

REPORTS TO THE 106th ANNUAL COUNCIL

OF THE

DIOCESE OF WEST TEXAS



Core Purpose: Be Jesus' Witnesses

CORE VALUES

Faith

We pattern our lives on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Scripture, Prayer, and Worship

We are grounded in Scripture, prayer, and sacramental worship.

Evangelism

We proclaim, by word and example, God's saving love revealed in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.

Mission

We reach beyond ourselves to serve all people in our communities and throughout the world.

Reconciliation

We are a community committed to living in reconciled relationship with God and all people.

FEBRUARY 18-20, 2010

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

As of December 31, 2009, we were able to give the Bishop a total of \$1,458.50 from donations to the Book of Remembrance.

I wish to thank Judy Cavender, St. Mark’s, San Antonio, for her beautiful and faithful act as our Scribe.

I continue to urge you to keep the monies coming. All expenses are born by the Diocese and all monies go to assist the Bishop with our seminarians.

Bonnie Cole, Custodian

CHAPLAIN TO THE ARMED FORCES

This completes my Twenty-Third year as the Chaplain to the Armed Forces. It has been a very rewarding ministry and one that I think is much needed in this Diocese as we are very definitely indebted to the military-- particularly since the Military Chaplains spread the Episcopal Church in this Diocese. The early Chaplains on the frontier were predominately Episcopalian.

It still is my privilege to take the prayers and good wishes and the Good News of Christ to those who are in the military hospitals of this Diocese. This is a unique ministry, as I do not think that there is one like it in the whole church. Not only do I bring greetings from the Diocese to those who live in San Antonio, but also as most know Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio is the Mecca of Air Force Medicine and Brooke Army Medical Center is the Mecca of Army Medicine in this part of the country. This ministry is being combined slowly into one big hospital at BAMC. Wilford Hall will be melded into BAMC and will only be clinics for the trainees and the staff at Lackland. Audie Murphy Memorial Hospital (VA) is playing a bigger and bigger role in providing a healing mission to all the veterans who live in all of Texas as well as other states. So, many people from all over the world are transported to both medical centers to be treated. So, I also bring greetings from the Diocese to those who are from other dioceses as well. This is a ministry that brings the Word and Sacraments to the sick and fulfills the mandate of Jesus to visit the sick. Through me, that is what you do.

During this past year I have visited patients, given Communion and written letters to rectors and the following are the numbers:

PATIENTS VISITED: 176
COMMUNIONS GIVEN: 16
LETTER WRITTEN: 78

The totals this year have risen over last year. The numbers are still lower than when I first began this ministry. I think that the overriding reason the population is down in all the military hospitals except the VA is due to the shift in medical care that has taken place in treating our military retirees. Tricare is the primary way that retirees are treated within the military system. It seems to shift medical care to private hospitals.

This ministry is still a very vital ministry for this diocese and as long as there is a military presence in this diocese we need to extend our ministry to them. I have seen many patients in the military hospitals that have not connected to the churches with in the diocese. I hope that my visits have extended our care to them. I know that some have become active members of the churches in the diocese. It is also a ministry to me as I have the chance to bring the Word of God to those who are sick in the military hospitals. Another reason for this ministry is that I am able to bring our thanks and regards for those returning wounded from Iraq. Every time I see a member of the military that has made the sacrifice of a limb or worse. I thank them for their service and sacrifice they have made to our nation and to all of us.

The Rev. Albert L. Snyder, Chaplain to the Armed Forces

COMMISSION ON CHURCH BUILDING

The Commission met during the year on five occasions to review proposed expansion plans for six churches within the Diocese.

1. St. Michael and All Angels, Blanco. The Commission met with the Bishop's Warden, Mike Patterson, Raye Foster, Paul Sommeral and Peggy Welch on January 14, 2009. This was a follow up to their meeting with the Commission in 2008. Discussion centered on St. Michael and All Angels presentation of their recently developed plans for the renovations of their bungalow as an effective adjunct to their facility. The Commission commended St. Michael's for their attractive plans and for their successful fundraising efforts.
2. The Church of the Epiphany, Raymondville. The Commission met with Robert McAllen, Vicar, on May 6, 2009. This was also a follow up meeting to the visit the previous year by James Browning and Joe Dawson with Robert in Kingsville, and subsequent discussion between Robert and Rawley McCoy. Robert presented plans for an attractive new addition to the church, including space for meetings, office, food preparation and toilet rooms. This will replace existing antiquated additions. Robert advised that all funds for the work have either been pledged or are in hand.
3. The Church of the Messiah, Gonzales. Also on May 6th the Commission met with Randy Melton regarding the existing unoccupied rectory.
4. St. Luke's, Cypress Mills. The Commission met with Joe McShane, Marie McShane, Liz Manning and John Stephenson on June 10, 2009.
5. Church of the Resurrection, San Antonio. On September 16, 2009, the Commission met with Chris Cole, Rector. Chris discussed the needs for new educational facilities. The Commission referred him to the Church Building Guidelines and following the meeting suggested names of architects to invite for possible selection for design.
6. St. Boniface Episcopal Church, Comfort. The Commission met on December 2nd with Julie Holmberg, Chris Havens and Burt Holdsworth. The school, which is nine years old, provides care for children from 18 months through first grade. Julie related that the school board voted to expand to the fifth grade and become a feeder school to TMI. Initial planning for the first of four permanent buildings has begun. The school will provide plans to the Commission for review and comment.

Jamie Browning, Chairman

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

See reports below.

The Rev. Michael D. Chalk

COM - COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The mission of the Compensation Committee is to insure that compensation for clergy in the Diocese of West Texas remains fair and competitive with respect to the other dioceses in Texas and Province VII. For the past eleven years the Senior/Bishop's Wardens, Treasurer and Rectors/Vicars of each congregation have received a guidance package and cover letter from the Bishop to be used in developing the total compensation package for full-time rectors and assistants for the new calendar year. The factors and process for developing the compensation package used in determining the basis for pension assessments are provided by the Church Pension Fund in their publication entitled The Clergy Pension Plan. The four factors used in determining the assessment basis are the cash salary and allowances for housing, utilities and self employment tax, which are treated under special provisions of the Internal Revenue Code for ordained clergy. Other incentives and allowances may be added by the vestry. However, these items are not part of the assessment basis and are normally treated as taxable income under separate provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. As a means of fairly comparing the 90 congregations in the diocese, they are placed in one of five categories, A through E, based on three weighted factors – size of operating budget, number of pledge units and average Sunday attendance. These factors are taken from the annual parochial reports submitted by congregations each January. The guidance package also includes charts for each category to show the salary for the rector and any assistants at each church within the category. The Diocesan Clergy Minimum for 2009 was set at \$52,000, which was a 2.3% increase over 2008, and the Compensation Committee recommended a 4% cost of living

allowance and appropriate merit increases for all other full-time clergy in the diocese. However, 2010 presented an entirely new set of circumstances. Looking forward into 2010 was like staring into a dense fog bank, because of uncertain economic conditions and a myriad of dreary forecasts regarding the pace of recovery for the economy in light of the high unemployment situation. The committee was also concerned about mandating increases that could have an adverse impact on small church budgets. As a result, the committee decided that the Diocesan Minimum should not be increased for 2010 and recommended only a 2% COLA for clergy salaries to mitigate the need for giant steps to catch up with inflation once the economy recovers. Merit increases and other incentives were left for each vestry to determine based on its budget, local economic situation and medical insurance options selected by the clergy. As in previous years, Bishop Lillibridge's cover letter stressed that the Diocesan Minimum, though not increased for 2010, was established as the entry level for new and newly ordained clergy entering service in the Diocese, and asked each vestry to give serious consideration to adding a merit increase where appropriate.

Ron Tribo, Chairman

COM - CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Bartberger Endowment formed in 2006 set aside \$1 million for the purpose of funding Continuing Education in the diocese. These funds were added to the existing Continuing Education Fund to form the corpus of the fund. Earnings from this fund are used for continuing education requests. Continuing education of the clergy and the laity is important to the life of the diocese and its congregations. These funds are overseen and administered by the Continuing Education Committee appointed each year by the Bishop. The committee members for 2009 were the Revs. Faith Bledsoe, Nancy Coon, Don Lee, Jane Patterson, Chuck Sharrow, and Philip Taylor. Lay members of the committee were Ms. Barbara Duffield, Mr. Kirk Mason and Mrs. Carol Miller. The Rev. Michael Chalk serves Ex-Officio as Chair of the Commission on Ministry. The Rt. Rev. David Reed serves as Ex-Officio. The Committee is chaired by Mr. Kirk Mason.

The committee reviewed nineteen (19) Clergy applications during the year. The total amount of monies requested and awarded was \$11,690.20. The Clergy Grant recipients during 2009 were as follows: The Revs. John Barrett, Faith Bledsoe, Nancy Coon, Kevin Dellaria, Bur Dobbins, David Floyd-Archibald, Gary Gooch, Jeff Hammond, John Lewis, Ram Lopez, Earl Mahan, Michael Marsh, Patrick Ormos, John Padgett, Jane Patterson, Linda Ricketts, Jason Roberts and Philip Taylor.

The committee reviewed twenty-four (24) Lay Professional applications during the year in the amount of \$11,529. Twenty-three requests were granted in the amount of \$11,029. The Lay Professional recipients for 2009 were as follows: Jean Beere, Gary Birdwell, Stephanie Cady, Janine Canady, Brian Cannaday, Aaron Carter-Cohn, Barbara Duffield, David Eaton (2 yr. grant), Brad Eubanks, Cynthia Franklin, Marjorie George, Gayle Gottlich, Wendi Gustafson, Marilynne Herbster, Marie Lamberth, Ginger Martin, Darla Nelson, Mark Sharrow, Laura Shaver, Donna Shreve, Warren Taylor, Melissa Watkins and Susan Willcox.

Congregations are encouraged to participate in funding continuing education by budgeting monies for clergy and lay professionals on their staffs. The diocese has over one hundred (100) active clergy who are required by diocesan policy to have continuing education hours. The committee looks forward to raising the awareness of the need for continuing education for clergy and lay professionals in the Diocese of West Texas, as well as assisting in making grants available to them. Application forms and guidelines for Continuing Education Grants are located on the diocesan website www.dwtx.org under the Diocese tab, Continuing Education.

Canon

Kirk Mason

COM - THE BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

In 2009 the Board of Examining Chaplains continued a process it began in 2008 for examining and evaluating seminarians for ordained ministry. Four graduating seminarians (Lera Tyler, Jennifer Brook-Davidson, Lisa Mason, Robert Johnston) took the General Ordination Examination (GOE) in January 2009. Their exams were reviewed by the Examining Chaplains and used as one of several diagnostic tools for determining their proficiency for ordination. The results of this review were discussed with each graduating seminarian.

From May 13-15, 2009, the Examining Chaplains and 10 seminarians also met together in retreat at the Mustang Island Conference Center. The retreat format engaged the seminarians in six separate conversations focused on each of the following canonically mandated areas for examination prior to ordination: Bible, Theology, Moral Theology, Church History, Theory and Practice of Ministry, and Liturgy and Music. The goal of these conversations is to help each seminarian learn how to take the fruit of their academic learning and communicate that learning in a way that will prove practical in congregational life.

The retreat also begins to develop collegial relationships among seminarians and diocesan clergy long before graduation from seminary and ordination to the diaconate. As a result of the Examining Chaplains' review of GOE results and the mid-year retreat, the four seminarians graduating in 2009 (Tyler, Brooke-Davidson, Mason, Johnston) were ordained to the diaconate in mid-2009.

In 2010 the Examining Chaplains will once again convene a retreat of seminarians at Mustang Island from May 17-19. As in 2009, there will be five seminarians taking the GOE in January 2010. The Examining Chaplains will review and evaluate those results prior to the retreat and discuss the results with the seminarians.

The Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge
The Rt. Rev. David Reed
The Rev. Michael Chalk (ex officio, Commission on Ministry)
The Rev. John Badders
The Rev. David Chalk
The Rev. Nancy Coon
The Rev. Bill Dugat
The Rev. Rick Dunham
The Rev. Paul Frey
The Rev. Jim Friedel
The Rev. Dr. Patrick Gahan
The Rev. Dr. John Lewis
The Rev. Mike Marsh
The Rev. Randy Melton
The Rev. Jane Patterson
The Rev. Robert Woody

The Rev. Dr. John G. Lewis, Dean

COM – DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

The Discernment Committee met 4 times over the course of the year with individuals seeking clarification on their call to ministry. As a result of our work was year we have altered our format to some degree, allowing more time for the time spent with the candidate (an hour and a half) and giving some time for quiet reflection both at the beginning of our time and then during the session as well. The response from both committee members and candidates alike has been positive with a feeling that there is nothing rushed about our discernment and we are able to hear more clearly the call of God on the individual candidate's heart.

This year our goals are to review the current information forms that the candidates complete, and revise those parts that will help us receive from the candidate the best possible responses that will enhance our discernment process.

