

Greater Cathedral Chapter

submitted by The Very Reverend
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According to the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana (Canon 11, Section 2), the Greater Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. James consists of its regular Chapter members, who are members of the parish, plus four additional members, elected by the Chapter and ratified by the annual diocesan Convention. One lay person and one member of the clergy are ratified by the Convention every year for two year terms. The Greater Chapter members have been members of other congregations and assist the Chapter and Cathedral in serving the Diocese and beyond.

For 2006, the Greater Chapter members were the Reverend Carol Fleming (St. Andrew's by the Lake, Michigan City), Mr. Fred Heasley (Christ the King, Huntington), the Rev. Richard Lightsey (St. Andrew's, Kokomo), and Mr. (now Deacon) Larry Biller (All Saints, Syracuse). The first two members are completing their terms this year, and the Cathedral is very thankful for their insights and faithful service.

I have asked Greater Chapter member Larry Biller to share his perspectives:

I am very honored to serve on the Board of the Greater Chapter of the Cathedral of St. James.

Coming from a small church, I saw that the big churches have some of the same problems that we have in the small church, But we each go about solving these problems in different ways. I was amazed at how well the cathedral is organized. There are committees for doing all the different functions of the cathedral.

In the past year they have been addressing facility development, including handicap accessibility and returning the St. James window to its original location. There is a team set up for guidance in visibility and membership growth. The Sunday school and Youth ministries are doing well under the direction of the Associate Pastor, the Rev. Susan B. Haynes . The Cathedral's outreach to the people in the greater down town area is a good mission for them. Their programs for spiritual growth includes four regular Bible classes, Centering Prayer Class, Alpha Conversations, Episcopal 101, a Women's Retreat, Advent Quiet Day, and maybe a Men's Study.

I see the Cathedral going in the right direction under the guidance of the current Dean, the Very Rev. Martin Yabroff, and I see how the congregation has become a loving and welcoming congregation. The sharing between the Cathedral and St Margaret's House has grown considerably in the last year. I am so glad to see the effort being made to reach out to the people downtown.

I do enjoy being on the Greater Chapter Board.

*Peace in Christ Deacon
Larry R. Biller*