ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY 2002

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

The Rev. Canon David Hyndman, St. Augustine's, Gary 2004

The Rev. Henry Randolph, St. David's, Elkhart

The Rev. Ted Neidlinger, St. Andrew's, Kokomo 2002

The Rev. Richard Miller, St. Andrew's, Valparaiso 2002

The Rev. Susan Blubaugh, St. Peter's, Rensselaer/

St. Mary's, Monticello 2002

The Rev. George Minnix 2003 The Rev. Richard Kallenberg, St. John the Evangelist,

Elkhart 2004

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Dr. Susan Rogers, Gethsemane, Marion 2003

Mrs. Anne Donnelly, St. Alban's, Fort Wayne - CHAIR 2004

The Commission on Ministry has been meeting on the third Saturday of each month, with the exception of October and May. Bishop Little meets with us on a quarterly basis, which has been very helpful.

Henry Randolph was appointed Vocations Director for the Diocese and this again is proving to be very helpful.

In October Anne Donnelly attended the Province V Ministry Conference in Columbus, Ohio. This conference is for Commissions on Ministry, Standing Committees, Bishops, Deployment Officers, Boards of Examining Chaplains and Ministry Developers.

After our December meeting a luncheon was held for all applicants in the discernment process.

During the year we conducted seven interviews. Four with applicants wishing to enter the discernment process and three for admission to postulancy. As of this report, we have five postulants four at Seabury-Western, and one candidate for Holy Orders. Six applicants are still in the discernment process.

We have discontinued using the Montreal Diocesan Theological College courses and are now using the Northern Indiana School of Theology, for Postulants and Candidates. The Northern Indiana School of Theology uses courses from the Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry's Christian Foundations Program. The Postulants and Candidates will also meet periodically for prayer, discussion and instruction in areas of practical ministry, through the Deaconal Formation program.

Our Handbook for Applicants to Ordained Ministry is working well but we are now reviewing possible changes in our guidelines for Parish Discernment Groups.

Our sub-committee, Continuing Education Program, chaired by the Rev. Susan Blubaugh processed applications for use of the fund. Six requests were granted totalling $2850.00.

A meeting is being planned next year with the Commission on Ministry, the Standing Committee and all in the discernment process. This will give the Standing Committee an opportunity to meet the applicants earlier on in the process and will have some knowledge of them before they come before the Standing Committee for their final interview.

As of this date, only about $400 has been spent, on the Province V Ministry Conference, postage, copying and coffee and donuts, but not all bills have been submitted.

Respectfully submitted

Anne E. Donnelly - CHAIR