

2010 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT  
TO THE 112TH CONVENTION  
OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTHERN INDIANA

Since the last Diocesan Convention, The Standing Committee acted on the following:

- Requests for consent of persons elected to the Episcopate:
  - Diocese of Minnesota, The Rev. Brian Prior as Bishop Diocesan: Granted
  - Diocese of Oregon, The Rev. Michael Hanley as Bishop Diocesan: Granted
  - Diocese of Los Angeles, The Rev. Canon Mary D. Glasspool as Bishop Suffragan: Denied
  - Diocese of Los Angeles, The Rev. Diane Bruce as Bishop Suffragan: Granted
  - Diocese of Louisiana, The Rev. Morris K. Thompson, Jr. as Bishop Diocesan: Granted
  - Diocese of Upper South Carolina, The Rev. William A. Waldo: Denied
  - Federal Ministries, The Rev. Canon James B. Magness as Bishop Suffragan: Granted
  - Diocese of Wyoming, The Rev. John Sheridan Smylie as Bishop Diocesan: Granted
  - Diocese of Navajoland, The Rev. Canon David E. Bailey as Bishop Diocesan: Granted
  - Diocese of the Rio Grande, The Rev. Dr. Michael Louis Vono as Bishop Diocesan: Granted
  - Diocese of Alaska, The Rev. Mark A. Lattime as Bishop Diocesan: Granted
  - Diocese of Kentucky, The Rev. Terry A. White as Bishop Diocesan: Granted
  - Diocese of Utah, The Rev. Scott B. Hayashi as Bishop Diocesan: Granted
  
- Requests from the Diocese of Northern Indiana for consent to Ordination:
  - The Rev. Nicholas A. Myers, Ordination to the Priesthood: Granted
  - The Rev. Craig D. Uffman, Ordination to the Priesthood: Granted
  - The Rev. Gregory D. Wilde, Ordination to the Priesthood: Granted
  - The Rev. Clark S. Miller, Ordination to the Priesthood: Granted
  - Mr. Thomas E. Haynes, Ordination to the Diaconate: Granted
  
- Requests from the Diocese of Northern Indiana for consent to admission to Candidacy:
  - Mrs. Terri L. Bays, Candidate for the Priesthood: Granted

The Standing Committee also approved of the consolidation of six deaneries in the diocese to three.

Since November of last year, the Standing Committee has not received any requests to encumber or alienate property for parishes.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Dr. James Warnock, President

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Diocesan Council

13 February 2010

**Members Present:** Lay: Bill Munn (Eastern), Kevin Warren (Western); Cindy Keck (Central); Janis Ross (Central), Sharon Katona (Treasurer); Clergy: David Hyndman (Western), Susan Haynes (Central), Richard Lightsey (Eastern), John Schramm (Secretary); Andrew Hanyzewski (Western); SuzeAnne Silla (Canon to the Ordinary), and Edward S. Little II (Bishop)

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Little at the Diocesan Conference Room, at 1003, with prayer.

The Bishop introduced new members to council and talked about the nature of the work of council. He also explained the way the new deanery structure works now.

## Secretary's Report

The minutes from September 2009 were approved as printed.

## Treasurer's Report

Sharon reported that several parishes in arrears at the end of 2009 have made up for it in January. She also reported a couple of problems at the end of the year. Income was not off too badly. There was an over expenditure in several lines and a couple of budgeted items not paid. This amounted to around \$3000, with an additional \$1700 if budgeted items were paid. But Sharon said that the overages from previous years would be enough to cover this lack. Motion: that we send the money budgeted (\$1212.71) to the Diocese of Honduras noting that it is for Barbara Boghetich's discretionary use in the village of Delicias where she works. This was seconded and passed. It was also moved that money to cover the lack be taken from previous years' overage. This was seconded and passed. Motion to accept and approve Sharon's report from 2009: seconded and passed.

Sharon also presented a report for the end of January 2010. It was hard to note any trends so far this year, but she was going to notify a couple of parishes that their late 2009 trend of nonpayment seems to be continuing. There was a motion to accept the reports as printed and seconded and passed.

In regard to Elkhart, St David's and their arrears: the treasurer noted that they were a couple of months behind in a conversation with the Bishop. The parish has a deficit built into the 2010 budget. The Bishop said that the parish needed to have a discussion with the Council, and they were agreeable to this.

## Ministry Models Committee

In light of the resolution passed at convention, that there should be thought given for future ministry needs in the light of the realities of our situation, the Bishop has now appointed a committee. Brian Grantz will be the chair of the committee, and then clergy, Andy Hanyzewski and John Schramm and Kathy Thomas; and three lay persons: Linda Buskirk, Trinity, Ft Wayne, and Marie Gambetta, St Paul's, Munster; and Tom Gresick, Cathedral. The first year will probably be data gathering, but Jon Adamson has already done the groundwork for this.

## Housing Resolutions

Council approved a housing allowance of \$40,000 for the Bishop; for Canon Silla \$20,000; for the Vocations Director \$3000; and for the Treasurer a \$500 medical benefit.

## Regarding Monticello

For many years there was a small congregation in Monticello using a donated farm house, with

the upstairs used for a women's shelter, called Grace House. Now that the congregation does not exist, and under the terms of the original gift, the building was to have reverted to the original donor, the diocese asked if the donor would make the donation permanent. He agreed. There was a board that ran Grace House which wished to receive the house, and with the approval of Standing Committee, this was done. However, Grace House went out of business and now the diocese owns an empty farm house. Now Standing Committee has been given permission to sell the house. But the canons specify that the Council must also give its permission. In addition, the property may have a tax liability due to errors in filing for the exemptions at the time of the original donation. Lawyers and others are working on it. There is also a possible buyer. SuzeAnne requested \$650 for insect treatment that is needed just now and permission to sell the property. Council voted twice to approve both requests.

### **St Paul's, Munster**

The bank agreed to a four-year forbearance on the mortgage. When it is over the balance is still there. In the meanwhile the Church is to undertake a capital fund drive and make roof repairs. Part of the agreement with the bank was that the Diocese ask no diocesan assessment for that time.

### **Funds Guidelines**

Canon Silla is still working on the reorganization of the Diocese's funds set-up.

### **Bishop's Remarks**

For the first time in ten years, there are no vacancies in any of the parishes. No searches are in progress. We have also seen several younger clergy entering the Diocese over the last several years.

The next cycle of CDI has now begun with a good new class of participants. Several of those who went through the two year program are now returned as interns.

Title IV—the last General Convention redid the clergy discipline process. There are two practical results: we need canonical changes made in the Diocese. The Diocese of Indianapolis may well work with us in doing the disciplinary process jointly—since the requirements are such that we do not have the personnel.

Diocesan Convention: 2010: we are doing a two-day convention at St Paul's, Munster. In 2011, there will also be a two-day convention with the visit of our Presiding Bishop. It will be held in South Bend, if the Notre Dame football schedule still holds. If that schedule changes we will have to move to Ft Wayne.

Council went on record as extending sympathy to Canon Silla at the death of her daughter.

There being no other business, council adjourned with the Bishop's blessing at 1155.

Respectfully submitted  
The Rev'd Canon John E Schramm  
Secretary to Convention

Dates of upcoming meetings: April 24, June 26, August 21, September 25, and November 13.

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Diocesan Council

24 April 2010

**Members Present:** Lay: Kevin Warren (Western); Cindy Keck (Central); Janis Ross (Central), Sharon Katona (Treasurer); Clergy: Susan Haynes (Central), John Schramm (Secretary); Andrew Hanyzewski (Western); and Edward S. Little II (Bishop)

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Little at the Diocesan Conference Room, at 1007, with prayer.