We continue to have challenges in preparing the candidates for the discernment process and we are seeking ways in which the committee can assist individual parishes and the diocese as a whole in raising up folk to consider ordained ministry as a vocation. As we refine this endeavor we will be reporting to the Bishop and the diocese on our progress.

As Mike Chalk, Chair of the Commission on Ministry, says, this is one committee where we are required at the end of the day to make a decision and the decisions that we make have a lasting impact on the face of the diocese. I am indebted to the members of the committee who take their personal time and dedicate it to our work, both on the day we sit with the individual candidates and in the preparation ahead of time.

John E. Otto, Chair

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & CANONS

The Committee on Resolutions received one proposed resolution prior to Dec. 31, 2009, dealing with congratulations to the Boy Scouts of America and its long establishment. The Committee has not met to consider this proposal, and will do so before or at Council in Corpus Christi.

The Rev. Phillip M. Stevenson, Jr., Chairman

CURSILLO MOVEMENT

De Colores! The year of 2009 has been a year of change for the Cursillo movement in the Diocese of West Texas. Our leadership changed mid-year when the president of the Secretariat came to the

realization that due to a number of unexpected and difficult personal issues, she was forced to step down before the end of her term. Bishop Lillibridge appointed a steering committee of four to take over leadership at that time for the remainder of the year, and tasked them with looking at what works and what might be done better at this time in our diocesan movement.

There were both disappointments and opportunities for celebration throughout the year. Two of the four planned for Cursillo weekends did not make this year, prompting a long and introspective look at how we "do what we do" in this diocese. There have been changes made in training rectors and teams, and the last two weekends of the year were filled and successful weekends. Consideration is underway for examining the weekend agendas to see what may need to be changed there as well.

A major celebration was the long planned for and worked toward national conference of the Episcopal Cursillo Conference, held in San Antonio and hosted by our diocese. A great thank you is deserved for Esther Bell, of Messiah, Gonzales, for her leadership in organizing that gathering. Many good reports continue to come to the diocese from those Cursillistas around the country who were able to attend.

The year of 2010 has much work ahead and many new and enthusiastic members coming into service as plans are made to look at the structure of our weekends, our annual Diocesan Cursillo Family Reunion / Ultreya, and growing our leadership into strong fourth-day leaders in the manner that Cursillo has always worked towards.

Ann Shorter, Esther Bell, Curt Mowen, Barbara Duffield, Secretariat Steering Committee

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

January 12, 2009 - Diocese of West Texas Board meeting, Betty Smith Presiding President

February 9th, 2009 - Diocese of West Texas Board meeting, Betty Smith Presiding President

March

April 13th, 2009 - Diocese of West Texas Board meeting.

May 8-9th, 2009 - DOK Spring Assembly, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Rt. Rev. Bishop Love, Diocese of Albany, NY, guest speaker.

June 7th, 2009 - As Vice President of the Diocese Board, I had the privilege to attend and assist the Chapter President of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Kim Najera, install three new daughters into the Harriet Gabriel Chapter: Cheryl August, Marissa Dore, and Suzanne Pleasure.

July 1-4th, 2009 - was Triennial, Anaheim, CA. Current Pres. Betty Smith, myself, Linda Hollingsworth, incoming Diocese treasurer attended.

August

September 30th, 2009 - Installation of the New Diocese of West Texas Board members and Chaplain, at the Bishop Jones Center, Rt. Rev. David Reed presided over the installation of myself as President, Claire Levingston, Vice President San Antonio Area, Linda Hollingsworth, treasurer and Kim Najera, secretary. Rev. Al Snyder was installed as DOK chaplain.

October 12th, 2009 - First board meeting of the 2009-2012 Diocese Board. New president Karen Duerr presiding.

October 12-18, 2009 - Karen Duerr attends the Prov. VII Presidents meeting in Oklahoma City, OK.

November 1st, 2009 - My current secretary Kim Najera and I, both of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, hosted a DOK corporate communion. Fliers were mailed out to all chapters within the DWTX chapters inviting them to attend corporate communion with us, followed by a luncheon. Several women from St. Mark's Episcopal joined in communion, and the luncheon afterward. As well, we were doubly blessed by the presence of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lillibridge presence as at St. Andrew's for his annual confirmation and re-dedication service.

December 2009 - January 2010 preparations underway for Council events in February.

Kim Najera, Diocesan, Secretary

DIOCESAN ALTAR GUILD

As in other years the meeting of St. John's Chapel Altar Guild is a beginning for the year. It is always a joy to meet with these dedicated people, both men and women, who faithfully serve at the Wednesday services at St. John's chapel all year long. The meeting and our lunch together is always an

event which brings together friends from many churches in the San Antonio area. Each year we try to increase the number of churches involved by inviting churches from towns close to San Antonio.

This year was marked with Bishop Lillibridge appointing a successor to this position. Pat Donegan from St. Mark's, San Antonio agreed to step in, and that Pat and I would work the remainder of the year as a team. I regret that in September, Pat informed Bishop Reed that she would not be able to take on this entire responsibility.

In our meeting with Bishop Reed, Pat agreed to assume the care of St. John's Chapel and that I (Ellen Martin) would continue with the remaining duties until a replacement could be found.

Pat and I went to Victoria on January 31st for a workshop at Trinity Church. It was well attended and well received. Representatives from churches in Pharr, Refugio, and the two from Victoria were there. As is the usual way, Pat and I came away having learned more about our ministry as well as giving out information to those attending.

It was my pleasure to assist the newly formed Altar Guild for the new TMI chapel for the Ash Wednesday Service. Pat and I have had several meetings with Chis Mitchell, Chaplain for TMI, and the TMI Altar Guild during this past year. It is exciting to see something as beautiful and new begin to take on a presence in our Diocese.

In March, I attended the Liturgical Workshop and Altar Guild Gathering at Camp Allen in the Diocese of Texas. There, I taught a three day class on Altar Linen Construction. I am scheduled to return in March 2010, to teach Beginning Embroidery.

In April, both Pat and I attended The Women's Gathering at Camp Capers.

In May, Pat visited with the Altar Guild at St. Peter's in Kerrville for their year ending luncheon.

In July, Pat represented our Diocese at the National Altar Guild Meeting in Anaheim, California. This meeting is held at the same time as the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. One of her many experiences included serving on the Altar Guild team for one of the Daily Eucharists. Each day the Eucharist served about three thousand communicants.

On October 31st I did a Linen Workshop for The Church of the Good Shepherd in Corpus Christi.

As always, one of the great joys I receive is the phone calls from various Altar Guilds from around the Diocese. This position as Altar Guild Directress has been a meaningful and joyous undertaking. It needs to be passed on to someone who can serve with faithfulness and love. I know the right person is out there and God will reveal that individual in His timing.

Ellen R. Martin, Chairman

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WEST TEXAS

Annual Report – 2009

May 7, 2009

- Bishop Lillibridge introduced new members.
- Reviewed canonical responsibilities of the Executive Board
- Reviewed the three (3) groups with areas of responsibility in the Diocese – Executive Board, Standing Committee and Trustees of the Church Corporation
- Conversation about Council
- Bishop Lillibridge initiated conversation in regard to the overall life and shape of the Executive Board and Council. At Council, we follow Robert's Rules of Order and the strictness of this is unsatisfactory to most people. We need to think about a different way to do Council. Conversation followed.
- Election of Executive Board Secretary. Cathy Chatham was nominated. **APPROVED**
- Motion made to approve minutes of last meeting. **APPROVED**
- Ted Burkhart gave the financial report.
- 2009 Apportionment Requests from World Mission – **APPROVED**
- The Rev. Chuck Woehler agreed to chair the Nominating Committee for Council 2010. Bishop Lillibridge will appoint individuals from each convocation to complete the committee.
- Committee Assignments were distributed.

- September 9, 2009
- Elected leadership of the Diocese met at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. Bishop Lillibridge discussed General Convention.
- Approved recommendation from Insurance Committee and Compensation Committee
- **December 3, 2009**
- Bishop Reed opened the meeting with devotions.
- Minutes from previous meeting were discussed. Minutes should be corrected to include Mrs. Becky Warren in attendance at the September 9 leadership meeting. Motion made to approve minutes with this correction. **APPROVED**
- Mr. Ted Burkhart went over all the financials.
- Motion made to approve 2010 Budget. **APPROVED**
- Motion made to approve budget for Other Entities. **APPROVED**
- Motion made to approve Housing Resolutions (attached). **APPROVED**
- Motion made to approve the 2008 audit and approve using Oroian, Guest & Little, PC for the 2009 Audit. **APPROVED**
- Finance Committee reviewed the different levels of audits used for congregations and recommends the following:

Category	Old	New
Committee	<500,000	<600,000
Compilation	500,000-750,000	600,000-900,000
External Review	N/A	900,000-1,200,000
External Audit	750,000+	1,200,000+

Motion made to accept the new guidelines. **APPROVED**

The Rev. Jay George and Mr. Davis Phillips spoke about the newest church plant, Grace Church, San Antonio.

The Rev. Tim Vellom spoke to the Executive Board about pursuing a sabbatical for Bishop Lillibridge. Motion made as follows: The Executive Board approves a 3 month sabbatical for Bishop Gary Lillibridge during 2011 with a proposed tentative budget to be presented at the first Executive Board meeting in 2010 and finalized by December, 2010. **APPROVED.**

The Rev. Adrian Amaya, Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The primary function of the Diocesan Finance Committee is to establish a budget recommendation for the Executive Board which is reviewed, finalized and presented to Annual Council. This is accomplished by close monitoring of the Operating/Reaching Out Budget throughout the year and planning for potential variances to our approved budget. We also receive input from the Departments and Commissions about future plans and incorporate the work of the Compensation Committee and the Insurance Committee. The Committee is also responsible for conducting an annual audit of the Operating Budget and any funds held in Reserve.

The Committee reviewed budget progress through the year. The Committee met in October and reviewed and accepted the Annual Audit prepared by Oroian, Guest and Little. We further analyzed the 2009 year-to-date budget with reports from several Departments and Commissions. We accepted 2010 Reaching Out Budget requests and proposed the 2010 Operating and Reaching Out budgets for approval by the Executive Board.

Ted Burkhart, Treasurer, Finance

Committee Chair

INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Insurance Committee met just once this year and reviewed the offering from the Medical Trust. Although the rates for the plan offerings were up, the increase was less than the national average. As a result, the committee made the recommendation to the Executive Board to keep the current plan offerings in place for another year.

During this year we will be surveying individual congregations to determine the effect that A177 (the resolution that created the Denominational Health Plan) will have on the overall costs to our parishes/missions in our diocese beginning 2012.

I would like to once again thank the members of the committee for their hard work and the staff who makes our jobs that much easier.

John E. Otto, CLU,

LUTCF, Chair

IT (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY) COMMITTEE

See Communications Department

Marjorie George, Communications Office

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Through the generosity of the Douglass Foundation, scholarships are offered to qualified seminarians and graduate-level or post graduate-level students. Scholarships are awarded to individuals for a single year, with the privilege of reapplication in subsequent years.

To qualify an applicant must be canonically a resident in the Diocese of West and enrolled in an accredited seminary of the Episcopal Church or enrolled in a graduate or post-graduate accredited program in business or psychology. In 2009 – 2010 scholarships were awarded to seven seminarians.

For further information on the availability of scholarships please contact Nancy Stinson at nancy.stinson@dwtx.org or at the Bishop Jones Center.

Marylee Browning, Chair

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WEST TEXAS

February 21, 2009

The first meeting of the new Standing Committee met immediately following the adjournment of Council in McAllen, TX.

The Rev. John Hardie was elected as President and Mr. Ron Tribo was elected as Secretary.

A request was made to have a meeting with the Presiding Bishop during her visit to our Diocese. Bishop Lillibridge suggested meeting with her at 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas on Saturday, April 25, prior to the gathering that will be held there that day.

March 19, 2009

Interviewed Lisa Mason, Jennifer Brooke-Davidson and Robert Johnston. Approved all for ordination to the Diaconate.

April 25, 2009

Met with Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts-Schori during her visit to the Diocese of West Texas.

September 9, 2009

Elected leadership of the Diocese met at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. Bishop Lillibridge discussed General Convention.

October 26, 2009

Interviewed the Rev's. Lisa Mason, Jennifer Brooke-Davidson and Robert Johnston, Deacons. Approved all for ordination to the Priesthood

The Rev. John Badders, President

Reaching Out Budget Line #3
Department: World Mission Division
Reported by: Betty Chumney
World Mission Department Report

Mission & Purpose. The World Mission Department seeks to engage every member and every church of the diocese in the work of evangelism and mission. We are working to be faithful to the Great Commission, Jesus Christ's command to "go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19) and his Great Commandment "to love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39)

Ministries.

