Congregational Revitalization & Development Committee
Report 2005

Mission Statement: *To develop with congregations plans for revitalization by presenting the Gospel, implementing strategies for renewal of faith, and strengthening actions for mission; and to organize and implement plans for the expansion of God's Kingdom in our Diocese through the development of new congregations.*
Vision Statement: *The Congregational Revitalization & Development Committee is the body through which our diocese actively seeks out opportunities for growth and determines diocesan support.*

The committee has had a budget for 2005 of $31,000.00. An ongoing grant of $10,000.00 was expended to St. Andrew's, Valparaiso to help underwrite their new Youth Minister, John Patston III, who has stimulated new growth and enthusiasm in youth ministry at St. Andrew's. The grant extension will continue in the amount of $10,000.00 for 2006. In addition, the committee agreed to a grant of $4,000.00 to help underwrite a youth mission trip to an Indian Reservation in the summer of 2005. The Youth Group earned funds to pay for this mission trip; the grant was used to make up the short of their goal.
The committee also used $5,186.18 to fund a team to go to a reconciliation seminar and be trained to be reconciliation leaders in the diocese. The fund has a balance of $11,813.82 and is presently reviewing a grant request and is expecting to receive another very soon.
The committee stands ready to serve the diocese and its congregations. Requests for aid for congregational revitalization are welcome, and the committee eagerly awaits participation with the diocese in establishing new ministries. A form for grant requests is available from the chair of the committee.

Submitted for the Committee,
The Rev. Canon David L. Hyndman, Chair

Committee members: John Patston III, Sheryl Blake-Lewis, The Rev. Jamie Jones, Ted Kimball, The Rev. Barb Schmitz, The Rev. Tina Velthuisen, The Rev. David L. Hyndman