

# Section F

## Other Reports

## ARCHIVES

In 2015, the diocesan archives went through a major move and provided materials for exhibits related to the celebration of the diocese's 150th anniversary. The traveling exhibit continued to circulate to parishes until June 2016, and was displayed at 18 of the parishes in the diocese. It is still available for booking. The on-line exhibit was completed and published on the archives web site at the end of May 2015. It remains up and is a permanent resource for the founding years of the diocese. The on-site exhibit for the convention presented a major logistics problem when the site of the convention was changed to St. Paul's, but I was able to prepare and pack the exhibit and then had a set of willing helpers load and unload the cases and materials that made the exhibit possible. Special thanks to Steve Fekete and Kathi Workman, and to those like Joan Morris who helped disassemble the exhibit and repack it for return to the archives.

We were lucky to have volunteers throughout 2015, although it was a disappointment that the student originally scheduled to work through the Pitt Partner program of the School of Information Science dropped out of Pitt after only a month. Two members of the Diocesan Archives and History Commission, Joan Morris and Karen Rose Overholt Critchfield, volunteered as processors during the first part of the year. Betty Duckstein and Darrell Powell spent several full days working on the ECW materials that had been left in the old ECW office. The diocese had the help of Sister Grace, a student in the Pitt Archives graduate program, as a volunteer in the fall 2015 and for the first half of the winter 2016 term. She then returned to do her field experience at the archives in the summer. Sister Grace completed a number of projects that had been left unfinished by previous workers. For the first half of 2016, Richard Syracuse provided six hours of volunteering a week. One result of his work was the cataloging of about 20 percent of the archives library. He also made considerable progress on a large collection of photo albums from St. Andrew's, New Kensington.

During 2015, the archives dealt with research questions from 17 people not on staff, and answered a number of research questions for staff related to buildings and clergy. This included making available the blueprints and construction plans for several buildings the Board of Trustees was considering selling.

The remainder of 2016 has brought its own challenges and rewards, but I will leave those for the report next year.

Joan R. Gundersen  
Archivist

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

It's an honor to report that as of August 1, 2016, I am the new half-time Episcopal Chaplain at the University of Pittsburgh. I'm excited to be back on a college campus and to build upon the foundation that the Rev. Philip Wainwright has laid over the past five years. I've decided to refer to the chaplaincy as "cruX," meaning both "the heart of the matter" and "cross." Before Jesus ascended, He commissioned His disciples to go to all people and make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to do what He said (see Matt. 28:19). cruX is a ministry that seeks to obey this command by offering one-year apprenticeships to college students to train them to live in the way of Jesus for the life of the world.

Student apprentices will engage in three primary areas of Jesus-following together. First, they will learn how to participate in and design experiments in giving. These experiments will be semester-long commitments in which students will engage in giving to some portion of the community. After the first semester of participation in chaplain-designed experiments, students will then design and implement their own experiments in giving. In addition to helping students learn to engage in creative acts of giving, these experiments will also provide students who are not a part of cruX with a tangible example of what it looks like to live in the way of Christ.

Second, students will commit to meeting once per week to receive the grace of God together. During the first semester, this meeting will be organized around reading, conversation, and prayer. During the second semester students will develop a daily reading/prayer plan that suits them.

Third, student apprentices will unite together twice per month (once on campus and once off) for support and celebration. These gatherings will take place at our home (involving a meal, conversation, a Eucharist, and various activities such as music, board games, movies, etc.) and on campus (celebrating a simple Eucharist in a public space). These gatherings will provide a time for students to worship, unwind, check in with each other, have fun, and build deeper relationships. It will also be a time when students can invite friends to see what cruX is about.

The X of cruX represents Jesus Christ, who bled, died, rose from the dead, and lives, even today, ruling over all things to renew the creation in His good time. Jesus supports, sustains, and guides all that we do as both the Servant and Lord of all, and so the X is the foundation upon which cruX is built.