- Digging water wells
- Supplying water filtration systems
- Teaching water hygiene
- Providing medicines, medical exams, and treatment
- Providing dental exams and treatment
- Providing and fitting eyeglasses
- Providing transportation
- Providing scholarships and funds for education
- Directing and funding Vacation Bible Schools and other children's and youth activities
- Developing and directing recreation programs
- Nurturing of orphans
- Providing toys for orphans
- Supporting orphanages
- Establishing food programs
- Supporting long-term missionaries in the Philippines, Israel, Uganda, Honduras, Mexico, and Liberia
- Providing clothing for children
- Building churches, homes, educational facilities
- Providing school supplies and computers
- Supplying Bibles, establishing and directing Bible study groups
- Underwriting women's projects
- Sponsoring renewal conference and continuing education for clergy and lay leaders
- Editing and providing devotional books for missions team members

- Developing micro enterprises
- Teaching English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Supporting transitional homes for orphans
- Participating in evangelistic outreach

Highlights of the Year.

- The first Missions Spring Luncheon benefiting World Missions was hosted in Boerne featuring special guest, The Rev. Mariaelena Cristerna.
- The Right Rev. Catherine Schori toured the diocese seeing a firsthand demonstration of the health of ministries, including DWTX’s commitment to World Missions.
- The Honduran Birthing Center, providing accessibility to at-risk pregnant mothers, was completed and dedicated in Siguatepeque, Honduras.
- *Abide in Me* conference presented ten mission team ministries throughout the diocese.
- Two secondary school students, graduates of DWTX’s Uganda scholarship program, were awarded full university scholarships.
- The *Fishin’ for Mission* tournament benefiting World Missions was inaugurated and sponsored by St. Helena’s (Boerne) and St. Peter’s (Rockport) at Rockport.
- *Engaging with Islam*, the summer mission symposium, featured guest speakers focusing on practical outreach to Muslims; friendship evangelism with Muslims; internet ministry to Muslims; and witnessing to the unreached.
- The Southeast Mexico Foundation, a collaboration between the Dioceses of Chicago, Southeast Mexico, and West Texas, was created for partnering in ministry, avoiding duplication of efforts, and fund raising.
- The *Missions Arts Festival & Marketplace* brought together 23 artists and craftsmen whose sale of their arts benefited World Missions.
- Honduran workers drilled three wells independent of missionary oversight when political issues precluded team travel to Honduras.
- *Promotoras* (Honduran health and hygiene trainers) underscored the sustainability of their program by teaching Hondurans without Honduras Water Mission assistance.
- The Southeast Mexico Diocesan Center, funded by DWTX, was dedicated.

Financials.

Revenue

DWTX Budget	\$ 30,300.00
Funds Raised	249,065.00
Apportionment	145,243.00
Cost of Team Trips	576,900.00
Cost of Supplies (appx.)	100,000.00

Total **\$1,101,508.00**

Facts.

Teams Sent 59 **Participants on Teams 548**

Countries Reached: Belarus, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Liberia, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, Rwanda, Uganda, Ukraine

Countries Hosting Long-Term Missionaries: Honduras (1), India (1), Israel (3), Liberia (2), Philippines (2), Uganda (3)

Reaching Out Budget Line #4

Department: Christian Faith in Action

Reported by: Bette Boyd

Habitat for Humanity Task Force

PENDING

Mental Health Task Force

Beginning in 1994, Christian Faith In Action began a program of advocacy for mental health issues. Parishes were encouraged to write letters to their governmental representatives at local, state and national levels on mental health issues. Periodic trips to lobby state and local representatives on pending legislation and proposed programs.

In 2006, while continuing our lobbying efforts, the decision was made to raise the level of awareness on the impact of mental health issues within our diocese. Last year at Diocesan Council we had our first booth to distribute pamphlets, tracts, and periodicals on mental health and its impact in our communities, our families, and our churches. The information was well received.

This year, after many meetings, discussions, and with the valuable support of Bishop Reed and the local mental health organization, we will present a full scale training session at the April Clergy Conference to be held at Mustang Island. Trained professionals will be on hand to guide and direct our clergy in recognizing and counseling families and individuals confronted with mental health issues.

This represents a major step for our diocese in advancing the recognition and treatment of mental illness. We give thanks for the work and support of everyone who helped to bring this vital issue to the forefront.

Recovery Ministries Commission

In 2009, the Commission assisted in the celebration of 10 Recovery Sundays, some in parishes and congregations where such an event had never been held before. In 2010, more Recovery Sundays are planned. Periodic mailings to clergy are intended to raise consciousness of the effects of the disease of addiction. West Texas continues to provide leadership nationally in the field, with Eleanor Stromberger having completed her third term as President of Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church. Ms. Stromberger has also been instrumental in the formulation of a new Diocesan alcohol policy, which was presented to clergy in clergy conference, and has been circulated throughout the diocese.

Bishop Hibbs' video of his presentation, "The Diocese Confronts Alcoholism," is now available to parishes and dioceses through Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church. The renewed "Call to Action, Helping Hands for the Addicted," after much prayerful thought and editing, has been published and circulated throughout the Episcopal Church during 2009. Recovery Ministries of the Diocese of West Texas was instrumental in this project, along with Forward Movement. Two more Spiritual Retreats were held in May and October, successfully culminating over 45 years of this semi-annual celebration of recovery and outreach to recovering persons. The generosity of attendees has made it possible for us to offer scholarships to retreatants from Woman at the Well House and Lifetime Recovery. These retreats have long provided a safe and comfortable experience for persons dealing with the disease of addiction.

Restorative Justice Committee

The mission of the Diocesan Prison Ministry outreach is to attend to the spiritual needs of incarcerated individuals and their families by providing inspirational literature and opportunities to promote family healing.

Kairos, the spiritual renewal experience and out growth from the Cursillo movement, continues to be the primary Diocesan Prison Ministry outreach to incarcerated individuals; while the Storybook Project initiated in 2008, fosters the re-building of parent-child relationships. Both programs encourage spiritual growth and the development of strong relationships between the individual and God and their family.

The ministry continues to be the South Texas distributor of 1000 copies of bi-monthly Prisoner to Prisoner daily devotionals, 100 copies of quarterly Forward Day by Day, and 50 copies of Dia a Dia (the Spanish translation) to 11 prison units and jails and one half-way house. In addition, copies of Prayers in Recovery and Biblical Helps for the Twelve Steps (in English and Spanish) from Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church are provided to these facilities.

A recent survey of Unit chaplains revealed a need for twice the number of copies of Forward Day by Day and Dia A Dia currently being sent to their Units. These requests will be honored to the extent the budget will allow.

Committee: Ecological Stewardship Committee

Reported by: Hall S. Hammond

2009 got off to a green start at the Diocesan Council in McAllen with green recyclable bags for meeting materials as well as individual plastic cups for the delegates. The council committee insisted that there be no plastic or styrofoam cups used, which reduced trash to a minimum. The committee also festooned all delegates with green love your earth buttons and focused on getting individual churches to sign up to conduct an Earth Sunday at their parish in 2009.

The co-chairs, Margo Case and Hall Hammond, followed up on contacts made at Council with an email and phone campaign and subsequently made personal visits to interested parishes. This consisted of arranging a meeting with the rector and interested parties and offering to assist them with suggestions as well as printed materials. We also offered free green bags and love your earth buttons to distribute at whatever environmental function was chosen.

Three other items deserve mention: 1) Committee member, Chuck Shamel of All Saints in Corpus Christi, installed a wind turbine at his home that saves \$85 per month on his electric bill 2) Church of Reconciliation, San Antonio now has the first church solar installation in the city 3) Church of the Advent in Brownsville's committee was an integral part of the City of Brownsville instituting a ban on plastic bags.

Reaching Out Budget Line #5

Department: Higher Education and Young Adult Ministry

Reported by: Stacy Dowdy

Campus Ministries:

Our college ministry programs are located in three cities. **Christ Chapel**, at Texas State University in San Marcos, is a joint effort between the Lutherans and Episcopalians.

In Seguin at **Texas Lutheran University**, the Canterbury group is housed and sponsored by St. Andrew's. And in San Antonio, the **Crossroads College Ministry** ministers to students attending UTSA, Incarnate Word, Trinity University and San Antonio College. This group is supported by numerous parishes, priests, and individuals in the San Antonio area. All three programs continue to grow and to minister to the young adults in this diocese.

Events:

Vocare #25 Vocare is a spiritual formation and renewal weekend for young adults facing serious decisions that set the direction for their adult lives. The weekend is for young people from college-aged through early 30's. Vocare #25 was held May 22 – 24 at the John Knox Ranch near Wimberley.

Vocare #26 will be held at Mustang Island Conference Center on March 5 – 7, 2010.

College and Young Adults Fall Retreat: The 2009 Fall Retreat "Sabbath and Service: From the Garden to the Cross" was held at Camp Capers on September 18 – 20. The teachings focused on meditation, personal reflection, and community service. It was led by Rev. Jonathan Melton, Glenn Meschko, and Bryce Boddie

Reaching Out Budget Line #6

Department: Episcopal Schools Commission

Reported by: Mary Katherine McDuffy, Director

The Mission of the Episcopal Schools Commission is to "Work with the schools of the diocese as they provide a formative experience that is scholastically sound and grounded in the Christian faith of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church." It is our responsibility to set guidelines for the establishment, recognition and certification of all schools and to monitor compliance with Canon 15. We are proud to report that there are currently 27 schools in the Diocese of West Texas. Our schools remain a source of pride for our communities and are consistently producing committed and caring individuals who are becoming leaders in our various communities.

Our schools are comprised of the following:

9 Pre-Schools

11 Pre-School/Elementary

6 Pre-School/Elementary/Middle School

1 Middle /High School

With all but one of our schools reporting, we have an enrollment of 4,006 students and our schools employ 750...a combination of teachers, aides, instructional staff, administrators, and custodians. The smallest Episcopal School in our diocese houses 14 students while our largest is at 492.

The commission has been busy bringing school personnel and school heads together for in-service opportunities, networking, and simply getting to know our counterparts.

In September 2009, we hosted the first annual "Whose School Is It Anyway", a conference aimed at strengthening the relationship between church and school, and more specifically between rectors and Heads of Schools. The conference was held at Mustang Island and was attended by 17 schools and almost every member of the Episcopal Schools Commission. It was supported by both of our Bishops, who not only attended the event but spoke at various times during the event. The keynote speaker was Rev. Dan Heischman, Executive Director of the National Association of Episcopal Schools. Fran Barrack of SAES also spoke. It was a huge success and the commission has already made plans to host this event again next September.

Summary of General Information for Diocesan Schools - 2009-2010

Data source: Annual Reports for Academic Year 2009-2010

School Head

Total

Total

In addition to this conference, members of the commission have spent many hours travelling around to the various schools in the diocese to offer support and encouragement and to get to know the administrations and clergy better. It is the goal of the commission to make a visit to every school in the Diocese at least once every other year.

As I close out my report, I would like to appeal to you to visit an Episcopal School in your area. There are so many good things happening in our schools and we want to share the news. Also, please keep the schools in mind when making memorial contributions to a loved one. What a wonderful way to memorialize that someone special.

The following people are members of the Episcopal Schools Commission:

Rev. Ray Cole, Bishop's Deputy San Antonio
Mary Katherine Duffy, St. Alban's Episcopal Day School, Harlingen
Rob Devlin, St. George Episcopal School, San Antonio
Rena Dubose, San Antonio
Jay Foreman, Trinity Episcopal School, Victoria
Dr. Richard. T. Stark, St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Wimberley
Ann Thayer, San Antonio
Greg Hutchinson, St. Thomas Episcopal School, San Antonio
Dr. James Freeman, TMI – The Episcopal School of Texas, San Antonio
Sharon Putegnat, Brownsville
Rev. Matthew Frey, St. George Episcopal Church, San Antonio
Sarah Maxwell, St. James Episcopal School, Del Rio
Rev. Cristopher Robinson, Epiphany Episcopal Church, Kingsville
Rev. Doug Earle, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, San Antonio

Following is a Summary of General Information for Diocesan Schools for 2009-1020.

