and sent to him expressing the Commission's concerns. In response to this letter, a meeting was held between members of the COR Diversity Sub-committee and the Commission on Ministry. A second meeting was to follow but has not been scheduled.

At the 2013 Diocesan Convention, the COR submitted a Resolution that was adopted. The title was "Resolution to encourage diversity among lay and ordained leaders in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh."

The COR has an annual workday for reviewing and planning. The emphases for 2015 will be on:

- 1.) Creation or management of a COR webpage;
- 2.) Continue to work with Commission on Ministry to develop a plan for recruitment of minorities for ordained ministry; and
- 3.) Work to recruit Parish Communicators. They will receive COR communications and be responsible for distributing that information within their parish.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Travis Bolden, Chair

CURSILLO

The mission of the National Episcopal Cursillo, an organization of The Episcopal Church under the authority of the Presiding Bishop and Diocesan Bishops, is “Growing Christ-Centered Leaders.” It is for both clergy and the laity. The bishop of our diocese, the Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell is a “Cursillista,” that is, he participated in the three-day introductory program, and is supportive of Cursillo.

The Cursillo steering committee which formed and met with Bishop Price in March of 2010 is now considered the Secretariat, and has added two members. Our goal has been to build up the Servant Community, and it is our hope eventually to become strong enough to offer the three-day introductory weekend. There are presently no dioceses near us which participate in Cursillo; the closest ones are the Dioceses of Philadelphia and of Central New York.

Since 2010 we have offered several Ultreyas: that is, a coming together of Cursillistas and friends of Cursillistas for sharing of plans and experiences, usually accompanied by music. All Episcopalians may attend, whether Cursillistas or not.

Since the 2013 Diocesan Convention there have been three Ultreyas: Saturday, November 16, 2013 at St. Paul’s, Mt. Lebanon; Sunday, May 18, 2014 at St. Stephen’s, Wilkinsburg; and Saturday, September 20, 2014 at St. Paul’s, Mt. Lebanon.

Our next Ultreya will be Sunday, November 23, 2014 (location to be announced).

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Celinda C. Scott
Member, Cursillo Secretariat
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EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

As the new diocesan coordinator for Episcopal Relief & Development (ER&D), this has been a year of rebuilding a diocesan structure and becoming familiar with the computer, print, and human resources offered by ER&D. The expectation is that each parish be represented by at least one person on a diocesan ER&D committee who will work to “help heal a hurting world.” The membership for our diocese’s ER&D committee is open to volunteers.

At the diocesan level, a focus will be on helping children and adults use the Gifts of Life program during the fall to promote the satisfaction of giving to meet the needs of “the hurting world” rather than only on the “I want ... this ... and that ... and more” of a self-centered commercialized Christmas. Catalogs will be provided for each parish. The ER&D committee will offer ideas for implementing this approach.

Across the Episcopal Church during 75 weeks of 2014-2015, there will be many ways of celebrating the 75th anniversary of Episcopal Relief & Development from its founding as the Presiding Bishop’s Fund for World Relief. While the organization has always been concerned with meeting needs resulting from poverty and disasters, ER&D has become a world leader in addressing long-term needs through a sophisticated model of development of sustainable projects using community assets and training local leadership.

Episcopal Relief & Development is 75 years old. A cornerstone of the Anniversary Celebration is a touring exhibit of iconic photographs from programs around the world, leading the viewer through exploration of the history and highlights in the faces and stories behind these images. More information about the ER&D story and the schedule of the nationwide exhibition tour can be found at www.episcopalrelief.org/75exhibition. For more information about the 75 weeks of celebration, visit www.episcopalrelief.org/75.

At the 2014 meeting of the ER&D Network of diocesan coordinators that met in Atlanta in early May, we had opportunity to preview resources and plans, which were also shared with youth attending the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) this summer. An inventory of 75th anniversary resources will be distributed as available.

As your diocesan coordinator, I am available for consultation and presentations. The first parish presentation in the diocese was in March 2014 for the ECW in Somerset. For further information, contact Diane Duntley at (724) 349-2718 or diane.duntley@gmail.com.