Trusting in the ever-present and all-powerful Jesus, students will be guided through these three disciplines of creating, receiving, and uniting over the course of a year to prepare them both to follow Jesus and to equip them to apprentice other students the following year.

I welcome parish and individual involvement in the chaplaincy. Please feel free to reach me at 412-360-9693, or [IsadoreDJ1@gmail.com](mailto:IsadoreDJ1@gmail.com).

Dan Isadore  
Campus Chaplain

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

The Children's Ministry Team continues to evolve as a network for lay people and clergy who are involved in Christian formation for young people in the diocese.

Some highlights of the year include:

- The *Feed My Sheep* newsletter. Published approximately every other month and a source for program and resource suggestions, this publication also serves as a platform for individual parishes to share their children's ministry stories in hopes that these stories might inspire other congregations.
- Regular lunches, approximately every other month, to allow participants the opportunity to discuss face-to-face the successes and challenges of their various ministry programs. This year, we occasionally welcomed new participants, including the bishop. In addition to being a forum in which to share resources, the chance to form networked relationships with one another creates a stronger sense of community and purpose that in turn benefits our congregations.
- Ongoing support and expansion of our Pinterest boards. Our Prayer and Liturgy Board was mentioned as a helpful resource by the National Association of Episcopal Schools *Network* newsletter, April 2016 edition!
- A strong diocesan presence at the Forma conference in Philadelphia in January. Lisa Brown from St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon; Susan Roth from Calvary; the Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler; Canon Kim Karashin; and Joyce Donadee from St. Brendan's, all attended. Lisa Brown presented a workshop on "The Seven Types of Prayer" with Jamie Coats from the Society of St. John the Evangelist.
- A Godly Play workshop, sponsored by the diocese, offered at St. Brendan's.

A learning opportunity for the Children's Ministry Team was the attempt to organize an Acolyte Festival. Although ultimately postponed because of logistical challenges, we learned a few important points:

- Acolyte coordinators are eager to connect with one another, both to learn and to share from one another's programs.
- Acolyte coordinators and youth acolyte participants are not necessarily connected to other aspects of children and youth ministry, and we need to be intentional in how they are included.

We hope to re-schedule the Acolyte Festival this year, offering it at a time and place that allows full participation by diocesan children and youth who participate in this ministry.

Finally, we hope to expand the scope of the Children's Ministry Team in the coming year to include diocesan members who support youth ministry programs so that we might consider formation of young people as a continuum, not as separate ministry areas. We are currently considering whether the existing structure and timings of our gatherings and communications will sufficiently meet the needs of youth ministry, or if we need to modify our approach.

In the coming year, we hope to offer additional workshops and formation opportunities for both lay people and clergy so that they might continually grow in their own faith and understanding.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Brown  
Children's Ministry Team Coordinator

# CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATES OF SOUTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA

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Dear brothers and sisters in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh: Thank you so much for your ongoing support of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. We are grateful for your prayers and encouragement, your engagement in our ministries, and your generous financial commitment. Thank you, also, for sharing Bishop Dorsey McConnell with us; his leadership on the Council and his service on the Executive Committee are greatly appreciated.

Christian Associates works for Christian unity among the Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and Anglican churches of our region. Since 1970, Christian Associates has been seeking the mission of the Gospel and the wholeness of our communities through:

- **Collegiality:** convening Christian leaders to build relationships grounded in trust and common values
- **Collaboration:** mobilizing church bodies to speak and act for the common good
- **Communication:** sharing news, events, and information to help churches connect and thrive
- **Connectedness:** bringing the voice of the church to civic, community, and interfaith partnerships.

