ad hoc Committee for Ethical Guidelines in Ministry

Report to Diocesan Convention

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The ad hoc Committee for Ethical Guidelines in Ministry consists of Canon David Seger, Lloyd Johnson (St. Alban's, Fort Wayne), Phil Coffey (Trinity, Michigan City), Susan Haynes (St. Thomas, Plymouth) and Katie White (St. Michael's, South Bend) The Committee currently has a triple mission. (1) The current Ethical Guidelines of the Diocese are to be reviewed and revised by the conclusion of 2005. (2) Sexual Misconduct Prevention Workshops for those working with children are to be offered using in new program Safeguarding God's Children, produced by The Church Insurance Company. (3) Workshops dealing with the adult issue of harassment and exploitation are to be developed.

In 2004, Misconduct Prevention workshops, using an older format, were presented at Grace Church, Fort Wayne, St. John's, Elkhart, and for the summer camp staff. Katie White attended a meeting of the Nathan Network. Phil Coffey, Susan Haynes and Lloyd Johnson attend a "train the trainers' workshop to become equipped to offer the Safeguarding God's Children material.

The new Safeguarding God's Children workshop was offered at The Cathedral on September 19 A second offering is scheduled for St. Anne's, Warsaw on November 13th.

During the coming year the members will continue to work on the three mission items. Funding is accomplished through the Commission on Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
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