## Secretary's Report

The minutes from February 2010 were approved as printed, with the exception of a name spelling correction.

## Treasurer's Report

Sharon reported that several parishes were a little behind in assessments. Most expenses were within range, except for health insurance for some of the diocesan staff and the retired clergy and widows. The premiums came in higher than originally budgeted. This will result in a budget short-fall of around \$8000 this year, mostly due to the Medicare supplement for which the diocese pays. Council asked the Finance Committee to study this issue and report back. The only other line item not in range is the emergency and contingency line.

The report was accepted as printed.

## St David's, Elkhart

St David's has asked that the parish be forgiven the \$6261.89 that was owed for 2009. There has been a significant short-fall and a deficit of more than \$25,000 is expected this year. It was moved and seconded to forgive the deficit from 2009 with the understanding that they will be participating now in CDI. The resolution passed.

## Monticello

The former church building has now been sold. Since 2007 about \$3000 has been spent on this building. We should be receiving tax money back from the county that will offset this amount and provide some extra as well. Council decided that the money spent will be replaced in the operating fund. It was also decided to put the remainder into the youth fund, with the exception of \$500 for the diocesan chancellor for the large expenditure of time spent on this project. This was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

## Accounting matters

Sharon asked permission to modify the reported operating income in the annual reports of a couple of parishes in order to spare them a huge increase in assessment, based on a unique occurrence in the parish's finances during the past year. This was granted.

## Millennium Development Goals

The Social Outreach Committee proposed the following way to disburse our MDG's for the current year: 30% to the Diocese of Honduras; 35% to the Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya; and 35% to ERD for Haiti. Council approved the recommendations but asked the Social Outreach Committee to rethink the contributions next year in the light of the long-standing relationship we have in this diocese with Honduras, offering thanks also to the committee for its work. The resolution was passed.

## **Funds Guidelines**

Canon Silla is still working on the reorganization of the Diocese's funds set-up.

## **Bishop's Remarks**

Sign-ups are slowly coming in for the Holy Land Tour. Bishop Little is going on his own tour in June.

The committee studying ministry models in the diocese has had its first meeting. The next meeting will have to do with how to get the information we need from the parishes.

There are no clergy vacancies just now—that is, no searches going on.

The Bishop also offered some thoughts on where international relationships within Anglicanism now stand.

The Bishop noted that, as the annual reports come in, the average Sunday attendance in the diocese may have increased slightly.

There being no other business, council adjourned with the Bishop's blessing at 1119.

Respectfully submitted

The Rev'd Canon John E Schramm  
Secretary to Convention

Dates of upcoming meetings: June 26, August 21,  
September 25, and November 13.

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Diocesan Council

26 June 2010

**Members Present:** Lay: Kevin Warren (Western); Cindy Keck (Central); Marianita Porterfield (Western), Bill Munn (Eastern), Sharon Katona (Treasurer); Clergy Andrew Hanyzewski (Western); Father Larry Biller (Central), Daniel K. Layden (Eastern).

The meeting was called to order by Father Biller at the Diocesan Conference Room, at 1007, with prayer.

## Secretary's Report

The minutes from April 2010 were approved as printed, with the exception of a name spelling correction.

## Treasurer's Report

Sharon Katona reported on CDI and Summer Camp highlights from the budget. She noted that at Summer Camp, there was a lower number of campers but a greater number of churches was represented. A motion to accept the report was made by Father Hyndman and seconded by Marianita Porterfield. The motion passed.

## Budget

Sharon presented the proposed 2011 budget. She noted that the budget reflected the use of \$10,000 in cash reserves. She also reported that there were no raises for staff, with the exception of Jon Adamson, whose salary will reflect taking on new responsibilities with Sharon's retirement. Discussion was also held regarding the finance committee recommendation regarding the payment of health insurance premiums. (See below). Marianita Porterfield moved to accept the 2011 budget. Cindy Keck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## Retired Clergy Health Insurance Premiums.

Discussion was held regarding the recommendation by the Finance Committee to cease payments of health insurance premiums for retired clergy. The council has recommended that Father Schramm draft a resolution for the convention reflecting the change in policy. Specifically, the policy would reflect the decision to no longer provide the benefit, beginning with any new clergy hired in the diocese. Any clergy hired while the policy was in place would remain eligible, provided the other qualifications were met.

## Investment Fund Guidelines

Sharon presented the Investment Fund Guidelines, addressing policies for investing in light of spiritual and social concerns. Discussion was held regarding the need also to consider including local investment concerns. Father Hyndman moved to accept Fund Guidelines. Bill Munn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted

Kevin E. Warren

*taking minutes in the absence of the Rev. Canon John E. Schramm, Secretary*

Dates of upcoming meetings: August 21, September 25, and November 13.

# **Minutes of the Meeting of the Diocesan Council**

## **25 September 2010**

**Members Present:** Lay: Kevin Warren (Western); Cindy Keck (Central); Bill Munn (Eastern), Jon Adamson (Diocesan Administrator); Doug Kroll (Finance Committee); Clergy: Andrew Hanyzewski (Western); David Hyndman (Western), Richard Lightsey (Central); Daniel K. Layden (Eastern); Bill Munn (Central); Susan Haynes (Central); John Schramm (Secretary); and Bishop Little.

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Little at the Diocesan Conference Room, at 1007, with prayer.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes from June 2010 were approved as printed—thanks to Kevin Warren who took minutes in the absence of the secretary.

### **Treasurer's Report**

In Sharon's absence Jon Adamson presented the report. The report was accepted as printed.

### **Wawasee Center**

It is necessary to raise the rates of the center to cover increased expenses. Sharon Katona proposed a 3% increase. This request was moved, seconded, and passed.

Sharon also requested the appropriation of \$8700 for repairs to the roof of Wawasee. This request was also approved.

### **The Property and Loan Committee**

In order to assist the Standing Committee make their determinations in regard to encumbrance in property matters, there is now a standing committee of persons to make recommendations to Standing Committee and other bodies that have to make such decisions.

### **Assessment Reduction: St Paul's, Munster**

The parish was represented by Barbara Zuniga, member of the vestry. The parish is still dealing with falling pledge income and falling rental income. There was a deal negotiated with the bank that holds the mortgage and council earlier approved the reduction of assessments during the time of the negotiated agreement. The parish is in the process of losing their rector, due to inability to fund a full-time clerical position. The request was for the full assessment as agreed to last year but reaffirmed yearly.

### **Assessment Reduction: St Andrew's, Michigan City.**

The parish was represented by Marilyn McKay, former vestry member, Tim Vale, Jr Warden, and Fr Andrew Hanyzewski. The parish is in talks with regard to joining into one congregation with Trinity, Michigan City, so there is a chance that the budgeted will be altered in the future. The parish is in deficit now and that amount is increasing. The parish is also in arrears now, in the current year, and is asking for a complete assessment reduction. The parish, other things being equal, is about two years out from closing.

### **Assessment Reduction: Trinity, Michigan City**

The parish was represented by council member, Kevin Warren, former Sr Warden. The parish is asking for a 20% reduction in assessment, which is a 20% increase from last year. Since talks about

union with St Andrew's are ongoing, council has to take into account the separate status at the present time. There are some endowment funds, but those are committed as collateral for present loans to upgrade the heating system.

### **Assessment Reduction: St Alban's, Ft Wayne**

The parish was represented by Fr Dan Layden, member of council, and Eric Miller, member of the vestry. The parish was given a \$12,000 reduction for the present year and is requesting a reduction of \$10,500 for the next year. The rector's wife got a job last year and moved the health care costs to her position, thus saving the parish considerable money.