In the past year, we have pursued these priorities in diverse and innovative ways:

- We started SPARK Conversations, a series of informal lunch gatherings for Christian leaders who share a common role, identity, or interest. The first SPARK series included meet-ups for clergy under age 40, church planters, campus ministers, and other groups. Watch for another season of SPARK beginning this winter.
- Our Council of Bishops and Executives spoke out on the refugee crisis in the Middle East and Europe, underlining the Christian mandate to welcome the stranger and care for people in harm's way. We continue to work to equip Christian leaders with the information and connections they need to extend welcome in our communities.
- We launched a brand new Web site at [www.casp.org](http://www.casp.org), and continued our paper newsletter, "The Call," and our e-newsletter, "Unity n'At." Please like us on Facebook and visit <http://signup.casp.org> to add your name to our e-newsletter list.
- Working with partner organizations, we created worship resources such as "Feed My Lambs" (exploring childhood hunger) and "Ending Gun Violence," to help clergy connect Sunday worship with important community issues.

In the midst of these efforts, Christian Associates also packed up our Lawrenceville office and moved to the campus of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in East Liberty. Please be sure to update your records with our new mailing address (above).

All our work is made possible through the contributions of our member judicatories, as well as the gifts of our individual, congregational, and corporate donors. We are especially grateful to the members of the John 17 Society, who support our work with gifts of \$250 or more each year. Financing the work of Christian unity in these challenging times requires everyone's support; please help us ensure a solid future for Christian Associates.

I am grateful that the Episcopal Diocese joins us in our vitally important mission. May the unifying Spirit lead us onward! 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) celebrated the 20th anniversary of its founding on Saturday, March 19 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The celebration featured a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the neighboring City Hotel, and a program featuring past and present accomplishments at the center. Pastor Marty Cartmell (St. Paul Presbyterian Church and Saint Benedict Presbyterian Church) and Deacon Ann Staples (Saint Thomas Episcopal Church) co-founded CCHYC in 1996 in partnership with the Northern Laurel Highlands Ministerium. CCHYC had several locations prior to the purchase of the former St. Edwards RC Parish in 2001.

Beginning in 2002, CCHYC inaugurated its three-part program: Daycare/preschool, Teen Center, and Experiential Education Curriculum entitled "Cambria-Re-Coal-Lectons. In March 2016, CCDaycare/Preschool was designated a STARS II facility by the Quality Improvement Rating System set up by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Since that time, CCDaycare has focused its attention on the creation of an early learning STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Center for its preschool, introducing students to the beginning concepts aligned by the Pennsylvania Department of Education early learning standards. They are the focus of the full-day preschool recently established. CCHYC is an agency member of the United Way of Laurel Highlands and a Jubilee Ministry of the Episcopal Church.

In 2015, CCHYC, in partnership with the Northern Cambria Community Development Corporation, secured grant funding dedicated to the expansion of community and economic development for the Northern Cambria region. As a result, a steering community headed by Deacon Ann Staples, Executive Director of CCHYC and Board President of NCCDC, was formed to begin the process of revitalization. The committee unanimously agreed to hold an event that would bring the entire region together to celebrate its heritage. The resulting Heritage Day, held on Saturday, July 9, was a grand success.

CCHYC sponsored a 5K *Kare for Kids* walk/run to kick-start the day, while the rest of the day hosted local history/artifacts displays, posters and essay contest applicant entries. St. Thomas contributed its used book sales in a booth on the main street. It is hoped that continued development of the Heritage Day will direct attention to our magnificent region for the entire central-western parts of Pennsylvania.

St. Thomas and CCHYC have delighted in the presence of Julie Smith, who is exploring ordination to the priesthood. She is serving an extended internship with both institutions having recently been elected to the CCHYC Board Directors.

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## CURSILLO

We continue to have as a top priority the rebuilding of the “Servant Community” in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and as a part of that, introducing Cursillo to those who are not familiar with it, as discussed in the paragraph below.

We are grateful to the Rev. Canon Dr. Ted Babcock and his wife Lyn, and to Kimberly Karashin, who came as guests and advisors to the February secretariat meeting at St. Thomas Memorial Church, Oakmont. Canon Babcock is diocesan Director of Administration, and Kim is Canon for Mission. Canon Babcock related the three-day Cursillo weekend to the need for renewal in the diocese, and asked us to think about what we can do as a Cursillo community to move renewal forward. He asked, “How can we move people on the edge to a deeper relationship with Christ?” Kim mentioned the need to “form more mission-minded laity and clergy.”