	<u>School</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Episcopal</u>
1	St. Phillip's ES	Beeville	Claudia Nelson	Pre-K - 5th	57	3
2	St. Helena's EEP	Boerne	Tiffany Jureczki Teresa Hoskins/Marilyn	Pre-K - 6th	57	17
3	Episcopal Day School	Brownsville	Osborn	Pre-K - 6th	336	32
4	St. Boniface ES	Comfort	Toni R. Ely	1st	49	2
5	St. James ES	Christi	Patrick Roberts	8th	277	62
6	St. Bartholomew's E Acad.	Christi	Juanita Espinoza	Pre-K - K	40	0
7	St. James ES	Del Rio	Sarah Maxwell	8th	151	12
8	Holy Spirit Discovery Day School	Dripping Springs	Melissa Milligan	Pre-K - Pre-K -	14	1
9	Redeemer ES	Eagle Pass	Kristi Pitts Mayani	1st Pre-K -	82	3
10	St. Matthew's ES	Edinburg	Ballesteros	6th	134	12
11	St. Alban's EDS	Harlingen	Mary Katherine Duffy	Pre-K - 6th	296	61
12	St. Peter's EDS	Kerrville	Janet Boutin	Pre-K - K	128	12
13	Epiphany ES	Kingsville	Peggy DeRouen	5th Pre-K -	79	4
14	St. John's EDS	McAllen	Jovita Myatt	5th	258	16
15	Trinity by the Sea Day School	Port Aransas San	Nana Ward	Pre-K - Pre-K -	21	2
16	St. David's ES	Antonio San	Ashley Miles	K Pre-K -	146	38
17	St. Luke's ES	Antonio San	Dr. Mark Reford	8th Pre-K -	332	85
18	St. George ES	Antonio San	Rob Devlin	8th	492	20
19	Resurrection Children's Center	Antonio San	Cheryl Sanders Greg	Pre-K - Pre-K -	72	6
20	St. Thomas ES	Antonio San	Hutchinson	5th	179	31
21	St. Margaret's Day School	Antonio San		Pre-K - Pre-K -		
22	St. Paul's Epis. Montessori	Antonio San	Kay Mijangos	6th	62	
23	TMI-The Episc. Sch. Of Tx.	Antonio	Dr. James Freeman	6th - 12th	406	71
24	St. Mark's Episcopal Prep.	San Marcos	Susan Marie D'Orazio	Pre-K - Pre-K -	16	2
25	St. Phillip's ES	Uvalde	Elisa Santos	6th Pre-K -	85	4
26	Trinity ES	Victoria	Jay Foreman Dr. Richard	8th Pre-K -	154	37
27	St. Stephen's ES	Wimberley	Stark	8th	83	9
	TOTALS				4006	542

Notes:

1. * Seeking accreditation from the indicated agency.
2. Pre-K includes ages 2 through 4 and toddlers in some cases
3. ES is Episcopal School and EDS is Episcopal Day School

4. Blank cells indicate no report or left blank

Reaching Out Budget Line #7

Department: Good Samaritan Community Services

Reported by: Scotty D. Macdaniel

Images of current economic challenges abound at Good Samaritan Community Services in the faces of hundreds who are newly seeking assistance and the thousands who already rely on us. We also see many daily demonstrations of hope and resilience in the families that look to us for assistance to succeed, and to see their children grow and realize their dreams. The remarkable generosity and enduring support of our friends throughout South Texas has enabled Good Samaritan Community Services to create opportunities for success for more than 4,300 individuals residing with the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas in 2009.

Below are a few of the highlights from 2009:

- **#1 Workforce Solutions youth services provider in Texas**
In December, through its contract with Workforce Solutions Alamo, GSCS was awarded the 2009 Best Overall Large Board Performance Award for state of Texas including Best Performance in Youth Attainment of Degree or Certificate. GSCS provides services through the Get2Work program which include: academic remediation, GED classes, job readiness skills training, vocational counseling and internships to over 1,200 economically disadvantaged youth, 70% of whom are high school drop outs, in Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina and Wilson Counties.
- **Summer Youth Employment Program**
During the summer we enrolled an additional 850 in school youth between the ages of 14 and 17 in our summer employment program. GSCS was able to help youth in poverty from Bexar County and the 11 surrounding counties obtain a summer job which allowed them to gain valuable work experience while enabling them to use the wages they earned for personal, family and school expenses.
- **Expansion of in the Rio Grande Valley**
In partnership with Trinity Episcopal Church, Pharr, we transformed an unused facility on church property into beautiful classroom spaces where 76 impoverished children experienced a safe, supervised summer recreation program including nutritious meals and snacks. With the success of this endeavor, the Pharr community has asked us to continue and expand to after school programming.
- **San Antonio Youth After School and Summer Enrichment**
In San Antonio we added a case management component to our existing Youth Development Services Program. Case managers continuously monitor 375 youths' family lives, school work and attendance, advocating on their behalf when needed. Most importantly, case managers work with every youth to formulate a plan that will set the stage for life-long success.
- **Music Learning Center with Youth Orchestra San Antonio (YOSA)**
Through a vital partnership with YOSA, we have been able to enroll over 154 students in violin or cello lessons. Youth ages 6-10 in our after school program have the opportunity to receive lessons in the instrument of their choice multiple times a week depending on their age. We are also able to offer some private lessons for youth needing to catch up or for those showing great interest. This exciting partnership has allowed us to open even more doors for the youth we serve.

Looking Forward

As we enter a new decade, more communities, children, youth, and families in South Texas are learning they can depend on Good Samaritan Community Services. An opportunity to serve a new population of youth at risk in northeast San Antonio will begin in January with an after school program, and will expand during the summer.

We at Good Samaritan Community Services realize that none of our efforts would be fruitful without the people of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. You sustain us as we continue and grow the life changing work to which we are committed. Your gifts of prayer, hours of volunteer work, sharing church facilities,

participation in food and gift basket drives, and enormous generosity appear in ways too numerous to count, allowing us to live out the parable of the Good Samaritan. For all of this, and from all of those we are able to serve, Thank you.

Reaching Out Budget Line #8

Department: Congregational Development

Reported by: John Rayls

2009 has been the year of “the challenge.” Simply stated it is: “We must think differently about church.” This statement has been true and is true in spite of the fact that The Episcopal Church brings a significant amount of gifts and opportunities and solutions to the table. Our Diocese has answers to many of the questions that our culture is asking, but we have to figure out how to connect in order to appropriately interact. We can no longer expect the masses to knock down our doors on Sunday mornings. However, the mission remains the same. We must make disciples of all nations while loving the Lord and our neighbors in the process. Without compromising what it means to be an Episcopalian in the Diocese of West Texas, how do we do this?

Some might say that we should continue to do what we’ve always done; just do it better. And yet, many of the experts say that continuing to do the same thing while expecting different results is corporate insanity. In the 1950’s and 60’s, everyone knew the right thing to do on Sunday morning was to go to church. Even those that didn’t go knew it was the right thing. Our culture today no longer has that clear understanding about the right thing to do. Less than 17% of the population of Texas is in church on any given Sunday morning. In addition, that percentage is getting smaller every year while the population of Texas continues to grow.

This department takes its role in the Diocese very seriously. As a result, there are two primary things that must be done. Number one is to communicate that there is a problem. We are trying to warn our churches of the problem. However, the second is to communicate the great opportunity before us and to offer consulting and training to meet the challenge. Our culture is very interested in spiritual things. This could be at a greater level than ever before. However, interest in the American church is at an all-time low. This irony has created a major disconnect and a major opportunity at the same time.

We have tried to meet this challenge by:

- 1) providing specific consulting with any of our churches that request assistance in this area
- 2) providing vision casting for the future
- 3) providing specific training to meet the challenge of the 21st century
- 4) providing on-going coaching and support to help meet the challenge.

This budget is being spent in two primary ways:

- 1) A new church plant designed to reach the un-churched and under-churched (Grace Episcopal Church meeting at TMI being led by Jay George)
- 2) Financially supporting our Mission Churches with money, consulting and coaching

Our results have been and future expectations are that the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas will continue to meet the challenges that are confronting us. We will continue to adapt our methodology while holding tenaciously to our historical message of the Biblical Gospel.

Committee: Church Builders Division

Reported by: Jamie Browning, Chairman

Not available

Reaching Out Budget Line #9

Department: Camps and Conferences
Reported by: Rob Watson, Director of Camps and Conferences

Duck Lake

Last summer for the first time we offered three amazing weeks of programming at Duck Lake in Colorado for members of the Diocese. Duck Lake consists of three rustic cabins nestled in a valley at an elevation of 9400 feet above a lake at the base of the eastern Rockies. For two weeks in June, priests from around the diocese had the opportunity to explore, renew and refresh as they took in the gorgeous landscape as their backdrop. Every participant said they had a fabulous time and that the trip was a perfect combination of activities, rest and spiritual renewal.

One of the main reasons for the success of the experience was the trip leader and host – Jody Stickle. Jody understands true Christian hospitality and did everything in her power to make the clergy feel comfortable and welcome. Jody was extremely prepared – she planned and led optional outings for the group; planned, shopped for and prepared delicious meals; led appropriately challenging hikes, and was always available. The participants went on and on about how wonderful she was.

Jody also acted as our guide and co-trip leader for the high school backpack trip. Using Duck Lake as base camp, six boys and six girls and Jody and Chris Mitchell (TMI Chaplain) had an incredible experience exploring the Arapaho National Forest and the Indian Peaks Wilderness area. The group hiked twenty-six miles through pines, firs, aspens and snow reaching an elevation of almost 12,000 feet high. Again, every one of the participants glowed about the experience. They all got along great and had a total blast on a safe, well-planned trip.

Both the clergy experience and the youth backpack trip had waiting lists so we are adding a week of programming for 2010. We are also excited to announce that Jody is returning for another summer.

Camp Capers

Participants at Camp Capers during 2009 also enjoyed a wonderful summer. We had an incredible staff that were well-prepared and did an excellent job. Every one of the Caper's Deans commented on the staff's enthusiasm, positive attention toward the campers and willingness to go above and beyond.

The summer staff for 2010 is almost completely in place and has already begun making preparations for camp.

In 2009 for the first time we implemented a more in-depth evaluation system by asking campers and parents for feedback. The information we got back was very helpful and we are using it to better serve campers and their families. For instance, many commented in the survey about the burden of bringing to and picking up campers at Capers during the middle of the week. In 2010, all of Capers' sessions will begin on Sunday and end on Saturday. Also, campers will draw from a lottery for their bunks rather than pick first come first serve. This will eliminate the need for parents to arrive two hours early and sit in line in their cars outside the gate. Check in will also begin as soon as the gates are open eliminating the wait under the Centrum.

In our pursuit of excellence, during the summer of 2009 Camp Capers sought and received accreditation from the American Camp Association. The American Camp Association is a national community of camp professionals who, for nearly 100 years, have joined together to share knowledge and experience and to ensure the quality of camp programs. ACA is a leading authority in child development and works to preserve, promote, and improve the camp experience. In order to become accredited by ACA, Camp Capers has to continually meet over three hundred standards for health, safety and program quality and submit the program to regular, independent safety audits that go beyond Texas Department of Health state regulations.

Youth and staff at Camp Capers will be in for a big surprise when they arrive for their swim check this summer on the first day of camp. The old, small, outdated pool they are use to is gone and in its place is a much larger, resurfaced beautiful pool with a beach entrance. The remodeling of the pool began this winter and will be completed in plenty of time for summer.

Mustang Island

Family Camp 2009 was a great success. The summer staff did a tremendous job, receiving great reviews from all of the participants. Evaluations from families commented that this was the best summer staff we ever had.

Kit Deppe, our intern from Sewanee, added great depth to the program by providing an introduction to the ecology of the South Texas barrier island environment to the guests. She worked closely with Texas A&M Corpus Christi, developing a relationship that will benefit future programming and planning at Mustang Island.

For 2010 at Mustang Island we have many fantastic, new, exciting plans, including two more sessions of Family Camp. For the first time ever, we are offering a Spring Break Family Camp, March 15 – 18 and we are adding another regular session of Family Camp, June 4 -7.

We are also offering a range of exceptional retreats throughout the year at the conference center featuring outstanding leadership. Some of these include: A Call of Stories April 8-10 led by the Rev. Charlie Cook; Clothing Ourselves with Christ: How to Live as Christ in the World April 30–May 2 with the Rev. Dr. Ray Pickett; Contemplative Christ-Centered Prayer Retreats May 20-23 and October 17-22 led by the Rev. Sandra Casey-Martus; Soul at Work: Discernment in Daily Life October 8-10 with Margaret Benefiel; and Food for the Soul October 22-24 with our own chef Kathy Jensen.

Please visit our web site, dwtx.org, for a complete listing of events at Mustang Island.

Our Mustang Island site staff, Nita and Ken Shaver, has just moved into a nice home right next to the facility. The Diocese purchased the home this past spring fulfilling a seven year old promise to provide adequate housing for the directors. The house was remodeled and the Shavers moved in mid December.

Annual Campaign

As we move through 2010 and beyond, the Camps and Conferences Annual Campaign will serve to concentrate our efforts to grow and provide the best possible experience to all who participate in our camping program.

Monies raised in this year's campaign will provide scholarships, so that no one will be denied the opportunity to attend camp; support environmental stewardship programs, so that we might better care for God's gifts; and extend educational opportunities, so that we continue to nurture and inspire our future leaders.

In this economy the need for scholarship assistance is dramatic.

In 2008 we awarded \$7,000 in scholarships for Camp Capers; in 2009 we awarded \$23,000. Scholarship awards at Mustang Island in 2008 were \$3,175; in 2009 we awarded \$7,167.