FRESH START

Fresh Start is a two-year program geared to clergy in transition: from seminary to ordination, from one parish in a diocese to another, from one diocese to another. Over the course of the program, the participants engage in various and sundry issues dealing with the transition process in the hope that it will make their transition and, thus, their ministry, easier. It also helps the participants form a collegial bond and support group.

The first *Fresh Start* group concluded the program this past May. They are The Revs. Michelle Boomgaard, Charlie Hamill, Tim Hushion, John Schaffer, and Gwen Santiago.

Many of the *Fresh Start* modules are applicable to address issues that arise within congregations: *Conflict Awareness*, *Role Clarity*, *Dialogue: Searching for Common Ground*, *Decision-Making: Style and Clarity* and others.

The *Fresh Start* team consists of The Rev. Lou Hays, Ms. Jessie Hipolit, Ms. Dana Phillips and The Rev. Dr. William J Pugliese. We are ready and willing to assist clergy and congregations in any way we can.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Dr. William J. Pugliese

ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Pittsburgh Assembly of The Order of the Daughters of the King continues to flourish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, adding two new chapters since the 2013 Preconvention Report – the Verna Dozier Chapter at Emmanuel, North Side, in November 2013, and the Daughters of Advent Chapter at Church of the Advent, Jeannette, in August 2014. All Daughters serve our Lord through vows of prayer, service and evangelism. Daughters keep their commitment strong through an annual Renewal of Vows service during the Pittsburgh Assembly's Spring Assembly, one of two presented each year.

The Fall 2013 Assembly was hosted by the Daughters of Grace at Trinity Church, Beaver, on October 26. The Pittsburgh Assembly was privileged to be able to view the new DOK international DVD, "Looking to Jesus, Spreading His Love around the World," which gave rise to the Assembly theme of "Stretching Our Borders." Speaker, Dr. Theresa Newell, not only told the Assembly of her own endeavors in helping to start and encourage international chapters, but also challenged Daughters to expand personal involvement with the Order.

For the Spring 2014 Assembly, The Holy Comforter Chapter in Fox Chapel was the host on May 3. Departing from traditional speakers, the Assembly's new Evangelism Chair, Jessie Hipolit, led a spirited workshop on the third portion of the Order's vows. Entitled "Redeeming the 'E' Word," the workshop, which was interactive, gave Daughters a strong start in becoming "an everyday evangelist in every way."

In 2014, the Pittsburgh Assembly was grateful to be able to present its third annual Lenten Quiet Day on March 8, the first Saturday after Ash Wednesday, at Shepherd's Heart Fellowship in Uptown. Through readings, prayer and meditation, participants focused on the theme, "Faithful Women of the New Testament." Each of the 12 chosen New Testament women was selected on the basis of what she can teach contemporary Christians today. Daughters in the Pittsburgh Assembly were grateful that the open invitation to the Christian community in Pittsburgh provided participants beyond just the Daughters in the Order.

In response to the Order's vow of evangelism, and at the request of the Province III Board, the Pittsburgh Assembly developed a program on evangelism in Spring 2014, through the efforts of the Assembly's Evangelism Chair. This program was presented to Province III at its annual Retreat, which was held in Williamsburg, VA, in early June 2014. The plan now is being disseminated to other dioceses and chapters to encourage and inspire their evangelism efforts.

As part of the Order's vow of prayer, and as a result of the Fall 2013 Assembly focus on International Daughters, the Pittsburgh Assembly became the International Prayer Partner of the Daughters of Jerusalem in Jerusalem, Israel. All Daughters in the Pittsburgh Assembly are praying for them, and chapters are taking turns writing to them via email.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Simpson
President, Pittsburgh Assembly

PITTSBURGH YOUTH INITIATIVE

The Pittsburgh Youth Initiative had a year full of outreach, service, and worship opportunities.