### **Assessment Reduction: St Paul's, LaPorte**

The parish was represented by Margie Bender and Jan Winters, Sr and Jr Wardens. The parish is requesting a reduction of 25%, which would make it roughly the same as this year. The parish is economizing and selling some properties, hoping to gain a little interest income on the money invested. This will buy a little time for the parish. There is a lot of work going on with the intention to make the congregation more aware of the needs of the parish. Pledges seem to be growing some.

### **Assessment Reduction: St Thomas, Plymouth**

The parish was represented by Fr John Schramm. The asking is for the same amount as last year: \$8000. The situation is much like last year when the reduction was given, particularly oriented towards the Latino congregation development.

### **Assessment Reduction: St Andrew, Kokomo**

The parish was represented by council member Richard Lightsey, rector. The presentation included projections which indicated that the income trends will lead to lesser amounts of income in the future and a conflicted use of the trust funds. The parish is asking a \$5000 reduction.

### **Assessment Reduction: Conclusions**

Amounts requested:

St Paul's, Munster: \$26,135

St Andrew, Michigan City: \$8564

Trinity, Michigan City: \$4874

St Alban's, Ft Wayne: \$10,500

St Paul's, LaPorte: \$6000

St Thomas, Plymouth: \$8000

St Andrew, Kokomo: \$5000

**Total requested: \$69,073**

After considerable discussion, it was understood that St Paul's, Munster, needed to have its assessment reduced in total by prior arrangement with the bank that holds its loan. This means that there would have to be found enough to accommodate \$42,938. \$34,939 remains available from the budgeted amount. If 80% of this amount were spent there would be around \$6000 remaining to fund other expected short-falls.

Council decided that the remaining parishes will receive 80% of their asking with Plymouth's request being funded from CR&D for Latino ministry, with the proviso that LaPorte receive \$1200 now and the \$3600 remaining when members of the parish begin attending CDI in February. All concurred.

### **Retired Clergy Health Insurance Premiums.**

Following up from the last council meeting, the following was presented:

*Resolved*, That Common Policy Principles for Medical Insurance Benefits for Retired Clergy and Spouses be revised as follows:

Any Presbyter or Bishop (or their spouse) establishing canonical residence after October 23, 2010, will not be eligible to receive diocesan payment of their Medicare Supplement upon retirement from the diocese.

Explanation: The policy currently provides the benefit of payment of the Medicare Supplement for Presbyters or Bishops (and their spouses) if they retire with ten (10) years of continuous or bridged service as an active stipendiary clergy person in the diocese. The cost of continuing this policy is no longer sustainable based upon the trajectory of our diocesan finances. Many dioceses have ceased paying this benefit altogether. As noted above, this resolution only pertains to those clergy establishing canonical residence after this Convention. Clergy already resident will not be affected.

### **Bishop's Remarks**

The Bishop spoke about significant troubles at Howe School. There are also some very positive things happening.

The initiative about creating one parish from the two Michigan City parishes began several months ago at the instigation of Trinity. Both vestries have now met and recommended this process. Parish meetings will happen this week.

Fr Dan Martins has been elected Bishop of Springfield.

Fr John Schramm is finishing many years as secretary. Fr Jim Warnock will be undertaking this responsibility.

There being no further business, council adjourned with prayer at 1348 by Bishop Little.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev'd Canon John E. Schramm  
Secretary of Convention

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY 2010

### MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

#### EX OFFICIO

The Rt. Rev. Edward S Little II  
The Rev. Canon SuzeAnne Silla  
The Rev. Henry Randolph- Vocations Director  
The Rev. Ted Neidlinger- Formation Group

#### MEMBERS

##### 2010

Mrs. Anne Donnelly, St. Alban's, Fort Wayne – Chair  
The Rev. Dan Martins, St. Anne's, Warsaw  
The Rev. Canon David Hyndman, St. Augustine's, Gary  
Mrs. Kay Miller, St. John 's, Elkhart  
Mrs. Charlotte Strowhorn, St. Augustine's, Gary

##### 2011

Mrs. Nola Wegman, St. Andrew's, Valparaiso  
Mrs. Peggy Coffey, Trinity, Michigan City  
The Rev. Jim Warnock, Gethsemane, Marion  
The Rev. Richard Miller, Christ the King, Huntington

##### 2012

Mrs. Nancy Noecker, Cathedral of St. James, south Bend  
Mr. Ervin Orban, Grace, Fort Wayne  
The Rev. Michael Fulk, Holy Family, Angola  
The Rev. Corinne Hodges, St. John of the Cross, Bristol  
Dr. Margaret Meserve, Cathedral of St. James, south Bend

The Commission on Ministry (COM) has met four times since the last report with Bishop Little in attendance at all four meetings. These meetings are held at St. Anne's, Warsaw on the third Saturday of every other month. The July meeting was canceled due to vacations of most of the members. Subcommittees of the COM have met four times in geographical locations to interview persons seeking to begin the discernment process for ordination. These subcommittees then report to the commission at large. The COM conducted two interviews for postulancy.

As of this report, the annual meeting with the Bishop, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, postulants and candidates is scheduled to take place on September 10<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. There should be seven postulants and two seminarians in attendance.

We currently have three persons in the discernment process. We have had four ordinations since the last report.

Postulants and candidates in the Northern Indiana School of Theology (NISoT) meet during the year for prayer, discussion and instruction in areas of practical ministry through the Diaconal Formation program led by the Rev. Ted Neidlinger, assisted by Archdeacon, the Venerable George Douglas and Father William Forrest OSB. Three of these meetings are held over a weekend with distinguished guest lecturers.

The Rev, Jim Warnock, The Rev, Henry Randolph, The Rev. Anthony Clavier, the Rev. Carolyn Jones and the Rev. Dan Martins are the examining chaplains for the diocese, reading over the GOE's of the seminarians and preparing and reading exams for candidates in local formation.

The COM is reading "Many Servants" an introduction to deacons and will discuss this book at their November meeting under the direction of Father Rich Miller.

I extend my grateful thanks to the Rev. Henry Randolph, Vocations Director, who is responsible for all paperwork for those in discernment through ordination.

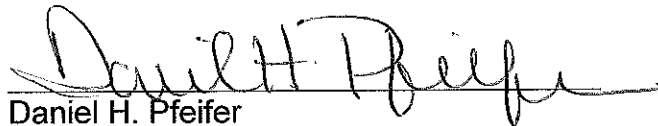
Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Donnelly, Chair

## DIOCESEAN FOUNDATION REPORT

Attached is the Financial Report for August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010. No loans or grants were issued within this time period.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel H. Pfeifer", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel H. Pfeifer  
Treasurer

**DIOCESE OF NORTHERN INDIANA FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010**

**Profit and Loss Statement**

**Interest Income:**

Merrill Lynch (Invest. Acct.)-----	\$38,165.88
General Foundation-----	\$ 1,506.73 (04%)
Cong. Revitalization-----	\$14,049.72 (37%)
New Congregation-----	\$10,095.75 (27%)
Outreach-----	\$5,475.88 (14%)
Growth Fund-----	\$7,037.80 (19%)
	<b>\$38,165.88</b>

**Expenses: -0-**

Total Income **\$38,165.88**

**Other Receipts and Disbursements**

**Receipts of Principal:**

Total Cash Received **\$38,165.88**

**Disbursements:**

**Grants** 0.00

**Loans** 0.00

**Total Disbursements** \$ 0.00

**Net Cash Increase** \$18,325.18

Cash Balance 7-31-09 \$1,491,770.52

Cash Balance 7-31-10 \$1,510,095.70

**BALANCE SHEET 7-31-10**

**Assets:**

Merrill Lynch:

Investment Pool Accounts -----\$1,510,095.70

General Foundation	\$ 67,259.11	(05%)
Cong. Revitalization	\$550,351.70	(36%)
New Congregation	\$400,109.57	(27%)
Outreach	\$213,459.41	(14%)
Growth Fund	\$278,915.91	(18%)

**Assets: Balance 7-31-10** \$1,510,095.70

# Congregational Revitalization & Development Committee

## Report 2010

**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.

During the past year the CR&D Committee made the following grants:

A continuing grant for the support of the Church Development Institute Program administered by Canon Suze-Anne Silla was in its second year. This grant has allowed the program to continue with training in church development for the laity and clergy alike.

