

EPISCOPAL HEALTH MINISTRIES

Since the resource volunteer coordinator for the Episcopal Health Ministries is new to the diocese this year, your forbearance is greatly appreciated while our planning phase to address congregational needs is realized.

Grace Happens has provided a communication venue for introducing the present focus of exploring ways to bring Jesus' healing ministry more fully into the church and encouraging everyone with an awareness of the health needs of our body, mind and spirit.

June presented an opportunity to attend Rev. Nigel Mumford's two-day intensive teaching at Trinity School for Ministry. Having just attended an August retreat led by him, I was profoundly moved by his personal testimony of healing and his authentic presentation on the reality of Jesus' healing today, both in person and in his writings and encourage your review of the same.

One tool that has been of great value for equipping a pastoral care team is the book study of "Healing as a Parish Ministry." Quoting the book's overview:

"Jesus' mandate to heal the sick is beginning to enter into faith communities today. In this sound and practical book, Father Leo Thomas and Jan Alkire show how this vital ministry is rooted in Christian scriptural and sacramental tradition. Pastors and lay leaders will benefit from the authors' faith-filled, balanced wisdom. "Healing as a Parish Ministry" will help all who read it become more effective channels of Christ's healing to those who are hurting."

Please watch for additional updates in *Grace Happens* and send requests or inquiries for health/healing resources or questions to: waskop@windstream.net.

Respectfully submitted,
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