Both suggested planning a one-day event to show what Cursillo is about, with the intent of reaching a whole new audience. It is on the calendar for this fall.

For people in the diocese who are familiar with Cursillo and would like to help and/or advise in any way, the questionnaire developed last year will be available again at this year’s convention.

Pittsburgh Episcopal Cursillo offered two Ultreyas since last year’s convention report was written: one at St. Paul’s, Kittanning, on September 19, 2015, and another at St. Thomas Memorial Church, Oakmont, on April 9, 2016. Veronica Hinkson, Vice President of National Cursillo Ministry, visited us and spoke at the April Ultreya.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Celinda C. Scott  
Member, Cursillo Secretariat  
Parishioner, Christ Episcopal Church, Indiana, PA

## DEACONS

*“Every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God calls [the deacon] to a special ministry of servanthood directly under the bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, [deacons] are called to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick and the lonely.” BCP, pg. 543*

Our diocese currently has seven vocational deacons active in six parishes. We met with Bishop McConnell in February to touch base and get caught up with one another. At that meeting we shared with our bishop that we would like to attend the National Assembly of the Association of Episcopal Deacons in Minnesota, for which he gave his blessing and support. Five deacons from Pittsburgh gathered with deacons, laity, priests and bishops from across the U.S. to engage in conversations, to honor deacons’ ministries, and to learn from one another. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry celebrated and preached at the opening Eucharist. There were many focused discussions on topics of deep concern for our communities such as human trafficking, environmental justice, gun violence, racism, addiction and abuse, to name only a few, from which we each gained much insight and useful information for serving in the neighborhoods and communities in our diocese.

One of the best moments of that assembly for us Pittsburgh deacons was on Saturday evening when Deacon Ann Staples received the award in *Recognition of Diaconal Ministry in the Tradition of St. Stephen*. Deacon Ann founded Coal Country Hangout Youth Center in Northern Cambria in 1996 where she has served for the past 20 years to bring hope and opportunity to the impoverished children and youth who live in this isolated region of Appalachia.

Deacon John Mark Feuerstein was invited to join an Open Space discussion at the assembly on the topic of making the diaconate better known and more accessible to young people. The median age of a deacon in the Episcopal Church is similar to that of a priest, which is 59 years old. (*The Episcopal Church 2014 Episcopal Congregations Overview, pg. 4*)

Among other highlights:

Deacon Wade Lawrence was fully restored as a licensed ordained deacon by Bishop McConnell and now serves at All Saints, Brighton Heights. Wade previously served the Diocese of Pittsburgh from 1990 until 2012.

Deacon Jean Chess, parish deacon at St. Andrew’s Highland Park, is currently coordinating a calendar for the deacons to accompany Bishop McConnell on his parish visitations this coming fall.

We will continue to develop the many programs we already have in place covering such critical issues as racism; literacy; for children and youth who live in poverty and for those who are abused and neglected. Over the next year we will actively seek to connect and work with individuals in the diocese who have an active compassion for the poor, the sick, the weak and the lonely and who possess a desire to advocate for them in order to discern ways we can join together to better serve Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Lorena Ringle, Deacon

## **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN**

As of this writing, our main event hasn't happened yet, but PLEASE join us at Convention for our latest updates.

By the time the 2016 Diocesan Convention convenes, we will have hosted the Rev. Becca Stevens of Thistle Farms, a residential facility and bath & body care business for woman healing from prostitution and addiction. For her work, Becca was recognized as a CNN Hero for 2016. Our event will also explore the possibility of anti-trafficking ministries within the Pittsburgh diocese.

We also continue in our tradition of providing grants and scholarships, and on December 1, 2016, we will "Pack & Play" for Seaman's Church Institute and our men on the rivers for Christmas.