A grant of \$5,000 was awarded to St. Michael and All Angels to assist the congregation in securing a Sunday School Education Coordinator to lead and manage the parish's volunteer educators.

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.

Submitted for the Committee,

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

Committee Members: The Rev. Dan Layden, St. Alban's, Fort Wayne; Ted Kimball, Grace Church, Fort Wayne; The Rev. Tina Velthuisen, Holy Trinity, South Bend; Cindy Croyle, St. Paul's, Hammond; Susan Adamek, Holy Trinity, South Bend; Canon Suze-Anne Silla, Diocesan Staff.

## **Social Outreach Committee Annual Report -2010**

The primary responsibility of the Diocesan Social Outreach Committee is to receive, evaluate, and respond to requests for funds from parishes within the diocese. A grant application form is posted on the diocesan website. A secondary task of the Committee is to make recommendations to Diocesan Council of possible recipients for the money set aside by the diocese to help achieve the U. N. Millennium Development Goals.

The Diocesan Social Outreach Committee met with Bishop Little on February 20, 2010. We reviewed the outreach grants approved during 2009 and the responses received. We were most appreciative of Bishop Little's commentary as we discussed each of these ministries, as he has personal contact with each of the parishes that received grants. He had also spent some time at Camp New Happenings during the summer, and he shared his excitement about how that ministry has expanded.

The Millennium Development Funds dispersed in 2009 totaled \$5,002.71: \$1,750 to the Anglican Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya; \$2,040 to the Bishop Mazeraka Foundation in Uganda; and \$1,212.71 to our companion Diocese of Honduras. Bishop Little shared with us that Diocesan Council had also approved additional funds from diocesan account to bring the total given to Honduras to \$1,500. An extensive report had been received from the Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya, and Tim Skimina had provided us with a detailed accounting from *Companeros en Cristo* of the use of funds approved in 2008, but we had not received a report from the Bishop Mazeraka Foundation.

The Committee then proceeded with a discussion of possible recipients for the 2010 Millennium Development Goals Funds. The lack of communication from the Bishop Mazeraka Foundation was the cause of some concern, so Bishop Little checked their website and found that it had not been updated for over a year. That left us with some question about the actual receipt and use of the 2009 funds given to the Foundation" and the Committee decided not to designate any of the 2010 funds for this ministry. We then discussed a handout from Episcopal Relief and Development about the need in Haiti subsequent to the devastating earthquake therein early January. All present agreed that we should devote a portion of-the MDG funds for the relief effort in Haiti.

Our final recommendation to Diocesan council for use of the 2010 MDG funds was:

- 1) 30% to the Diocese of Honduras
- 2) 35% to the Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya
- 3) 35 % to Episcopal Relief and Development earmarked for disaster relief in Haiti.

We discussed the need for communication to parishes, reminding them of the availability of funds to assist with parish outreach ministries. It was agreed that the Committee Chair would compose a letter to be e-mail to rectors and wardens and posted on the diocesan website.

As in previous years, deliberation regarding grant requests has been accomplished via e-mail. As of this writing; the following grants have been approved and dispersed:

- 1) \$1,000 to Trinity Church, Michigan City to assist their Community Food Pantry
- 2) \$1,000 to St. Paul's, Munster to assist their ministry of providing a hot lunch once a month at a local shelter for the homeless.
- 3) \$1,000 to Camp New Happenings to help fund, the week-long summer camp for boys and girls (age 8-11) who have a parent incarcerated in a state and/or federal prison.
- 4) \$1,000 to St. John's, Elkhart to assist with their Food 4-Kids Program which provides nourishment to elementary students in need for the weekends during the school year
- 5) \$1,000 to St. Anne's, Warsaw for their Mustard Seeds ministry which assists families with low income that have newborn babies.

The total amount dispersed to date is \$5,000, leaving \$1,000 still available for ministries within the diocese that fit within the parameters of helping those in need which our lord articulated in: Matthew 25:35, 36: “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was in prison, and you visited me.”

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deacon Janice Miller, Committee Chair.

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Cathedral of St. James, South Bend

# Report of the Greater Cathedral Chapter of the Cathedral of Saint James to the 112<sup>th</sup> Convention of The Diocese of Northern Indiana

The Cathedral of Saint James, in addition to being a parish of the Diocese of Northern Indiana, has an obligation to the broader diocesan ministry on behalf of the Bishop. The Bishop, Chapter, and Greater Cathedral Chapter recognize a four-fold calling of Cathedral ministry:

- 1) The Cathedral is a place of pilgrimage.
- 2) The Cathedral is the liturgical center of the Diocese.
- 3) The Cathedral is a center for urban ministry.
- 4) The Cathedral is a model parish.

The Greater Cathedral Chapter works on behalf of the Diocese to help the Cathedral develop and engage ministries in accordance with this calling. The GCC meets up to four times annually on Saturdays with the Cathedral Dean and the Executive Committee of the Cathedral Chapter. At one meeting annually, the GCC meets with the entire Cathedral Chapter at a retreat or work day.

The Greater Cathedral Chapter is comprised of four persons – two lay, two clergy – elected at-large from the Diocese by the Cathedral Chapter and affirmed by Diocesan Convention. Greater Cathedral Chapter members serve two-year terms and may serve two consecutive terms. Serving on the Greater Cathedral Chapter this year:

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| • Mr. Fred Heasley, Christ the King, Huntington             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> year (2 <sup>nd</sup> term) |
| • The Rev. Carolyn Jones, Saint Paul's, Munster             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> year (2 <sup>nd</sup> term) |
| • The Rev. Corinne Hodges, Saint John of the Cross, Bristol | 1 <sup>st</sup> year (1 <sup>st</sup> term) |
| • Mr. Ted Kimball, Grace, Fort Wayne                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> year (2 <sup>nd</sup> term) |

Since the 111th Diocesan Convention, the Cathedral of Saint James hosted several events for the Diocese, including:

- December 20 The Ordination of Clark Miller & Greg Wilde to the Sacred Order of Deacons
- March 5 Bishop Little's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- March 20 Lenten Quiet Day
- March 27 The Chrism Mass

Between the 112<sup>th</sup> and 113<sup>th</sup> Conventions of the Diocese of Northern Indiana, the Greater Cathedral Chapter will meet on the following Saturdays: November 13, 2010 (11 am); March 5, 2011 (Chapter Retreat: 10:00 am – 4 pm); June 4, 2011 (11 am); and September 24, 2011 (11 am).

The Cathedral is currently engaged in a feasibility study for a capital campaign to address exterior restoration and renovations for handicap accessibility. We also continue a process of discernment concerning our mission as a downtown parish.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Very Rev. Brian G. Grantz, Dean & Rector  
The Cathedral of Saint James

## Sr. High Youth Report for Diocesan Convention 2010

December 12 – 14, 2009 we had 46 youth and adults gathered at the Wawasee Retreat Center for our Winter Retreat. Several churches throughout our diocese were represented at this event. The Youth Design Team of Shawn Bianchini, Nathan Grantz, Leah Philippsen, Danielle Martindale, Megan Spice and Robbie Frede began planning this event shortly after Sr. High Camp had ended in July. They chose the topic and then asked Father Craig Uffman to be our guest speaker for the weekend. The topic of the weekend was Spirituality and Sexuality for Christian Teens. He did a wonderful job sharing with the youth what is expected in Christian relationships and Christian marriage. The adults who chaperoned the event were Cindy Spice, Lisa Rodenberg, Polly Gabbett, Tom Adamson, Marion Carpenter, Father Craig Uffman, Father Larry Biller, Father Dan Layden and myself, Carol Bianchini. The money collected for the event was \$620.00. Our expenses were \$994.86. The budgeted amount was \$1385.00, so we ended up coming in \$390.00 under budget.