Prayers on the Wall – during last year’s convention, youth offered a chance for passersby to write their prayers on the gate wall of Trinity Cathedral. The prayers remained on the wall for nearly a week before rain washed them away. It was a great way to share faith with the community as diocesan business was done inside.

Shepherd’s Heart – In December, youth from Christ Church, North Hills; St. Brendan’s, Franklin Park; St. Thomas, Oakmont; and St. Peter’s, Brentwood served a Sunday night dinner to the less fortunate at Shepherd’s Heart in Uptown. This is a popular service project we wish we could do more often, but the schedule at the shelter fills up quickly each year.

Snow Camp – In February, there was an option to attend Snow Camp, an event hosted by Teen Quest in Somerset, PA. Several of our young people attended and had such a great time with other youth from around the area.

Heinz Chapel worship – Some of our older teens went to worship at Heinz Chapel in March. Fr. Philip Wainwright leads a weekly worship service for the college students in the chapel. This gave the teens a taste of worship options during their upcoming college years.

Senior Send-off – Bishop McConnell honored eight high school graduates during a dinner held at Christ Church, North Hills, in May.

L.O.C.A. party – The League of Christian Avengers, made up of youth at Calvary, East Liberty, invited youth from throughout the diocese for a pizza party and discussion of topics affecting teens today.

Highland Educational Project – St. Paul’s, Mt. Lebanon youth went on their annual trip to “HEP” in June. The project is an ecumenical outreach agency in McDowell County, West Virginia, serving families and individuals requiring multiple types of assistance.

E.Y.E. – Five youth, two adults and Bishop McConnell attended the Episcopal Youth Event in Philadelphia in July. Youth from 81 dioceses attended, trading pins and developing friendships; worshipping with the Presiding Bishop, and touring historic parishes in the city. Pittsburgh’s delegation was unable to stay for the “Three Days of Urban Mission” option.

Calvary Camp Work Weekend – PYI kicks off the program year with the annual trip to Calvary Camp to prepare the facilities for the winter. Work weekends aren’t only about “work” but also getting to know one another and worshipping together.

Calvary Camp/PYI at the Pirate Game – On September 21, the two organizations gathered for the final home game in the Pirates season.

Finally, it should be noted that Victoria O’Brien has left her position as co-director of youth ministry for the diocese. She was a founding member of PYI and co-director for three years. Vickie has done a great deal for youth around the diocese and at her home parish of Christ Church, North Hills, and we owe her a debt of gratitude. Thanks Vickie!

Submitted by:
Brent Hansen and Victoria O’Brien
Co-Directors, Pittsburgh Youth Initiative

SHELDON CALVARY CAMP

Imagine a glorious sunset over Lake Erie and young people with their eyes turned toward the wonder of creation. Imagine campers at the camp farm, collecting eggs from the chickens, picking and tasting strawberries and blueberries. Imagine freshly harvested beans, lettuce, kale, carrots, and potatoes passed around the dinner table. Imagine words of encouragement shared with a friend learning to play a new game. Imagine the raucous cheering in a dining hall filled to capacity. Imagine a quiet conversation between a camper and a counselor walking back from the beach. Imagine the voices of young people singing together in the chapel at the end of the day. Imagine families and lifelong friends together around a campfire. Imagine the faithfulness of Fr. Charles Martin, at camp for his 75th consecutive summer. These are some of the moments experienced by people who spent time at Sheldon Calvary Camp in our seventy-eighth year.

In 2014, the camp served over 1,000 children in our summer programs: Coed Camp; Ready, Set, Camp; and Day Camp. One in five campers receives some financial assistance. Family Camp and Labor Day camp brought another 350 people to Calvary Camp this year. Extended season programs continue to serve the local community into September and beyond.

Sixty-five gifted young adults served selflessly as members of the summer staff, developing their own sense of vocation as they engaged deeply with campers. Leadership comes from Tim Green, Executive Director, supported by year-round Assistant Directors P.J. Williamson and Samantha Borkovic, as well as Susan Roth, Staff Development Director, and the Rev. Leslie Reimer, Director of Spiritual Life.