Last year the Good Samaritan Center funding was down 30% and therefore, they sent 80 less children and youth to Camp Capers. This year we are asking churches and individuals to help send Good Sam kids to camp. Please see the Annual Campaign brochure and our web site for information on how you can help.

The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas is extremely blessed to have such high quality and thriving camping programs. Very few dioceses around the country enjoy the kind of successful camping ministry that we do.

Reaching Out Budget Line #10

Department: Christian Education Department

Reported by: Lou Taylor

The Department of Christian Education of the Diocese of West Texas continues to support congregations and individuals in the diocese in the ministry of Christian formation.

The Christian Education committee meets monthly. It works hard to plan and carry out programs that will benefit the entire diocese.

The Department of Christian education maintains a resource library that is catalogued on line and available to everyone. It can be located by going to www.dwtx.org, clicking on diocese on the menu at the top of the page and then clicking on Christian Education and then clicking on resources searchable.

In partnership with Woman at the Well House, a book of poetry by women of the south Texas has been published. Called Sustaining Abundant Life, it contains prayers and poems to sustain our hearts and souls. A poetry reading was held at Viva! Book store to launch the book. Proceeds from sale of the book will go to Woman at the Well House. It can be purchased at Viva! Book store, Amazon.com or the diocesan office.

An interactive booklet for children, written and illustrated by Helen Taylor of Port Isabel, has been published and is available to everyone in the diocese. It is called "My Bishop's Visit- a Fun Book for the Children of the Diocese of West Texas." It contains information about the bishops and about the diocese. Copies for every child are sent to each congregation several weeks before the bishop's visit.

The Department of Christian Education has partnered with congregations to bring excellent programs to the diocese. In February, St. Francis, San Antonio, hosted a week long Icon workshop.

In June, The Corpus Christi churches brought Diana Butler Bass for a three day conference. The Department of Christian Education contributed \$1000 to that endeavor.

In January, in partnership with St. Paul's, San Antonio and Reconciliation, San Antonio, the Department of Christian Education presented the annual conference from Trinity Institute via streaming web cast. The subject in 2009 was "Radical Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability."

In February, the Diocese of West Texas Department of Christian Education and St. Mark's, San Antonio hosted the annual National Association of Episcopal Christian Educators' Conference.

The Acolyte Festival was celebrated at TMI in San Antonio and hosted by St. Helena's Boerne. One hundred twenty Acolytes and sponsors from across the diocese enjoyed a day of learning, fun, and worship.

The Department of Christian Education presented a children's program that ran parallel to the Diocesan Gathering on June 6th at TMI. Over twenty children from around the diocese enjoyed a day of art, music, games, nature walks and fun in the beautiful setting at TMI.

On June 20 - 24 an ecumenical conference called "Renovare" took place in down town San Antonio. The Diocese of West Texas was a co sponsor with many people of the diocese participating as workshop leaders and participants.

San Antonio churches came together to offer Vacation Bible School to the children at Good Samaritan Center the last week of June.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training was held on several weekends throughout the year at St. Mark's, San Antonio.

As part of our outreach to the military, we have helped organize congregations in a project at Wilford Hall Hospital in San Antonio. Amanda Hagy of Resurrection, San Antonio, brought to our attention that the rooms on the maternity floor were in dire need of a face lift. Military women with problem pregnancies are brought to Wilford Hall from around the world. Many stay on bed rest for months. Although medical care is excellent, the rooms were dim and there was nothing for the women to do. Several congregations adopted rooms and have painted and decorated them so that they are cheerful and inviting environments for women. They have also contributed magazine subscriptions, toiletries, books and games to make the hospital stays more pleasant.

Bishop Lillibridge has appointed the Christian Education Officer as staff liaison to the Reconciliation Commission and the Retreat Committee.

The Christian Education Officer and members of the Christian Education Committee consult with individuals and congregations about their needs and Christian formation programs.

The Christian Education Officer represents the Diocese of West Texas as chair of the Province VII Christian Formation Network and the Episcopal Council for Christian Education (ECCE).

It is a great privilege to serve the Diocese of West Texas as Christian Education Officer.

Reaching Out Budget Line #11

Department: Bishop's Youth Commission

Reported by: Stacy Dowdy

Bishop's Youth Action Council

One of the main focuses of this council in 2009 has been to minister to the people at each parish who work with our youth. Thanks to the forms filled out by parishes during Diocesan Council in February 2009, we were able to create a database of all youth workers in the diocese. This has allowed us to improve communication, share resources and information, and get to know other workers in our areas. This was done in several ways, beginning with sessions for parishes and youth workers at the "Abide in Me" event on June 6 at TMI. We then followed with "regional" gatherings in the fall. These dinner meetings were created to provide an opportunity to meet face-to-face with other workers in the same geographic area and share resources, information, and support. Gatherings were hosted at Bishop Jones Center for San Antonio Area workers, by Grace Church, Weslaco, for the Valley area, by St. Barnabas, Fredericksburg, for the Hill Country area, and by St. Mark's, Corpus Christi, for the Coastal Bend area. In general, these gatherings were a great success and this approach will be continued in 2010 with Spring and Fall gatherings.

Some of those events offered for all youth in our diocese were:

- **Youth in Action** – This Diocesan Youth Event was hosted by St John's, McAllen; St. Alban's, Harlingen; and St. Peter and St. Paul, Mission, during Diocesan Council. This year's event extended the time from past events. It began on Friday evening and ran through worship at St. John's on Sunday morning. The focus of the outreach was the Proyecto Desarrollo Humano Community Center and Colonia in Penitas, Texas. The event was attended by over 110 young people and sponsors from all over the diocese.
- **Acolyte Festival** – May 9, 2008, on the TMI Campus in San Antonio.
- **Happening Movement:** The enthusiasm for the Happening Movement is continuing! We hosted three Happenings, as has been customary for several years and involvement continues to increase. We would welcome students and adults who work with youth to attend one of our weekends. It has been a life changing experience for many! We wish to offer an invitation for all to come experience the overwhelming exuberance of these high school students in demonstration of their faith at any of our closing services!
 - Happening #115 will be held March 7, 2009 beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection in San Antonio.
 - Happening #112 was held March 6-8 at St. Mark's in San Antonio. We had 45 new Happeners and a staff of 31. HIS Love (Happening Reunion) #112 was held at Christ Church in San Antonio with a staff of 20 and over 68 attendees.
 - Happening #113 was held July 31-August 2 at St. Mark's in Corpus Christi. We had 52 new Happeners and a staff of 33. We have had extra large numbers at our summer Happenings the past couple of years which is very exciting! HIS Love #113 was hosted by All Saints, Corpus Christi with a staff of 23 and over 61 attendees.
 - Happening #114 was held November 20-22 at St. Peter's in Kerrville. We had 32 new Happeners and a staff of 32. HIS Love #114 was held at First Presbyterian Church of Kerrville with members of St. Peter's providing meals, transportation and facility coordination. HIS Love #114 had a staff of 23 and 35 attendees.

Two members of our diocesan Happening Board (The Rev. Stockton Williams and student member, Taylor Holden) continue to serve on the Happening National Committee. We plan to send a delegation to National Happening Leadership Conference this summer.

We continue to work with the Diocese of Northwest Texas in restarting their Happening program. We sent a staff to their Happening #31 last May at Quarterman Conference Center in Amarillo and are providing a staff for Happening #32 being held at Emmanuel Church, San Angelo on February 19-21. Their numbers and enthusiasm are growing! As more students in their diocese experience Happening, their friends will no doubt follow. We are thankful for the support of our bishops and diocesan staff in this endeavor.

Reaching Out Budget Line #12

Department: Communications

Reported by: Marjorie George

The objectives of the Communications Department are to

- Keep diocesan members connected to the life and activities of the diocese through several print and electronic communications vehicles
- Keep the essential elements of our life together before members of the diocesan family through timely communications.
- Assist diocesan members and others to grow spiritually in their walks with Christ through a magazine devoted to spiritual formation.

Following are the main communication tools in place as of the end of 2009. In addition to keeping these tools current, the Communications Department assists in many aspects of diocesan life.

The Church News

The flagship communications vehicle for the Diocese of West Texas since 1883, The Church News has undergone several format changes during its lifespan -- from large magazine to newspaper to small magazine back to newspaper, now in full color.

As we rely increasingly on Internet communications, The Church News no longer carries the entire burden of communicating within the diocese. However, it remains a vital part of our communications strategy: it is still the only vehicle that goes into every home in the diocese, and for a cost of less than \$5 per household per year. Through The Church News, diocesan members are connected to the life and activities of the diocese and are reminded that they are part of something larger than their own parish.

In 2009 and again in 2010, four issues of The Church News were/will be published. Content includes diocesan news, news from our churches, a message from our bishop, announcements, editor's reflections, and calendar.

Reflections Magazine

In late 2009, the Communications Department launched Reflections magazine, devoted to the spiritual life.

Contents include articles on spirituality topics as well as feature articles on people (members of our churches) who are living their spirituality every day, essays from our best writers, a bishop's reflections column, and other articles as the magazine unfolds. A calendar advises readers of upcoming events that focus on the spiritual life – retreats, seminars, speakers, etc.

This 24-page magazine is printed in full color in a true magazine format. One issue was produced in 2009, and two issues will be published in 2010. A concerted effort is being made to sell ads to generate income to fund the magazine.

The magazine will rely on writers, photographers, and artists who are members of this diocese, setting it apart from the many other spirituality magazines on the market today.

The magazine will also serve as an evangelism tool that church members may want to share with their unchurched friends, colleagues, and neighbors.

Diocesan website (www.dwtx.org)

The website continues to evolve and become more important in communicating with our constituency.

One of its purposes is to provide education and information about the diocese, particularly for our clergy and churches so they can accomplish their tasks more efficiently. Another purpose is to disseminate calendar information and to facilitate registration for events. A third purpose is to provide quick access to current news around the diocese, the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

DWTX Live

This special section of the website is made active during times of high news interest. During the 2008 Lambeth Conference and the 2009 General Convention, followers of our website were kept up to date with daily newscasts and messages from our bishops. DWTX Live includes news posts, blogs that facilitate two-way conversation, and audio messages from our bishops.

Media Hub (www.dwtxmediahub.org)

Taking DWTX Live one step further, we will launch our Media Hub for Council 2010. The hub will be updated continually from the council site and will include reports, photos, audio interviews with clergy and delegates, videos, and live streaming of some sections of council.

The Direct Line

This e-newsletter is sent monthly to about 2,500 lay leaders and clergy of the diocese as well as those who sign up to receive it out of their own interest. It is a mini-version of The Church News in electronic format.

E-news

This weekly e-newsletter goes to all clergy and church office staff. It is a recap of news and activities for the coming week pertinent to our churches.

List-serves

Several listserves, by which members of the list can communicate electronically with everyone else on the list, are in place for targeted audiences:

- Clergy
- Clergy and church office staff
- Christian formation staff and volunteers diocesan-wide
- Clergy spouses
- Youth ministry
- Diocesan staff

Twitter

Launched for General Convention 09, our twitter group currently (August 2009) reaches 90 people.

Facebook

The diocesan Facebook group numbers about 420. A General Convention Facebook group was launched for General Convention 09 and numbers about 200

Reaching Out Budget Line #13

Department: Diocesan Ecumenical Commission

Reported by: The Rev. Richard E. Dunham

The tasks of the Ecumenical Commission are threefold: (1) to represent the Diocese to the wider faith community and the wider faith community to the Diocese, (2) to educate members of the Diocese about ecumenical/interfaith activities and opportunities, (3) to serve as a resource for the Diocese.

As stated in the past, most of what constitutes ecumenical work occurs informally and not always identified as an ecumenical activity. For example, many marriages have an ecumenical component in that most marriages are between couples who come out of different faith traditions, if not religions. Also, many

communities have ministerial alliances. Those organizations perform many religious/social functions and are perhaps the most obvious examples ecumenical cooperation.

Highlights

1. The Rev. Richard Dunham represented the Diocese at the National Workshop on Christian Unity in Phoenix, Arizona. Among other things, he gained information on the Eucharistic sharing agreements with the Moravian and United Methodist Churches.
2. Dr. Henry Hare and the Rev. Richard Dunham attended the Texas Conference of Churches annual assembly. They were updated on the work of that body and joined in a conversation on the positive role churches play in addressing the social needs of local communities.
3. Initiated dialogues with representatives from The Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Methodist Church. The purpose of these dialogues is to find ways to promote greater interest in the cooperative agreements between our denominations and to find ways to visibly express them. One outcome of these dialogues is the commitment of the bishops of each denomination to invite representatives to attend our respective annual councils/synods. Other ideas are also being explored.
4. Met with representatives of The Institute of Interfaith Dialog, a Turkish Muslim organization. We also participated in an interfaith banquet sponsored by this organization.

The Commission encourages more deliberate ecumenical efforts on the part of every congregation. We encourage congregations to get to know their religious neighbors and find ways to do cooperative ministry and worship. In an increasingly diverse society, ecumenical/interfaith opportunities are going to be more frequent and necessary.