In February St. Anne's hosted the Diocesan Youth Event "Episcoprom". This was a Sr. High Youth Event where the youth came dressed in prom attire. The cost was \$10.00 per person to basically cover the food purchased for the event. We collected \$120.00 spent \$116.88 on food and sent the balance of \$3.12 to be deposited into the Diocesan Youth Fund. Chaperones for the event were Scott and Carol Bianchini and Tamisyn Grantz. We began the evening with dancing and snacks, at 11:45 we gathered in the chapel of St. Mary the Virgin to prayed Compline together and then to bed at midnight. We woke on Saturday morning cleaned up after ourselves, had breakfast and then everyone departed at 10:00 am. This event was planned by the Diocesan Youth Design Team – Carol Bianchini – Director, Shawn Bianchini, Nathan Grantz, Leah Philippsen, Megan Spice, Robbie Frede, and Danielle Martindale. They planned the music, decorated and organized the clean up. They are an amazing group of young people! We should be very proud!

In May, the Diocesan Youth got together for a "Game Night". A total of 10 youth and 4 adults gathered at St. Anne's to play board games, cards and other games that we came up with. We again ended the evening with Compline in the chapel of St. Mary the Virgin before going to bed. This event was \$10.00 per person, \$100.00 was collected. We spent \$62.38 for snacks and breakfast. The balance of \$37.62 was deposited into the Diocesan Youth Fund.

Sr. High Camp "The Good Samaritan" was held July 4 – 10, 2010 at Camp Alexander Mack in Milford IN. The staff for that week consisted of Father Larry Biller, Tom Adamson, Aubree Schenkel who has been trained as an EMT and Shawn Bianchini who is Red Cross Certified served as our medical staff for the first part of the week until our nurse Lisa Philippsen arrived, Lisa Rodenberg and me, Carol Bianchini. We had a record in our attendance of 24 youth from around the diocese.

We had guest speakers for each day of the week that pertained to the daily theme. Monday, Diana Creech shared the tools that it takes to be a Good Samaritan; Bishop Ed shared with us a video where doctors from all over the world come together to help children with heart problems. It didn't matter where they came from, all were helped. Ellen Wease shared on Wednesday that just being there for someone who has had a great deal of hurt in their life may be the best thing you can do for them. You can't always fix the hurt, but by a hug or a listening ear or just being there and being a friend you are a Good Samaritan. Father Brian Grantz was our speaker on Thursday. He told us to be willing to help even those who you wouldn't normally feel compelled to help. Shawn Bianchini and Nathan Grantz shared on Friday how we should be willing to make sacrifices of ourselves to be a Good Samaritan to others in our daily lives at school or at a store you never know where or how you may touch a life.

Holy Eucharist was celebrated each day by a guest priest. Monday, Father Craig Uffman was our celebrant, Tuesday was Bishop Ed, Wednesday, Father Roger Bower who is our bungee jumping priest in the diocese, Thursday, Father Dan Layden came to be our celebrant and on Friday, Father Larry celebrated Holy Eucharist. We also had a visit from Father Dan Repp who walked with us to the living cross and read The Tale of Three Trees.

The cost for each camper was \$310.00 for those who registered with an early bird discount. Regular registration was \$325.00 per person and those who registered after the deadline there was a late fee bringing the cost for the week of camp to \$350.00.

The snacks for the week were provided by different churches in the diocese as well as a Pizza Party following our final celebration of Holy Eucharist in which a baptism and a healing service were part of taking place down at the lakefront. The experience of Sr. High Camp is truly an amazing one. To watch Christ work in our teens throughout that week is one of the highlights of my year! (Grandchildren are my other highlights!)

The total cost of Sr. High Camp 2010 was \$9386.58 minus the amount we collected from campers of \$7925.00 made the final cost from the budget to be \$1461.58.

Please make note that the proposed budget amount is always a higher amount because the events would cost the amount requested if our individual parishes who donate snacks and other items did not do so. Thank you to all of the parishes who provide the extra things to keep our cost down. We also had one of the local furniture/carpet/flooring stores in Warsaw donate several boxes of tiles for our use in arts and crafts projects. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Bianchini  
Director of Sr. High Youth  
Diocese of Northern Indiana

# Diocesan Summer Camp

## 2010 - Water World

Once again, summer camp was a wonderful and blessed experience for those who worked as staff and (hopefully) for all those who attended. As has become our tradition in Northern Indiana, our camp was for youth entering grades three through entering grades nine. With such a wide range of ages, we divide into three distinct age groups for programs and many activities; however, we worship, eat, and sing together throughout the day.

Camp could not take place without the financial backing of the diocese and the generous gifts of time from those who work as our VOLUNTEER staff for the entire week. Thanks are simply not enough to cover the value of this ministry.

Some individual thanks are needed:

- The design team who met monthly from January on and created our program and evening activities and well as acted as sounding boards for many directorial decisions: Dean Brian Grantz (Cathedral), Nathan Grantz (Cathedral), John Yonkers (St. John's, Elkhart), Bria Carboneau (St. Michael & All Angels), Fr. Larry Biller (All Saints)
- Diocesan clergy who attended camp for the week - Brian Grantz, Larry Biller, Matthew Cowden
- Diocesan clergy who were able to join us for part of camp - Dan Layden, Andy Hanyzewski, Roger Bower, Bp. Gray, Daniel Repp
- Bishop Little for joining us as he is able throughout the week - a gift of time and presence greatly appreciated
- Parishes who provided us with snacks: St Anne's, Warsaw; St. Andrew's, Valparaiso; St. John's, Elkhart
- The staff of Camp Mack for their gifts of holy hospitality

A brief look at the numbers:

First, camp this year came in slightly over \$1000.00 under budget. Great thanks to those program and activity leaders who creatively sought donations and low cost (but still fun and unique) activities, and to many staff who worked multiple jobs allowing us to "bare bones" our adult staff.

<b>Staff: 41</b>	<b>Campers: 82</b>	<b>Little Kids: 6</b>	<b>Total: 129</b>
(2009: staff: 49, campers, 87, little kids, 4		total: 140)	
(2008: staff: 56, campers, 92, little kids, 6		total: 154)	
(2007: staff: 53, campers 115		total: 168)	

Obviously, the downward trend of campers is a concern. Anecdotally, we seem to have a bit of an age gap in many of our parishes in elementary age children, with many younger children coming up. Finally, we continue to be thankful that a large majority of parishes in our diocese are represented.