For Spring 2017, we will be holding elections for four new officers: president, vice president, financial chair and memorial scholarship chair.

Our current officers are Betty Duckstein, president; Linda Getts, treasurer; Louise Cannon, secretary; Darrell Powell, UTO chair; Mary Sweeney, finance chair; Nancy Kenny and Judy Wootten, memorial scholarship co-chairs.

Exciting times ahead.

Betty Duckstein  
President, ECW

## 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](mailto:waskop@windstream.net).

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Wasko

# THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Daughters of the King is a Christian order of women and girls, age seven and up, lay and ordained, all over the world, who desire a deeper walk with our Lord. We have a Rule of Life, vow a lifetime of prayer, service and evangelism and enjoy the companionship of other Daughters to strengthen our life of faith.

Our Assembly currently consists of Daughters from the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh. One Daughter is trying to get a Catholic Chapter started. We invite all women to pray and consider if God may be calling her to join the order. New chapters in any parish may be started with only three Daughters. We include Daughters who are no longer connected to a parish chapter, called Daughters-at-Large (DAL). New leadership is elected every three years and includes members from both dioceses.

## **Chaplain:**

Our Chaplain for the Assembly is the Rev. Don C. Youse, Jr., Emmanuel Episcopal Church, North Side

## **Executive Board Members:**

Jessie Hipolit, President

Carolyn Booker, Vice President

Barbara McMillen, 2nd Vice President

Jan Murtha, Treasurer

## **Activities:**

- We elected new officers in September 2015 for three-year terms.
- Our president is also acting as the Evangelism chair. The 2nd vice president is covering the DAL position. Both of these positions will need to be filled when our vice president moves out of the diocese. We hope to spread these duties out and involve more Daughters.
- We have a Spring and Fall Assembly, a Quiet Day and meet as chapters in parishes all year.
- One new chapter was started in November 2013 with five Daughters and another in 2015 with nine Daughters, which now has 11.
- Daughters of Advent is our newest chapter. All the women of the church joined the chapter!
- We had a wonderful Quiet Day during Lent led by our chaplain, the Rev. Don Youse, with Stations of the Cross meditations, journaling, group discussion, and lunch. Several Daughters from Franklin, PA, joined us, making the day extra special.
- Our Spring Assembly, held on April 30, was hosted by The Daughters of Advent, Church of the Advent, Jeannette. Mrs. Peggy Knoll spoke about her trip to Africa and her ministry there.
- The president is part of a Province III committee to address the needs of Daughters-at-Large.

## **Plans:**

- We are working on a new website and to get our Facebook page more active and more Daughters online.
- We are working to clean up contact information, improve communication and Internet use, involve DALs, meet the special needs of older, disabled and shut-in members and find more ways for Daughters to support each other on our faith journey, that we may minister more effectively to others.
- We are planning some discussion and activities around understanding our mission and purpose as Daughters and how to live out our vows through Resurrection eyes.

## SHELDON CALVARY CAMP

It is a breathtakingly dynamic time in the life of Sheldon Calvary Camp. We continue to live into the realities made possible by gifts we have received – in our capital campaign and beyond.

The capital campaign projects are unfolding. Beach improvements allow full access to Lake Erie for swimming, kayaking, collecting beach glass, and simply being by the water. The entire camp community of over 250 people gathered on the beach one Sunday morning to celebrate the Eucharist. Construction plans include a new dining hall, an environmentally sound building to accommodate both our traditional summer campers and expanded year round opportunities, a new all-season office and staff housing.

By far the most engaging project of the summer has been the restoration of the property to the east of the original camp. Through a most generous gift from a foundation, separate from the capital campaign, we were able to acquire forty acres of land spanning Lake Road. We have long dreamed of incorporating this land into Calvary Camp, and reclaiming its natural beauty. The property, once a summer cottage resort, held 24 dilapidated, disused buildings and an unimaginable accumulation of things collected over many decades. After much labor and preparation through the spring season, we were able to begin demolition and restoration work on June 1. This work was made possible by another significant foundation grant. The buildings have been removed, all usable materials recycled, and the land reshaped and ready to be green again. Pathways to the lake shore are under a canopy of wonderful old trees. On the south side of Lake Road, there is a five-acre pond, repaired and awaiting rain water to fill it and a windmill to keep it aerated and alive. This peaceful woodland space holds the promise of fishing and boating.