Reaching Out Budget Line #14

Department: Evangelism

Reported by: John Rayls

Reported under **Congregational Development**

Reaching Out Budget Line #15

Department: Historical Commission

Reported by: Don Engelking

During 2009, the Historical Commission met seven times. Members of the Commission continued work on reviewing and updating a book providing a capsule history on each church in the diocese plus copy of the church symbol. Hopefully, this book will be published and distributed at our 2010 Diocesan Council.

Another project was preparing for our third workshop on Congregational Archives and History. Due to conflicts and scheduling dates, this workshop was postponed until the fall of 2010.

In November, our Chairman, the Rev. Robert (Rob) DeWolfe, retired. Our next Chairman will be Susan Ann Johnson from St. Alban's in Harlingen.

Reaching Out Budget Line #16

Department: Liturgy and Music Commission

Reported by: Dr. David Eaton

The Commission on Liturgy and Music completed a successful year of service to the diocese in 2009. Our stated mission is to serve the Bishop through our work, and we engaged in many productive activities during the year. To be more efficient and energy conscious we shifted from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings in hopes of expanding the effects of this talented and dedicated group of liturgical leaders.

While most of our contacts and requests for assistance come from emails and phone calls, we have re-established our presence on the Diocese of West Texas website. On our new website we have complete contact information for the commission members and many resources for music and liturgy support. We continue to share our resources, knowledge, and skills in support of diocesan liturgical needs.

During 2009, the commission provided musical and liturgical leadership for many local and diocesan-level worship needs. The diversity of music and liturgy in the diocese is impressive and the commission desires to improve our ability to worship with both established and innovative resources. We provided liturgical support and musical leadership in the following areas:

- We coordinated and supported the 2009 Council Eucharist in McAllen
- We provided the music director for the re-establishment of Vocare
- We provided support and assistance to the Camp Capers music director
- We planned and presented two workshops at the Abide in Me Conference
- We utilized an email group that formed after the Abide in Me Conference for further contact and support of many diocesan liturgy and music issues
- We helped sponsor a professional research trip to Los Angeles to attend the Association of Anglican Musicians national conference for new commission chair, Dr. David Eaton
- We advised and supported several individual congregations and music leaders

The commission maintains several ongoing resources. We again provided the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and the commission maintains a resource library at the Bishop Jones Center. Contact commission member Dr. Owen Duggan (via the website) for information on this valuable resource.

The commission welcomes questions and input on any issues concerning liturgy and music. Currently, the commission is assisting with arrangements for the 2010 Council Eucharist, setting up our informative booth at Council, discussing ways to reach small church music programs, working to implement more Spanish language resources, and developing workshops for the diocese. We also stay current on national liturgy and music issues from the General Convention, and offer expertise on issues such as copyright law and the Leadership Program for Musicians. And, the commission continues to discuss recommendations for fairness and continuity for church musician salaries and benefits.

Please visit our booth at this council. We have a sign-in sheet where you may request a call about your concerns. Finally, we ask that you keep the Commission on Liturgy and Music in your prayers as we seek to bear one another's burdens through our work.

Reaching Out Budget Line #17

Department: Stewardship

Reported by: Ted Burkhart

The Department of Stewardship is comprised of four Divisions; Annual Giving chaired by Canon Kirk Mason, Capital Giving chaired by Ed Hodge, Legacy Giving chaired by Allan Paterson and Missionary Giving chaired by Alice Ann Fischer.

Each of these Divisions makes presentations, consults with congregations and provides hands-on leadership to accomplish the stewardship goals each parish and mission establishes for their ongoing ministries. We have worked successfully in a number of congregations throughout 2009 to raise awareness of the challenges they face in their annual stewardship education. We consulted in one parish who undertook a capital campaign with great success. We continue to provide information to assist others as they include Planned Giving in their stewardship work. Our missionary giving outside the diocese remains a vital ministry through the efforts of that committee.

2010 will present challenges for congregations and their budgets and the Stewardship Department stands ready to assist in any way possible.

Reaching Out Budget Line #18

Department: Commission for Women's Ministry

Reported by: Charlotte Otto

In January, a leadership retreat for the commission members was held at Way of the Wolf, Bed n Breakfast near Fredericksburg, with the Rev. Kris Graunke, St. David's, SA, leading the retreat. The retreat was meant as a time of renewal and sharing our spiritual journey.

In February, the Commission sponsored (annual event) a booth and a Women's Sharing Luncheon at Council, in McAllen, TX. At the booth, we distributed information on National Episcopal Church Women's programs and our 2009 Honored Women Luncheons, set for October '09. The "2009 Sharing Luncheon" featured Catherine Lillibridge, highlighting her trip to the Lambeth Conference with Bishop Gary and her opportunity to meet with other bishop's wives from all over the world. Catherine's excellent presentation was attended by 55 eager women.

Our annual Women's Spring Gathering was held April 17-19 with Fr. Mike Boulette, a Catholic priest, retreat leader and presenter, and drew 54 attendees. We offered special workshops led by Ellen Martin, Katie Pettit and Deborah Jenkins on Saturday afternoon.

The National ECW Triennial held this summer July 7-17 in Anaheim, CA. included delegates: Charlotte Otto, Deb Gardiner, Jane Ahuero, Betty Smith, Connie Robredo, and Melinda Herrera. A variety of workshops, speakers and leadership activities were attended

The focus on National ECW (Episcopal Church Women) was to learn about this organization to which we are linked via Province VII, ECW. Both these boards are respectively made up of representatives from provincial or diocesan leadership; each diocese can send delegates, alternates or visitors to ECW Triennial. There were approximately 360 delegates-alternates present from across the US.

The Commission for Women's Ministries selected Betty Chumney, of World Mission Department of the DWTX, to be our Diocesan Honored Woman during Triennial, and she was escorted by Bishop Gary Lillibridge. During the processional she received a plaque.

On August 1, a one-day Mini-Gathering was graciously presented by the Rev. Faith Bledsoe, St. Francis, Victoria via the Commission, entitled Coloring Your Prayers. A lively 25 women attended from Corpus Christi, Taft, Goliad and Victoria. Faith's presentation was genuinely creative and interactive, encouraging us to allow creativity to inspire our prayer life.

On August 29, Central Convocation Representatives, sponsored an Altar Guild Event at TMI, with Chris Mitchell offering a lecture and tour of the new chapel on the TMI Campus in San Antonio. This was well attended by Central Convocation women.

Two Honored Women Luncheon's were sponsored on October 3rd St. Marks's, San Antonio and on October 10th at St. Mark's, Corpus Christi. Co-chaired by Susan Johnson and Patricia Brooke, the two events hosted around 225 total guests and honored 23 women from parishes across the diocese.

Our final event for the year was the Annual Fall Gathering, October 23-25 with 56 participants gathering to hear the Rt. Rev. David Reed's presentation, Being Joyful in Hope. He was the highlight of this year with his dry wit and most humble anecdotes. The Fall Gathering ended with installation of the new Commission Officers slated for the 2010-2012 term. These are President, Deb Gardiner, St Bartholomew's Corpus Christi; Vice-President of Programs, Carla Pineda of St. David's, San Antonio; Secretary, Tracy Erickson of St. Andrews, Corpus Christi; and Treasurer, Betty Graham of Reconciliation, San Antonio. Outgoing officers for 2007-2009 are Charlotte Otto of All Saints', Corpus Christi, retiring President; Judy Taylor of St. Barnabas, Fredericksburg, retiring Vice President of Programs, and Pam Currier of St. Thomas, San Antonio, retiring Treasurer.

Reaching Out Budget

Department: United Thank Offering

Reported by: Mrs. Carolyn Whitmire

A total of \$21,780.04 was given in 2009.

Diocesan Development Program 2009 Annual Report for Phase 2

Not available



The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
Trustees of the Episcopal Church Corporation
Annual Report – 2009

All meetings of the Episcopal Church Corporation during the year of 2009 were held by email ballot. A summary of those ballots may be found below.

Summary of Trustee Ballots - 2009

- 2/2/2009 Authorized the modification and extension of St. Matthias, Devine EAF Parish Hall Loan for fifteen (15) months.
- 3/10/2009 Authorized a vote in favor of the HH Family Investment II Ltd. Petition to the Beach/Dune Committee of the City of Corpus Christi Planning Commission.
- 3/27/2009 Authorized the disbursement from the 2008 Maintenance Facility Endowment Fund in the amount of \$56,219.78.
- 4/1/2009 Authorized the request from St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Kerrville, to refinance their loan on their new Parish Hall with Security State Bank and Trust, Fredericksburg, Texas.
- 4/1/2009 Authorized the request from St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Corpus Christi, to extend the "interest only" period of their loan agreement with The Frost National Bank for an additional three (3) months.
- 4/2/2009 Authorized the request from the bishop to guarantee a loan to St. Boniface, Comfort, for a permanent mortgage on their building.
- 4/8/2009 Authorized the extension of the Inspection Period with Place/BV Acquisitions, LLC for the Holy Spirit, San Antonio property.
- 4/14/2009 Authorized the withdrawal of funds from the Riggs Fund and the Poth Fund for clergy family student scholarships at TMI- The Episcopal School of Texas.
- 4/14/2009 Authorized a License Agreement with Christopher Osimea for the use of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, San Antonio parking lot.
- 4/23/2009 Authorized a Second Amendment with Place/BV Acquisitions, LLC that would allow the release of Earnest Money should the effort to rezone the Holy Spirit, San Antonio property be successful.

- 4/27/2009 Authorized a Utility Easement to Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. for St. Mark's, San Marcos new church property.
- 5/11/2009 Authorized a Utility Easement to Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. for St. Mark's, San Marcos new church property.
- 5/11/2009 Authorized the purchase of 0.27 acres, S Part Blk 35, Pittsburg, Blanco, Blanco County, Texas and the request of an \$80,000 loan from EAF from St. Michael and All Angels, Blanco.
- 5/14/2009 Authorized the purchase of Lost Colony #40, on Mustang Island.
- 6/3/2009 Authorized St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Marcos to enter into two loans for the construction of their new sanctuary and related site work.
- 7/2/2009 Authorized the request of St. David's Episcopal Church, San Antonio to borrow \$120,000 from the Episcopal Advance Fund to replace their HVAC system.
- 7/7/2009 Authorized the request from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Cotulla, to grant an Easement to Troy Edward Howard, Jr. and Jenifer Y. Howard.
- 7/17/2009 Authorized the request of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Corpus Christi to enter into a License Agreement with Denis Gavlik, d/b/a Bay Area Catering, to lease the church's kitchen.
- 7/17/2009 Authorized the request of the Church of the Holy Cross to sell their former rectory located at 460 Kopplow Street, San Antonio to Mission Road Development Center for \$130,000.
- 8/5/2009 Granted the request of Epiphany Episcopal Church, Raymondville to begin their building program for the complete rebuilding of their Parish Hall, Sunday School, Office, Kitchen and Bathrooms.
- 8/7/2009 Authorized the request of the bishop to disburse \$15,000 from the Poth Fund to help establish the Tom Frost Scholarship Fund at TMI - The Episcopal School of Texas and support the Stars of TMI Gala.
- 8/17/2009 Granted the request of the Church of the Holy Spirit, San Antonio, to sell one or two of their portable buildings to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Marcos
- 9/16/2009 Granted the request of Frost Bank to update the original ballot (12/3/2008) which was approved to handle wire transfer transactions.

- 9/21/2009 Authorized the repair and renovation of the swimming pool at Camp Capers.
- 9/24/2009 Granted the request of the Church of the Messiah, Gonzales, approval to enter into a License Agreement between the Church Corporation and the Gonzales Christian Women's Job Corps for the use of the church's rectory located on the church grounds in Gonzales.
- 9/24/2009 Granted the request of Grace Episcopal Church, San Antonio, to enter into a Lease Agreement with Texas Military Institute of San Antonio, Texas (TMI – The Episcopal School of Texas) for the use of All Saints Chapel.
- 9/24/2009 Authorized the request of Church of the Ascension, Refugio, to sell their rectory located at 803 Huisache, Refugio, Texas for \$71,000.
- 10/8/2009 Authorized the request of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, to enter into a License Agreement between the Church Corporation and the Emmanuel Bible Presbyterian Church.
- 10/8/2009 Granted the request of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wimberley, to extend their loan from the Episcopal Advance Fund for an additional five (5) years.
- 10/8/2009 Authorized a bridge loan from the Episcopal Advance Fund to Grace Episcopal Church, Llano for \$85,000 for their new Administration and Education Building.
- 10/8/2009 Authorized a loan from the Episcopal Advance Fund to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Corpus Christi to repair their air conditioner.
- 10/22/2009 Authorized the request of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rockport, to enter into a MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING with Aransas County to sell the 9+ acre tract of land adjacent to Henderson Street in Rockport under a grant for a Watershed Project in Aransas County.
- 10/30/2009 Authorized the request of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wimberley, to modify their loan agreement with The Frost National Bank.
- 10/30/2009 Authorized the request of Church of the Ascension, Refugio, to sell their rectory located at 803 Huisache, Refugio, Texas for \$62,000. (The previous offer approved by the Trustees on 9/24/09 was withdrawn by the Buyer.)
- 11/20/2009 Authorized the request of the Church of the Holy Spirit, San Antonio, to purchase three (3) tracts of land on Bandera Road, San Antonio, Texas.