	Staff	Campers
All Saints - Syracuse	1	0
Cathedral, St. James – South Bend	14	13
Christ the King - Huntington	0	2
Gethsemane - Marion	0	3
St. Alban's – Fort Wayne	5	9

St. Andrew - Kokomo	1	3
St. Andrew's - Valparaiso	0	3
St. Anne's - Warsaw	8	12
St. Barnabas in the Dunes - Gary	0	2
St. Christopher's - Crown Point	0	5
St. David's - Elkhart	0	1
St. Francis - Chesterton	0	1
St. James' - Goshen	0	2
St. John of the Cross - Bristol	1	1
St. John the Evangelist - Elkhart	1	3
St. Michael & All Angels - So. Bend	3	8
St. Paul's - Munster	4	1
St. Paul's - Mishawaka	0	3
Trinity - Ft. Wayne	0	2
Trinity - Logansport	1	1
Trinity - Michigan City	1	3
Other:	3	4

Total diocesan parishes participating: 21 (19:2009)

Recommendations for 2011:

- Encourage all clergy to promote camp in their parishes.
- Continue media presentations for parishes. Have teams go to parishes to present the camp information.
- Continue making information available on the website.
- Look for additional ways to promote camp.
- Update database system to make it more accessible as our senior high camp program expands and so that it reflects staff training.
- Encourage returning participants to invite a friend.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamisyn Grantz, Kimberly Gray, Timothy Gray  
Co-directors

**DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP 2011**  
**“In the Land of Giants”**  
**June 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Camp Mack, Milford, IN**

2010 Annual Report  
CAMP NEW HAPPENINGS NORTHERN INDIANA  
An Ecumenical Ministry  
Sponsored By  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN INDIANA

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CNH summer camp was successfully implemented July 11-17, 2010 at Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, IN despite the devastating fire that destroyed Beckman Lodge approximately twelve hours prior to the arrival of campers. The staff of Camp Alexander Mack was magnificent in that they immediately made the necessary adjustments and thus our needs were not impacted at all. Data for 2010 includes:

Areas served: (Elkhart, Gary, Goshen, Ft. Wayne, South Bend, Syracuse)

Campers - 24

8 Girls      16 Boys  
( 5 - Hispanic; 8 Caucasian; 11 Black – 24)

Staff - 16

1 - Camp Director  
8 - Counselors  
2 - Chaplains (volunteers)  
1 - Arts & Crafts Instructor (volunteer)  
1 - Arts & Crafts Assistant (volunteer)  
1 - Nurse (RN)  
2 - Volunteers (male)  
(10 Caucasian, 5 Black, 1 Hispanic – 16)

Volunteers extend beyond staff and without whom the camp could not exist. These volunteers assisted in the area of transportation and include: M/M William Bissel (Elkhart), Roberta Ring and her many volunteers (Grace, Ft. Wayne), Larry Biller (St. James, Goshen); and, of course, David Nevill, St. Stephens (Hobart), The Rev. Wally Griesmeyer, The Rev. Canon Richard Phelps (Good Shepherd, East Chicago) and M/M Ned North, (St. Michael & All Angels, South Bend).

We are, indeed, grateful to Carol Bianchini (St. Anne's Warsaw) for once again hosting the ice cream social. Certainly, we are thankful for the services of Dale Guckenberger and Eileen Guckenberger. Dale for his photography talents and Eileen for her music. We are very thankful for the volunteers of 2010 and welcome such services at any time, especially during camp week.

This year a new educational component was introduced to include professors from Purdue University North Central. They made presentations in their respective areas and these carried over into the arts & crafts projects of that day. Those making presentations were:

**Dr. Chris Holford**, Department Chair, Biology/ Chemistry

This presentation included a hike to look for and identify birds as well as a project that included owl pellets in which camper identified what the owls digested and proceeded to assemble same.

**Dr. Rosa Hainaj**, Assistant Professor in Chemistry

This demonstration produced a chemical reaction that was amazing.

**Kimberly Griffiths**, Limited Term Lecturer of Mathematics

This presentation was about Math in Art and how shapes and math are used to create art.

**Jerome Mostek**, Continuing Lecturer of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

His presentation included a lecture on the stars followed by the campers peering through his telescope at the constellations.

All of the presentations were well received by the campers and we hope to continue this program. Christina Nevill, CNH board member, was instrumental in introducing this component and arranging for the professors' visits.

A revised version of the Christian Education program was introduced by our Chaplains,- The Reverends Susan Haynes and Tina Velthuisen. This year there was a great deal of activity, including skits and "hands on" participation by the campers which seemed to produce more of a perception of the biblical study for the day. The chaplains devoted much time to pre-preparation prior to camp which, in turn, produced an excellent Christian Education program. The Reverends Haynes and Velthuisen are to be commended for planning and implementing this new version of Christian Education.

In addition to the aforementioned areas, the campers enjoyed a week of the usual camp activities to include but not limited to swimming, hiking and an extensive arts and crafts program. Incidentally, the weather was cooperative and we had a week of sunshine and 90 plus degrees.

We believe that this ministry is entrenched within the diocese and this has come about through the spiritual and financial support of the diocesan family. The camp receives support from non-faith based and faith based entities outside of the diocese and it is this support combined with that of the diocese that enables us to move forward. We are, without a doubt, blessed for the support of the diocesan staff,- led by Bishop Little and, again, that which comes from **THE PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE**.

THANK YOU!

/s/ Charlotte A. Strowhorn,  
President/Project Coordinator

7-24-10

**2010 Annual Report  
Episcopal Church Women (ECW)  
Diocese of Northern Indiana  
1904-2010**

As this report is prepared, we are mindful that in March Bishop Little celebrated his 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Indiana. It brings to mind that his first official appearance as Bishop was at the Province V ECW Annual Meeting one month after his consecration.

We bring this to your attention inasmuch as April 27-29, 2012, the ECW of this Diocese will again host the Province V ECW Annual Meeting. The Diocesan ECW Leadership is inviting the women of the diocese to participate in the implementation of this event. There will be many areas that require “womanpower” support. We do not anticipate having meetings per se as much, if not all of the planning and communication will be done **via e-mail and teleconferencing**. Planning has begun and will continue through 2011. I look forward to hearing from the women of the diocese and their offer to assist.

With respect to programming this year,- it has continued even in face of limited human resources. The ECW has and continues to financially support Camp New Happenings and the Church Periodical Club.

News releases are regularly sent to the editor of COMMUNIQUE for publication. Please send your programs of interest to [charlotte1033@sbcglobal.net](mailto:charlotte1033@sbcglobal.net) and they will be forwarded to the COMMUNIQUE which is the official publication of the National Episcopal Church Women.

We remind the women of the Diocese that the opportunities for mission are through the following areas: United Thank Offering, Church Periodical Club, The Memorial Fund and the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund. I am pleased to present a check to Bishop Little for his Discretionary Fund.

In closing, I wish to call attention to three of our board members who have served for many, many years and are still serving: Gwen Black, Past President and UTO Coordinator, Kathleen Fluhrer, Treasurer and Dolores Bada, Chairman, Memorial Fund. Please join me in giving thanks for their many, many years of faithfulness to this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Charlotte A. Strowhorn  
President

8-3-10

**2010 Diocesan Report  
COMPANEROS EN CRISTO COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERS:**

Melissa Goodwin – St. Timothy  
 Jim Guzikowski - St. Barbabas-in-the-Dunes  
 Rev. Charles Hensel – Retired  
 Debbra Herman - Church of the Holy Trinity  
 Rev. Daniel Layden - St. Alban  
 Christina Nevill – St Stephens  
 David Nevill – St. Stephens  
 Rev. John Schramm – St. Thomas  
 David Silva – St. Timothy  
 Stella Silva – St. Timothy  
 Tim Skimina – St. Timothy - Chairperson

Anyone with a heart for mission is welcome to join our committee.

**Activities:**

We have been quite active in the past year. We sent out hundreds of e-mails, made many long distance phone calls, attended meetings, raised funds, visited parishes, applied for a grant and went on another mission trip. These are the events from the end of 2009 (not included in our last report) and those planned so far for 2010.

These are the committee activities from convention 2009 through October 2010.