We are grateful for the tireless work of the Calvary Camp Board: Sue Carenbauer, President, the Rev. Charles Weiss, Mr. David Sharbaugh, Mrs. Rebecca Randall, Mr. Doug Strott, Mr. Lawrence Knapp, Mrs. Amy Bojarski, the Rev. Gary Taylor, Dr. Lynne Curtis, Ms. Normandie Fulson, Mr. Gregory Green, Mr. Eric Linn, the Rev. Jeffrey Murph, Mrs. Trudy O'Nan, the Rev. William Pugliese, Mr. James Strong, and our chancellor, Mr. Kenneth Argentieri.

Bishop McConnell's presence was a particular gift to our community this summer. He visited us to commission the staff, and again to preach at a chapel service during Coed Camp.

A Capital Campaign is underway to provide for physical improvements – a dining hall large enough to accommodate our camp family, an improved sand beach and access to the lake, an amphitheater overlooking the water, a year-round office, housing to accommodate both summer staff and year-round meetings and retreats, and an endowment to continue camp scholarships and to enable good stewardship of the facilities we build. The results so far are encouraging. We are especially thankful for a significant gift from the Board of Trustees of the Diocese. Watch for more information about how you can help.

As a ministry of the Diocese, we invite everyone to look with us toward a future beyond our imagining. Visit us in person next summer – or on-line anytime 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 AIDS Community Center in Western Pennsylvania, offering support and assistance to people affected by HIV/AIDS. Our mission affirms that “Shepherd Wellness Community is a safe, supportive community empowering people affected by HIV/AIDS to live with dignity.” SWC is a supported ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.

In December we were pleased to welcome Bishop and Mrs. McConnell to our annual Holiday Dinner. Our staff and members were grateful for the opportunity to visit with our bishop and deepen our connection with the Diocese. It was meaningful for our members to know that the bishop took time from his busy schedule to be with us.

We want to thank the Diocese for providing Green Grants in 2013 and 2014 which enabled SWC to create a raised-bed herb and vegetable garden. This project provides an opportunity to teach our members how to use herbs to flavor meals and improve nutrition. Herbs from our garden are also used in our Wellness Dinners. We look forward to expanding the garden each year.

For the past nine months, SWC has been working with consultants on a strategic planning project to assess the changing healthcare environment, determine where we fit into the continuum of health care and human services, and identify new strategies of innovation and collaboration to meet client needs. We expect to complete the project this fall with revised mission and vision statements, updated core values and exciting strategic initiatives to guide us for the next five years.

Our 2013-2014 services:

- **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 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.

Sincerely,
B. Scott Peterman
Executive Director

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Strategic Planning Committee is working with Bishop McConnell to strengthen and support the Diocese's parishes and ministries, as well as to explore new ministries and the formation of new parishes. Formed by Bishop McConnell in the fall of 2013 and comprising over thirty lay and clergy members, the Committee is both implementing and broadening the work of a task force that set a preliminary course for the Diocese during Bishop Price's service as provisional bishop of the Diocese. Informally referred to as "Task Force 2.0," the Strategic Planning Committee divided its work into four sub-groups:

- ❖ The Listening Committee (TLC) – Charged with gathering detailed information about each parish in the Diocese so that parishes can be better supported in their ministries. (Co-chaired by Lou Hays and John Hose)
- ❖ Leadership Formation Committee – Charged with finding ways to enhance the development of lay and clergy leadership in the Diocese. (Co-chaired by Cathy Brall and Bill Pugliese)
- ❖ Property Committee – Charged with supporting the Board of Trustees in matters relating to real estate and the maintenance of Diocesan properties. (Chaired by Mike Donadee)
- ❖ Missional Communities – Charged with recommending ways to encourage parishes and ministries to become more missional and focused upon a public gospel and with developing new approaches to ministry. (Chaired by Kris McInnes)

The sub-groups have been meeting regularly and making good progress on their appointed scopes of work. The chairs of each of the four sub-committees meet monthly with Bishop McConnell and the Task Force 2.0 co-chairs, Bob Johnston and Sue DeWalt, to track and coordinate the sub-committees' work.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue DeWalt and Bob Johnston
Co-chairs

TRINITY CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

Cathedral Chapter members were joined by a number of interested parishioners at the 2014 “Chapter Retreat.” Three themes emerged as our focus for the year.