Tract I - 11137 E. Bandera Road - \$320,000, Tract II - 11093 E. Bandera Road - \$330,000; Tract III - "0" Bandera Road - \$600,000.

- 12/10/2009 Authorized the creation of two (2) new checking accounts for Grace Episcopal Church, San Antonio.
- 12/21/2009 Authorized the bishop's request to withdraw an additional \$18,000 from the Poth Fund for clergy children's scholarships at TMI.



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOUNDATION IN WEST TEXAS

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND

The Foundation is a Texas Non-Profit Corporation that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is a charitable religious organization governed by a Board of Directors. The Foundation was created by the Diocese to invest and manage its funds, to be an investment resource to churches and institutions of the Diocese, and to encourage and promote legacy stewardship within the Diocese.

The Foundation classifies each of its accounts in one of four “model portfolios” based upon the account’s investment objective: Capital Maintenance, Income, Growth and Income, and Growth. The Directors of the Foundation establish from time to time specific asset allocation targets for each model portfolio.

The Foundation uses third party mutual funds as its investment managers. These mutual funds are selected with the assistance of an independent investment consulting firm. Funds are selected based upon their investment style, size, manager tenure, longevity, historical performance, and other factors.

The Foundation maintains a separate account for each of its investment accounts—that is, none of its accounts are pooled together. Each account is maintained at Frost Brokerage Services, Inc., a registered broker/dealer, which provides custody and transaction services to the Foundation.

Individual churches and other Diocesan institutions investing through the Foundation retain full discretion regarding distributions (payments) from their separate investment accounts, subject only to any governing documents (such as donor instructions, Trust instruments, etc.) that may pertain to a particular account.

Churches and Diocesan institutions make no payments to the Foundation for services it provides. The mutual funds’ managers charge expenses and management fees and these are paid by the mutual funds so that the investment performance of the funds is net of such expenses and fees.

More detailed information about the Foundation is available through the internet at www.foundation-dwtx.org.

THE YEAR 2009

The Foundation had total assets at December 31st of \$39,776,161, an increase of \$9.4 million over 2008. After a difficult beginning, the investment environment became favorable to investors in mid-March and remained so for the balance of the year. The Foundation benefited from these market conditions and achieved an investment gain of \$6.4 million or 20.7% for the year.

At year-end, the Foundation had a total of 142 accounts. Of this total, Diocesan accounts numbered 54 and the accounts of individual churches, schools, and Diocesan Institutions totaled 88. During the year eight new accounts were opened with initial balances of \$4.1 million. Balances in the accounts at year-end were as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Diocesan Accounts	\$ 24,379,652
Church/School/Diocesan Institution Accounts	15,396,509
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Total	\$ 39,776,161

Directors of the Foundation at year end were Lyon L. Brinsmade, Ted R. Burkhart, The Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge, Richard Mosty, Elizabeth Nisbet, Allan G. Paterson, Jr., Gregg Robertson, and Charles E. Thompson, Jr. The Church Corporation is the sole member of the Foundation, and Bishop Lillibridge serves as the duly qualified and acting representative of the Church Corporation. Dan E. Butt is the Executive Director. Nancy O. Stinson is Assistant Secretary and Susan B. Hardaway is Assistant Treasurer.

Four meetings of the Directors were held during the year. Minutes of these meetings are maintained at the Foundation's office and are available for inspection. At each meeting, Directors reviewed quarterly account balances, the performance of individual investment managers, and the performance of the four model investment portfolios maintained by the Foundation. A variety of professional performance evaluation tools are used in this process.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan E. Butt, Executive Director

Episcopal Relief and Development 2009 Report

Congregations in our diocese have been generous in contributing to Episcopal Relief and Development through their local parishes and independently.

Rather than impose “one size fits all” solutions, Episcopal Relief & Development supports local, long-term initiatives that address poverty, hunger, disease, economic development and disaster response where the need is greatest. During 2009, \$5,000 was raised for the general fund for general relief which included the Church in Jerusalem during a Good Friday Offering.

Our partnership with the worldwide Church creates opportunities to serve communities in some of the most remote areas of the world, as well as in urban environments where extreme poverty persists. Our Church’s worldwide presence enables us to work alongside local leaders and community members who are best equipped to identify and address the most urgent needs.

Each of Episcopal Relief & Development’s programs addresses the Millennium Development Goals. <http://www.er-d.org/MDGs/>

If your parish would like a presentation about ERD, or if you have any questions, please contact Jan Hilton at janhilton@grandecom.net.



**Morningside Ministries
2010 Report
Episcopal Diocese of West Texas**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support of our mission at Morningside Ministries. As we begin 2010, I would like to share with you some of the highlights of 2009, which was a remarkable year. These accomplishments would not be possible without your generous gifts of time, contributions, expertise and commitment to making a difference in the lives of every resident and individual we are blessed to serve.

We are more motivated than ever to offer the best to all those who are touched by this ministry. It is our pledge to be recognized for quality, excellence and innovation in services, compassionate care, employee opportunities, training and in outreach and support to the larger community. We move into 2010 honored by those who make their homes with us. We are gratified by the compassionate and capable employees who serve in this ministry and uplifted by the board of directors, donors and friends who encourage, expect and push us to be all we can be. Our future is bright, promising and filled with limitless possibilities.



Alvin A. Loewenberg
President/CEO



- Morningside Ministries celebrated its 48th anniversary on September 11, 2009. The Meadows Retirement Community celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Atrium Building and 35th anniversary of The Cottages in September and The Menger Springs' campus celebrated their fifth anniversary in April.
- Morningside Ministries provided more than \$2.2 million in charity care to residents in 2009.
- The Kendall House Wellness and Rehabilitation Center, a new nursing and rehabilitation community, opened on the Menger Springs campus in June. Kendall House includes 40 beds with a mix of private and semi-private rooms with private baths and showers. The 26,000-square-foot community has two wings of 20 beds each and looks similar in design to the Cibolo House.
- Expansion of the Cibolo House Assisted Living and Memory Care on the Menger Springs campus was completed in February 2009. Sixteen new rooms were added, including larger two-room suites all with private baths.
- Renovation of nursing unit three at Morningside Manor was completed. New furniture, paint, window treatments, hardware, fixtures and new flat-panel TVs were added to all resident rooms and the three-person rooms were converted to larger semi-private rooms with more individual space.
- The Georgie Briscoe Resource Center opened in Uvalde in the home of former Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe's mother. The Center provides training and support to family, professional and pastoral caregivers in South Texas.
- VITAS Hospice opened a 15-bed inpatient hospice unit on the first floor of Morningside Manor on September 1. As an extension of our ministry to individuals and families, this fitting partnership will provide end-of-life care to the community.
- Renovations were completed on the Chapel at Morningside Manor with new paint, carpeting, lighting, upholstered chairs and a new sound system. Changes were made to the exterior as well, including paint, signage and foundation repair.
- Morningside entered the world of social media in 2009 with the addition of a Facebook Fan page. Also, photos are now shared through the networking site Flickr and we have a blog for sharing helpful senior-care information through blogger.com.
- Morningside Ministries appeared on the local morning shows Great Day San Antonio on KENS-5 and San Antonio Living on WOAI four times in 2009. Alvin Loewenberg, president, made three appearances and Nancy Thompson from mmLearn.org made one appearance.
- An appreciation event was held for our donors and members of the community in November. Dr. Jerald Winakur, author of Memory Lessons: A Doctor's Story, shared his experiences both as a doctor and a caregiver for his father.
- Morningside Manor's Director of Social Work Services, Marcia Katz, was named the San Antonio Social Worker of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers.
- Reagan Allen, Morningside Ministries Corporate Director of Sales and Marketing, was promoted to Vice President of Marketing and Assisted Living and Suzanne Huber, administrator

of Kendall House, was promoted to Executive Director of Morningside Ministries at The Chandler Estate.

- Several employees and board members from Morningside attended the AAHSA Annual Conference in Chicago in early November. Staff members presented a two-hour seminar on telemedicine and the Training Institute. The opportunity to present at the conference provided wonderful exposure for Morningside, highlighting our accomplishments over the past few years.
- The Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging recognized Morningside's Lifetime Living newsletter as the "Newsletter of the Year" at their annual awards program. Carmen Ramirez, activities assistant at The Meadows, was awarded the "Outstanding Customer Service" award for 2009 at the annual meeting in May.
- The Training Institute sponsored a conference on Spirituality and Aging in September focusing on "Caring for the Caregiver." Over 160 participants attended the conference in San Antonio. The conference was also shown live via webcast at five remote viewing locations throughout Texas totaling 50 attendees. Additionally, 50 individuals in different areas of the United States watched the conference online from their homes.
- Feature stories on several residents appeared in local papers throughout the year, including one on Jayne Rosen, the original Champagne Lady on the Lawrence Welk show. Ms. Rosen's story was picked up by the Associated Press and ran in all major metro newspapers throughout the state of Texas.
- Morningside Ministries celebrated the birthdays of 12 centenarians (over 100 years old) in 2009.
- Club Morningside, a travel club for all Morningside residents, was busy this year with several trips including a fall foliage tour of New England, a Caribbean cruise and several smaller trips around Texas.
- The Chandler House Players, the reader's theater group at Chandler, performed several shows throughout the year. After successful shows at Chandler, Meadows and Menger Springs, the Player's took their show on the road to several other retirement communities throughout San Antonio including The Inn at Los Patios and Army Residence Community.
- The Kaulbach Assisted Living hosted their first "Senior" Prom for residents. Residents dressed in formal attire and danced to the tunes of KONO Radio DJ Dave Rios. An entire prom court was elected and honored and residents and family members enjoyed looking at numerous old prom photos.
- The Meadows hosted a Mayoral Candidate Forum for all four major mayoral candidates in April. Residents were able to ask questions of the candidates and hear their platform before the election.
- The Meadows also held their first class on the ins and outs of social networking. A packed house learned the basics of Facebook, Twitter and YouTube and several residents signed up for accounts after the class.
- In October, Chandler was host to a group of professional educators and health care managers from China. There were 10 participants from China and three interpreters. The group spent

almost three hours with us and enjoyed a meal, tours and a presentation on care for older adults in the United States.

- Several new events were added to the resident calendars this year including weekly ballroom dancing classes and a Genealogy Club at The Meadows. The Menger Singers choral group, an annual pet blessing and a Murder-Mystery style dinner production were a great addition to the Menger Springs activities.
- Twenty residents from Morningside Ministries participated in the 2009 Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging Art Contest. Morningside had 11 finalists and 10 place winners, including one Best in Show Award. All of the finalists' artwork was displayed at the Texas State Capital in May.
- Morningside Ministries welcomed four new members to the board of directors in 2009: Bill Balthrope, Tom Bingham, Rev. Scott Simpson and David West.
- The Morningside Ministries Board of Directors is represented by six members of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas: Jayne Creasy, Tom Bingham, Bill Galbreath, Mike Horridge, Mike Venson and Ann Wells.

Morningside Ministries is the oldest and largest, faith-based senior care community in San Antonio, the fourth largest in the state of Texas and in the top 10 percent nationwide. We are grateful for the support that we receive and particularly the prayers, treasure and talent of so many people from the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. On behalf of Morningside Ministries, we welcome you to visit any of our communities and we look forward to our continuing partnership with you to serve the needs of older adults.

Representatives from Morningside Ministries and the Elizabeth McGown Training Institute are always available to make presentations to church and community groups on a number of elder issues. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or needs you may have.

For more information on Morningside Ministries, or to view an informational video about our services, please visit www.morningsidemin.org.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE 2009 REPORT TO THE DIOCESE OF WEST TEXAS

College of Arts & Sciences enrollment from the Diocese of West Texas for the 2008-2009 academic year: 18 students, 8 of whom report themselves to be Episcopalians.

School of Theology enrollment from the Diocese of West Texas for the 2008-2009 academic year: **3 students.**

2008-2009 Financial aid awarded to all undergraduate students from the Diocese of West Texas: \$160,206.00

2008-2009 Amount of support from West Texas churches and the Diocese of West Texas: \$7,750.00

Governing board representatives from West Texas:

Board of Trustees

The Rt. Rev. Gary R. Lillibridge, D.D.