Date	Event	#of participant's	#of parishes
10/24 2009	Diocesan Convention presentation	3	3
11/7 2009	Companeros meeting	6	4
1/26 2010	Submit UTO Grant – Honduras	1	1
2/2 – 2/8 2010	GEMN Board meeting	1	1
2/22 2010	MDG Diocesan Coordinators call	1	1
2/27 2010	Mission team meeting	6 (1 by phone)	3
3/6 – 3/18 2010	Mission trip to Honduras	5	3
3/16 2010	Meet with Bishop Allen - Honduras	2	2
4/10 2010	Mission trip reflection meeting	9	5
6/9 2010	GEMN Board meeting	1	1
6/9 – 6/12 2010	GEMN Institute 2010	2	2
7/31 2010	Companeros meeting	6	4
9/17 -9/26 2010	Visits from Rev. Barbara Boghetich	?	At least 4
9/18 2010	Companeros meeting	9	At least 3

After diocesan convention, the Companeros en Cristo Committee meet and we decided to work with the Diocese of Virginia on a safe water project for Delicias Del Norte. \$20,000 was needed for a water treatment plant, training and twelve months of follow up support. By working together we were able to take advantage of a matching grant. The committee donated \$5,000 (bringing our total to \$23,014.95 for 2009) from our account for the water project. Combined donations from both dioceses reached the goal of \$20,000 in early January 2010.

### **How we spent our money in 2010.**

We spent \$11,550.55 so far in 2010 in combined Companeros en Cristo account funds (\$7543.17) and donations (\$4,007.38). The Social Concerns committee donated \$1212.71 as a part of the diocesan MDG commitment. We assisted the mission team from Virginia to install the water treatment plant in early March - March 6 to March 16, 2010 providing clean water for the village of Delicias del Norte. The water treatment plant is capable of providing clean water for up to 4,000 people per day. We used \$1,961.42 of the Companeros en Cristo account funds to build stoves, pilas (cisterns) and latrines – continuing the Health Infrastructure Project in Delicias del Norte. We donated discretionary funds to Rev. Barbara Boghetich and Rev. Hector Madrid totaling \$3,185.15. So far, the discretionary funds have been used to repair four homes damaged in the June earthquake, repair two homes badly damaged in a severe storm, connect water to the home of an elderly couple, connect electricity to another home, pay for foot surgery and braces for a child and pay for continuing education for six children of whom four finally have birth certificates and two should have theirs soon. These young children have had no legal identity. Their parents suffer from Tuberculosis and are essentially skin and bones. The discretionary funds also paid for medicine for a child with chronic bronchitis and malnutrition and asthma medicine for an elderly couple. St. Barbabas-in-the-Dunes donated twenty Spanish Books of Common Prayer to San Lucas and committee members donated twenty four study bibles, a chlorine producing unit for evaluation, USB flash drives for church records and seeds. We also assisted a mission team from Virginia by helping to plant gardens. \$1025 was spent so far (airfare still needs to be reimbursed) for the GEMN Institute and \$500 for GEMN dues. This year we directly touched the lives of over 1,100 people.

### **Goals for the upcoming year.**

God willing we plan on continuing to support the mission work in Honduras. We applied for a joint UTO grant to house a sewing co-op, but we learned we did not receive the grant. We meet with some of the UTO grant selection committee members in June to evaluate resubmitting the grant. We are working with missionaries in Virginia to help develop projects to continue the expansion of the women's sewing co-op. We are evaluating our participation in additional projects such as supporting a new orphanage and a new aquaculture farm. We are going to evaluate the possibility of a mission trip for 2011 or 2012. There is a great amount of interest in sending a mission team to Honduras soon. We will continue to build on the relationships formed over the thirteen years we have been working in Honduras.

We will continue to promote the Millennium Development Goals as a way to help the poor – especially in Honduras. We discussed with Bishop Allen the possibility of sending someone from Honduras to Indiana and the possibility of new projects. We are exploring grant opportunities to support our mission work - perhaps we will again submit a joint application with the Diocese of Honduras.

Respectfully submitted Tim Skimina...

**Report to the Diocese of Northern Indiana  
St. Margaret's House  
September 2010**

St. Margaret's House celebrates 20 years of service to the community in 2010. We continue to grow in both number of people who seek our services and the scope of services offered. We work hard every day to fulfill our mission as stated in Mathew 25:

*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me...(Mt. 25: 35-36)*

At St. Margaret's House, we are committed to:

- recognizing the dignity and individuality of each person,
- providing a welcoming and hospitable environment for all women,
- supporting and respecting women to make decisions in their lives,
- providing quality services which meet women's needs,
- fostering the discovery and development of the giftedness of each person.

In 2010, we are serving an average of 82 women and children a day. We expect to give out over 36,000 pieces of clothing and 2400 sets of toiletries in 2010. We gave basic school supplies to 325 children and served over 1400 meals to children during the summer months. In 2009, volunteers worked 10,733 hours. We are on pace to surpass that in 2010.

We provide many programs. Some of them include:

**Financial Solvency and Economic Stability**

- SMH holds 45-hour seminars utilizing the workbook *Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting'-by World, Building Your Resources for a Better Life* as part of the Bridges Out of Poverty Initiative. This program teaches women to build on their resources and make concrete plans to work towards a better future for themselves and their families. In the past four years, SMH has graduated 60 women from this program. SMH works collaboratively with the St. Joseph County Bridges Out of Poverty to help graduates continue to work toward their goals of self-sufficiency.
- A branch manager from the Bank of America provides on-site individualized budget, credit and banking counseling once a month and teaches a financial literacy course twice a year. Women have the opportunity to obtain their credit reports and advice about their next best steps.
- SMH helps women transition from welfare or chronic unemployment to work. In the past year, SMH has instituted the *Steps for Success* program that helps women with resume writing, interviewing skills, hidden rules of the workplace, dress for success and financial literacy. This six-session program is offered every quarter. SMH also provides business attire and access to the on-line application process.
- SMH provides case-management for women of SMH. We work collaboratively with other agencies through the Community Access Network (CAN) to help our guests access other services in the community. By using a single case

management model, and by working in collaboration with other agencies, SMH maximizes its resources without duplicating efforts.

### **Programs That Treat the Whole Person**

- SMH offers a weekly open art studio led by our art director, who holds degrees in fine arts and counseling. This structured time allows guests to explore their interior life. For some this helps achieve emotional stability and a sense of personal well-being. For others it is a means to express their innate creative talent. Our guests' continued work in artistic activities stretches their vision of themselves and what they are able to accomplish.
- SMH offers a weekly non-denominational spirituality discussion group and sponsors a guest retreat once a year.

### **New in 2010**

- St. Margaret's House received a \$25,000 grant to renovate our kitchen and entryway. We will be installing new cabinets and some safety features to the kitchen and new floor covering to our entryway and first floor steps and landing.
- *Talk with Your Baby* is a project initiated by Memorial Health Foundation and piloted at St. Margaret's House. This is a multi-session class that helps mothers intentionally talk to their infants in a way that spurs brain development.
- Baby Showers celebrate the birth of children and teaches vital pre-natal education. These are single events held at least twice a year. Topics have included: the dangers of drugs and alcohol on the development of the fetus, the benefits of breast feeding, and the importance of immunizations. Partners in these events have been Memorial Hospital Community Health instructors and the County Health Department.
- Memorial Health Foundation donated a new mother/child interactive play area to St. Margaret's House. Use of this area with young children will help spur brain development.
- Our Guest Services Coordinator, Sheila Smith is receiving her certification in drug and alcohol counseling. She now leads a group to help women cope with their addictions.
- Silk Creations, our cottage industry is growing. Guests of St. Margaret's House learn to paint on silk and then sell these items for their own benefit and the benefit of the art program.
- Special recognition recipient of the Leighton Award for Non-Profit Excellence

### **Dates to Remember:**

- September 16, 4-6 p.m. 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Open House at St. Margaret's House.
- November 16, 2010, 11:30-1:00 Fashioning Our Lives luncheon and talent show. Hilton Garden Inn, Campus of Saint Mary's College.
- Winter Walk 2011, February 20, 2011 beginning in the undercroft of the Cathedral Church of St. James.