- Increased involvement in the life of the city
- Improved communication
- Financial stewardship

Community: In addition to annual traditions (Blessings of the Marathoners, the Fleet and Animals; Ashes to Go; Light Up Night; concerts by various choral groups) the first annual Blessing of Educators, an ecumenical service led by Bishop McConnell and other religious and civic leaders was hosted by the Cathedral in September.

Our Outreach committee served an additional 173 families by our participation in the Walk-In Week ministry. They served five dinners at Shepherd’s Heart, and prepared breakfast egg casseroles.

A project has been launched to form a Boy Choir, composed of ages 8 to 14, from the community at large, which would train and be in residence at the Cathedral.

Diocese: The Cathedral hosted the Absalom Jones commemoration, and diocesan ordinations.

Parish: Following an extended period of neglect of the Cathedral’s aging infrastructure, Fr. Hushion, working closely with outside contractors, guided us in replacing an obsolete fire and security alarm system, a dysfunctional telephone system, and upgrading our HVAC equipment. This will be an ongoing effort in future years.

We continued to receive new members again in 2014.

Efforts to improve communication, both among the Cathedral family and with the larger world are underway.

To paraphrase Heraclitus, “The only thing constant in life is change.” In July, we bade farewell to Franktuary and its gourmet hot dogs. We welcomed Canon Scott Quinn as our Interim Dean.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Amis
Executive Committee Chair

TRINITY SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

The 2013-2014 academic year saw movement toward the exploration and piloting of a number of strategic partnerships between Trinity and specific churches and organizations. The three pilot programs currently underway are:

The Coalition for Christian Outreach – Trinity and the CCO have signed an agreement whereby CCO staff can take Trinity classes for credit through their regularly scheduled staff seminar times three times a year. The classes will be taught specifically for CCO staff by Trinity faculty. This will allow CCO staff to work toward a graduate degree while remaining on college campuses. The first offering provided two classes and combined included more than 65 students, about half whom were taking the class for Trinity credit.

The Ridley Institute, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, SC – Trinity and St. Andrew's will pilot a program beginning this fall whereby students may take a Trinity class both onsite in SC and online. This hybrid class will begin at St. Andrew's with a Trinity professor present and then the class will continue online. One of the goals is allow the students to remain at home, be able to gather as a cohort as possible, and still enjoy the benefits of a Trinity class.

St. Peter's, Tallahassee, FL – Trinity and St. Peter's will pilot an onsite January Term in Tallahassee this January whereby students will have the opportunity to take several, week-long intensive courses offered by a variety of local professors and also choice of two Trinity courses taught locally by Trinity professors.

Trinity is also exploring a number of other possible partnerships.

Plans for Trinity's residential January Term, 2015 include in Week 1 (January 5-9, 2015): Formation and Catechesis, taught by the Rev. Dr. Leander Harding; Advanced Homiletics with the Very Rev. Dr. Peter Moore; Ministry in Missiological Perspective, with Dr. Bill Taylor, Theology and Writing of Martin Luther (Lutheran Track) with Dr. James Nestingen; and The Reformation and Ministry with the Rev. Dr. Ashley Noll and the Rev. Rob Sturdy.

Week 2 (January 12-16, 2015) include Bible and Ministry and Mission, taught by the Rev. Dr. Rod Whitacre; Old Testament Writings, with Dr. Erika Moore; Sacred Space, with the Rev. Dr. Arnie Klukas; Lutheran Preaching (Lutheran Track), with the Rev. Dr. Amy Schiffrin; and the Modern Church (Lutheran track), with Dr. James Nestingen.

Respectfully submitted,
Archdeacon Mark Stevenson, Ph.D.
Academic Dean