Sheldon Calvary Camp is a sacred place, a beautiful part of God's creation set apart and tended for ministry. We are filled with gratitude for the overflowing generosity, and with wonder at the possibilities that lie ahead. While much of our current energy is directed toward the stewardship of property and facilities, we never lose sight of the community created in this holy place. Over one thousand campers, 70 staff, and many families have joined us in 2016. This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> summer for Sheldon Calvary Camp. We are ever mindful of the privilege of serving in this remarkable ministry, and of helping to build a community of love and faith that endures.

Tim Green, Executive Director

The Rev. Leslie Reimer, Director of Spiritual Life

Samantha Borkovic, Program Director

Susan Roth, Staff Development Director

Board Members:

Bishop Dorsey McConnell, the Rev. Cathy Brall, Steve Conomikes, Lynne Curtis, the Rev. T.J. Freeman, Greg Green, Neil Johnston, Larry Knapp, Eric Linn, the Rev. Kris Opat, Trudy O'Nan, Becky Randall, Joe Ryan, David Sharbaugh, Jamie Strong, Doug Strott, the Rev. Gary Taylor, and the Rev. Chuck Weiss.

## 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. Our mission is helping people living with HIV/AIDS improve their wellness.

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 express our thanks to the diocese for a 2016 Green Grant to help us expand our vegetable garden, which produces an abundance of fresh vegetables and herbs for our wellness dinners.

This year, SWC completed a planning project to explore program partnerships with other organizations and to create a strategy for long-term sustainability and expansion.

Our 2016 HIV/AIDS wellness programs 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 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 your many years of support and ministry to people living with HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely,  
B. Scott Peterman  
Executive Director, Shepherd Wellness Community

## TRINITY SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

This past year was marked by transitions, success, and challenges at Trinity.

Dean President Justyn Terry attended his last meeting of the Council of Episcopal Deans, January 10-12, 2016. This was subsequent to his transitioning back to his native England, where he has resettled with his family. The Rev. Dr. Laurie Thompson was named by the Board of Trustees as the Interim Dean President. The Rev. Dr. Thompson is a 19-year veteran at Trinity, where he has taught, served as Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program, and most recently served as Dean of Advancement.

Prior to his departure, the Very Rev. Dr. Terry announced the successful completion of Trinity's three-year capital campaign, *Reach for the Harvest*. The campaign received \$15.4 million, \$1.4 million more than the original goal of \$14 million.

This year marks the end of Trinity's reaccreditation process with the Commission on Accreditation of the Association of Theological Schools. This rigorous and challenging process occurs every ten years, and involves an extensive audit of every aspect of the spiritual, academic, and financial life of the school. The on-site review is October 10-12, 2016.

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Martine, Eleventh Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield, was Trinity's special guest this year to lead the Ash Wednesday Quiet Day.

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



# United Thank Offering

*“Expand the circle of thankful people.”*

These words are printed on both ends of that familiar “Blue Box” which, for decades, has served as a receptacle for our gratitude coins. We are happy to report on the “circle of thankful people” of our diocese.

In the spring and fall of every year, a diocesan UTO Ingathering takes place during our Episcopal Church Women celebration event. Here, women from parishes throughout the diocese gather for celebration, fellowship, and to bring the UTO donations from their parish.

The following statistics reflect the participation and Ingathering donations of 2015 up to the present:

- 53 women attended the three scheduled diocesan celebration events
- 10 parishes were represented at these events
- Total donations received - \$12,162.85

All donations are granted through the United Thank Offering Grant program.