Northern Indiana Cursillo Community

2010 Report

After careful deliberation, Bishop Little and the Secretariat have determined it would be best to give Cursillo a two year rest. We have been struggling so hard to keep the movement afloat and have had great difficulty doing so. We are not giving up on Cursillo – we want to try to re-group so we can make NICCO the best ever. At the end of two years we will re-convene and determine if it is viable to start again. We also feel it would be in our best interest to invite experienced Cursillistas from other dioceses to help us to get a new perspective on the best way to proceed.

It is with a heavy heart that Julie and I give you this news. I think I can speak for both of us when I say that Cursillo has changed our lives for the better and I think it is still a valuable tool for aiding your walk with Christ.

Yours In Christ,

Julie Chandler, Lay Director

Mary Corey, Out-going Lay Director

Report of the Vocations Director  
The 112<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Northern Indiana  
22 & 23 October 2010  
Saint Paul's Church, Munster IN

At the time of writing this report, Terri Bays (Trinity, Michigan City) is a candidate for the priesthood; Michael Dwyer (St Christopher's, Crown Point), Dustin Fecht (Gethsemane, Marion), and Michelle Walker (St Andrew's, Michigan City) are postulants for the priesthood; and Clayton Berkley (St David's, Elkhart), Kathleen Christensen (Trinity, Ft Wayne), Paul Greve (Trinity, Ft Wayne), and Anne Wietstock (St James, South Bend) are postulants for the diaconate. The Lord prospers them in their formation for these ministries. I ask you to remember them in your prayers of thanksgiving for the ordained ministry of the Church.

I am glad to note also that both Thomas Haynes, now a transitional deacon serving St Elizabeth's, Culver, and Clark Miller, priest-in-charge of Trinity, Logansport, completed their studies in the Northern Indiana School of Theology (NI SoT). Greg Wilde, who graduated from the School of Theology at Sewanee in May, was ordained priest in August. He now serves as an assistant rector at Trinity Church, Columbus GA, in the Diocese of Atlanta.

In an earlier report to the Diocesan Convention, I noted that our ordination process and the program of local formation is a "work in progress," evolving in ways that we think will best serve the Church and the postulants and candidates. We have added the three colloquy weekends during each "academic" year to the schedule for those in local formation. These are "seminar" experiences for the postulants and candidates in local formation during which they have an opportunity to focus on a particular topic presented by an invited scholar in that field who also leads the discussions. We are grateful for the contributions of the following individuals who have given their time for these "historic" weekends since the last Convention: Fr John Schramm (Patristic Church History), Prof John Van Engen (Medieval Church History), Fr Anthony Clavier (English Church History), Fr James Warnock (Episcopal Church History), and Mr William Munn (Episcopal Church History). We are blessed with such rich human resources in this Diocese. The colloquy series continues, covering these topics in future meetings: Liturgical History, including the Prayer Book, Systematic Theology, including Christology, Creation, Ecclesiology, and Missiology, and Moral Theology.

The NI SoT curriculum is undergirded now by a core bibliography for the diaconate and priesthood tracks of study. This list of books provides a core of studies and is the basis for the canonical examination designed and administered by the Examining Chaplains. Our Board of Examining Chaplains, appointed by Bishop Little, are: the Rev'ds Anthony FM Clavier, Carolyn G Jones, Daniel H Martins, and James H Warnock. I am grateful to them for their commitment and care in this important area of formation for the ordained ministry in the Church.

We have added, for those preparing for the diaconate, a period of "internship." Postulants and candidates for the diaconate are assigned to parishes for a period of time in order to experience and observe life and ministry in a parish other than their home parishes. This provides them with the opportunity of working with the host priests and reflecting on other models of ministry, thus

expanding and broadening their perspectives. We are grateful to those parishes which are hosting our postulants for the diaconate in this facet of their formation: St Michael's, South Bend; Cathedral of St James, South Bend; Christ the King, Huntington; and Grace, Fort Wayne.

The Formation Group, convened by Fr Ted Neidlinger, nurtures a sense of collegiality for those in our local formation program. This part of the formation process focuses on the spiritual life, the theory and practice of pastoral ministry, and liturgical practice. Archdeacon George Douglass and Fr William Forrest, OSB, a monk of St Gregory's Abbey, Three Rivers MI, work with the Formation Group, providing instruction and guidance. I am very grateful to them for all that they do for our postulants and candidates.

Each year, it seems, this report gets longer; and I am grateful for your patience in reading it. My work as Vocations Director is a great joy. The many things that are accomplished are due to the collaboration of many colleagues: the members of the Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee, the Bishop's staff – Canon Silla, Jon Adamson, and Sharon Katona, the Formation Group, the presenters in the colloquies, the Examining Chaplains, and the postulants and candidates themselves. I thank them all, and, of course, Bishop Little, for their continuing support and cooperation in this ministry.

We are blessed with a good number of men and women who are called to ordained ministry of the Church in this Diocese. Their willingness to give themselves to this life and work of serving the Lord Jesus Christ this way is remarkable, and yet another sign of the renewing work of the Holy Spirit in our ecclesial life. Please continue this good work in your daily prayers of thanksgiving for the Church.

Faithfully submitted,

The Rev'd Henry G Randolph Jr

**Planned Giving Committee**  
Report to Convention - 2010

The Planned Giving Committee is a new committee charged by the Bishop to support parishes in instructing their parishioners in responsible practices of stewardship, promoting the practice of giving through wills, and creating and managing endowments.

Members as a group have professional experience in a variety of fields, including accounting, banking, development, estate & trust planning, financial advising, insurance, law, and marketing. The members are:

Mr. George Biddlecomb – St. John the Evangelist, Elkhart  
Mr. Bill Bissell – St. David's, Elkhart  
Mr. Tom Cassady – St. Michael & All Angels, South Bend  
Mr. Jack Frieden – St. Paul's, Mishawaka  
Mrs. Margaret Galvin – St. Paul's, Munster  
The Rt. Rev. Francis Gray – 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Northern Indiana  
Mrs. Pamela Harris – St. Andrew's, Valparaiso  
Mrs. Kathryn Lee – Cathedral of St. James, South Bend – Chair  
Mr. Wyatt Mick – Cathedral of St. James, South Bend  
Mr. Fred Miller – St. Andrew's-by-the-Lake, Michigan City  
The Rev. Canon SuzeAnne Silla – Canon to the Ordinary

**Property & Loan Committee**  
Report to Convention - 2010

The Property & Loan Committee is a new committee charged by the Bishop to support the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council by providing professional expertise and counsel in areas of building, real estate, and financing. At their first meeting, the committee adopted as its mission to do the following: assist congregations as they engage in borrowing, building, renovating, repairing, buying, and selling property and to make recommendations to the Bishop, Standing Committee, and Diocesan Council regarding the same.

Members as a group have professional experience in a variety of fields, including architecture, commercial appraisal, construction, development, engineering, lending, law, and real estate. The members are:

Mr. John Albright – St. Elizabeth’s, Culver  
Mr. Bruce Boyer – St. Paul’s, Munster  
Mr. Matthew Kubik – Trinity, Michigan City  
Mr. Dan Leininger – St. Anne’s, Warsaw  
Mr. Harley Snyder – St. Andrew’s, Valparaiso  
Mr. David Stewart – Trinity, Fort Wayne  
The Rev. Canon SuzeAnne Silla – Convener