The Rt. Rev. David Mitchell Reed, Bishop Suffragan

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway (2010)

Kathleen Foster (2011)

Amy Hoffman (2012)

School of Theology Programs Center information for West Texas:

Education for Ministry (EfM) groups: 15

EfM Diocesan Coordinator: Mrs. Ada Z. Sutherland, asasuth@suddenlink.net

About Sewanee

The University of the South, popularly known as Sewanee, is home to both an outstanding liberal arts college and a seminary of the Episcopal Church. Located atop the Cumberland Plateau between Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn., Sewanee's 13,000-acre campus — the second largest campus in the United States — provides vast opportunities for research, recreation, and reflection. Within the traditionally strong curriculum of humanities, sciences, and graduate theological studies, Sewanee

faculty members promote intellectual growth, critical thinking, and hands-on research. According to its mission statement, Sewanee “is an institution of the Episcopal Church dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in close community and in full freedom of inquiry, and enlightened by Christian faith in the Anglican tradition, welcoming individuals from all backgrounds, to the end that students be prepared to search for truth, seek justice, preserve liberty under law, and serve God and humanity.”

Sewanee’s Relationship to the Episcopal Church

The University of the South, an institution of the Episcopal Church, was founded by church leaders from the southeastern United States in 1857. Sewanee is the only university in the nation that is owned and governed by dioceses of the Episcopal Church.

specifically the 28 dioceses that are successors to the original founding dioceses.

The University's Board of Trustees is composed of the bishops of the 28 dioceses, together with clerical and lay representatives elected by each diocese and representatives of other University constituencies. The Board of Regents, to which the Board of Trustees delegates some of its responsibilities for governance, is composed of Episcopal bishops, priests, and lay people, and may include a limited number of members of other Christian bodies. The Chancellor of the University, elected by the Board of Trustees, is a bishop from one of the 28 dioceses. The historic ownership and governance of the University by these Episcopal dioceses has produced a living synergy of leadership, resource, and mutual support, enriching the Church and advancing the University's role in American higher education.

2008–2009 Statistics

College of Arts and Sciences students: 1,483

Undergraduate Class of 2012: 409

SAT combined (middle 50% range): 1148-1360

ACT (middle 50% range): 26-30

High School GPA: 3.6

Female 52%, Male 48%

Student/faculty ratio: 11:1

Percentage of college students declaring Episcopal heritage: 34.9%

Majors offered (college): 36

Minors offered (college): 32

School of Theology residential students: 79

Newly enrolled students: 32

Returning students: 47

Female 33, Male 46

School of Theology summer graduate students: 61

Degrees offered (seminary): Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Theology, Master of Sacred Theology, Doctor of Ministry. Other programs: Diploma of Anglican Studies, Certificate of Theological Studies

University Fiscal Year July 1, 2008–June 30, 2009:

Unrestricted operating revenues: \$67.6 million

Endowment: \$246 million (June 30, 2009)

Finances and Academic Grants

In the face of global financial turmoil, gifts and grants to the University declined in the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Despite the economic setting, however, 8,403 alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends made gifts totaling over \$13.6 million to the University the South. Approximately \$3.2 million of this total was to the Sewanee Annual Fund. Episcopal church giving through the One Percent Program was \$311,374 from 203 parishes. The University's 2008-2009 operating budget was \$67.6 million. Approximately 66 percent of revenue to the University comes from student-funded tuition, room and board, and fees.

Science faculty made renewed efforts to build its sponsored research program. Several faculty members in biology and chemistry submitted proposals (some of which are still being considered) and Robert Bachman, associate professor of chemistry, earned a \$276,000 grant for his research into advanced materials. The Jessie Ball duPont Fund continued to support the University's service-learning, innovative teaching, and social justice ministry programs. At the conclusion of The Sewanee Call Campaign, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation made a \$1 million challenge grant for environmental studies, for which the University must raise \$2 million to claim. Approximately \$800,000 has been secured, and new initiatives such as the Sewanee Environmental Institute and the Center for Religion and Environment have been initiated. Sustaining both efforts will require new gifts and grants, and the University is actively seeking support for its environmental programs. The Cousins Foundation made a second grant to the School of Theology's Holy Land Pastoral Renewal Program in 2009. The Program offered 20 pastoral leaders a life-changing, vocation-renewing experience and enabled them to address three needs critical to pastoral life and practice:

The need for community, fostered in orientation, a two-week pilgrimage to Israel, and reflection two months after our return.

The need for sustainable habits of spiritual formation, to be explored in times of prayer and worship, personal quiet time, lectures, and assigned readings.

The need to reclaim and sustain patterns of lifelong learning and discovery for clergy serving in an ever-changing ecclesial landscape.

University Financial Aid

In the 2008–2009 academic year, approximately \$18.4 million was awarded in institutional financial aid to undergraduates. Sixty-eight percent of entering first-year students received aid, with almost half of those receiving need-based aid. Almost 66 percent of undergraduates received some form of aid, including University aid, scholarships, and other aid from all sources. Of the 198 graduate students at the School of Theology and the School of Letters, 67 percent received some form of financial assistance. The University strives to ensure that accepted students can afford a Sewanee education and that seminarians can graduate with as little education-related debt as possible.

Student Life

Sewanee welcomed 409 first-year students in the fall of 2008, including another group of 10 academically motivated students from urban public high schools through the Posse Foundation program of financial assistance and peer support.

In November, Sewanee was one of five schools profiled in *USA Today* in a set of education articles about the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). *USA Today*, with a circulation of about 2.28 million, covers NSSE results every year and focuses each year on a different aspect of student engagement. In 2008, the story highlighted schools where students report high levels of faculty involvement outside of class. Sewanee continues to exceed the norms of comparable colleges and universities on all NSSE measures.

The Office of Career Services annually sponsors "Beyond the Gates: Preparing for Life and Work After Sewanee," before the start of Easter semester. This year nearly 100 juniors and seniors had the chance to interact with dozens of alumni and parent volunteers during panel discussions, mentoring, practice interviews, workshops, and a business luncheon.

During the course of the year, research and internships offered students unique opportunities. Emily Feitl, Evey Gannaway, Wyatt Harper, and Hayley Robb were awarded prestigious Fulbright fellowships; Chris Tipler, Kendra Tippens, and Karimeh Moukaddem received highly competitive Critical Language Scholarships; Alexander Harris, Brandi Moore, and Ximeng Zhang were named Sewanee's first Carey Fellows; Emily Beeson and Laura Candler became Sewanee's 37th and 38th Watson Fellows; and Jordan Casey was awarded the school's 27th NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. Eleven students from Sewanee this summer explored vocations in ordained ministry or service with non-profit organizations as part of the eighth Summer Discernment Institute.

More than 40 percent of Sewanee students typically study abroad, and about 80 students participate each year in summer programs in places such as Bangladesh, China, France, Italy, Russia, and Spain.

Commencement weekend recognized the achievements of 360 graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences and 39 seminarians from the School of Theology. The college's Class of 2009 has one of the highest four-year graduation rates in recent history, at 84%. More than 10 students were nominated for the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Sewanee's highest honor, for character, leadership, and service to the University and the community. Charles (Chase) Spurlock III, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., was recognized with the award for his service as student chief of the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department and as chair of the Honor Council. The 2009 valedictorian was Wyatt Eugene Harper IV of Dickson, Tenn., and Cong Lu of Suzhou, China, was the salutatorian.

The School of Theology's Commencement and Crossing sent 39 men and women out into the church's mission. They had earned 36 degrees (20 Master of Divinity, five Master of Arts, three Master of Sacred Theology, and eight Doctor of Ministry) and three Diplomas in Anglican Studies. Of the five honorary degrees conferred during the weekend, two were conferred during the School of Theology commencement ceremony. Vincent Currie Jr., the administrator of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast in Pensacola, received an honorary Doctor of Canon Law, and the Rt. Rev. Lloyd Emmanuel Allen, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Honduras, received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

This year's commencement marked a first for the University's fledgling School of Letters — the granting of Sewanee's first Master of Fine Arts degree to Tina Suzann Whipple of Shelbyville, Tenn. The School of Letters enrolled its first summer master's degree students in 2006.

In Sewanee athletics, 72 student-athletes were named to the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) Academic Honor Roll for their academic performance in the Easter term, two more than last year. To be a member of the Honor Roll, a student-athlete must have a 3.25 GPA for the term in which they are competing. The Sewanee field hockey team earned its first SCAC Championship and its first NCAA Tournament bid in the 2008 season. Former All-ACC soccer player at Duke Patrick Johnston has been named head women's soccer coach after serving as one of the assistant coaches in 2008. Katy Caine has also been named head volleyball coach for the 2009 Tigers. Six alumni and a team were inducted into the Sewanee Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008: Yogi Anderson, C'72, Sophie Brawner Correll, C'83, Ryan Harrigan, C'98, Nathaniel Owens, C'70, the doubles team of Linnie Wheelless, C'95, and Kristin Ialaci Crane, C'96, and the 1958 Football Team.

The University's Outreach Office encourages students to find creative ways to give back to their communities. Mission trips, organized during 2009 Spring Break, took students to work on projects in the Gulf Coast states, Jamaica, Haiti, Costa Rica, and Ecuador. The work of Sewanee's campus ministries attracts about 25 percent of the student body.

Campus

The dedication of Spencer Hall, a 49,000-square-foot addition to Sewanee's science facilities, was part of the 2008 Founders' Day celebration. William M. Spencer III, a 1941 Sewanee graduate,

presented to the University the new facility named in his honor, which was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley Jr., Bishop of Alabama and Chancellor of the University. Spencer Hall, with classrooms, laboratories and offices for chemistry, biology, biochemistry, and environmental science, both reflects and extends Sewanee's distinguished tradition of science instruction and research, expanding the physical space dedicated to scientific study while also making possible new scholarly opportunities for faculty and students. The sciences faculty has more than doubled in number since the existing science building opened, and their research is an increasingly collaborative enterprise that finds students learning in the field as well as the classroom, often by working side-by-side with faculty on research projects. Spencer Hall is expected to earn LEED Silver Certification.

Four alumni were honored during Homecoming 2008 on Oct. 25. The Distinguished Alumnus Award went to Philip Wilheit, C'66. The Distinguished Young Alumni Award was presented to Jason Forrester, C'93, and the Crawford Service Award was received by Nick Babson, C'68. The Distinguished Faculty Staff Award was awarded to Tam Carlson, C'63.

In an effort to broaden its applicant pool to students across a range of backgrounds, Sewanee took the step of making college entrance examinations optional for admission beginning with the freshman class entering in 2010. Prospective students, who in the past were required to submit SAT or ACT test scores as part of the admission process, may now decide not to submit the standardized test scores. Those who make that choice must instead submit a graded academic paper and complete an evaluative interview with a representative of the University. The University will test the program for five years and assess its success throughout the period.

The Sewanee Environmental Institute (SEI) was begun during 2008-09, and shows great promise for enhancing and expanding student opportunities associated with the Domain while also strengthening the University's reputation as a locus for environmental education and sustainability. This summer, its first, a Pre-College Field Studies.

Experience for talented rising high school juniors and seniors had more applicants than places in the program; 28 students from 13 states were enrolled in the inaugural year. The SEI also introduced three new intensive summer field courses for undergraduates.

Work started this summer on a renovation and addition to Snowden Hall, built in 1961. The changes will enhance Sewanee's forestry and geology resources and support the strategic plan to strengthen environmental education and sustainability. The building will more than double in size, to about 24,000 square feet, and will feature new labs, classrooms, resource rooms, research space, and faculty offices. The renovation is expected to be completed in summer 2010. Sewanee will pursue LEED Silver Certification for this facility.

During the summer of 2009, Sewanee created the Center for Religion and Environment, which connects the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Theology, and All Saints' Chapel in order to develop educational programs and public forums that unite environmental learning and action with faith practices.

Faculty and Administration

In February, Vice Chancellor Joel Cunningham announced his plans to retire in June 2010.

Cunningham's administration has been characterized by fiscal discipline and a commitment to strategic planning, which have allowed campus construction and renovation projects that have modernized Sewanee's learning and living environment. Careful management discipline and financial stewardship have helped the University remain fiscally sound despite the current worldwide economic crisis. During Cunningham's tenure, Sewanee has enjoyed record applications to the College, growth in the influence and reach of the School of Theology, and increasing recognition as a leading national liberal arts university. Under his leadership, The Sewanee Call fundraising campaign came to a record-breaking conclusion in June 2008. Cunningham's announcement of his retirement next year will allow an orderly transition of leadership for the University. A nationwide search is being conducted for a new Vice Chancellor under the direction of a Search Committee chaired by Joel A. Smith, C'67.

Sewanee's Board of Regents approved the appointment of Samuel Williamson, former vice chancellor of the University, as University historiographer and Gerald Smith, religion professor and faculty marshal, as assistant historiographer.

Nicholas C. Babson, C'68, was appointed director of the Babson Center for Global Commerce. Babson played a leading role in conceiving and developing the Center and had served as acting director of the program since 2006. The Center brought entrepreneur and oilman T. Boone Pickens to campus for a day-long visit in April; he addressed packed rooms of students and community members on the topic of sustainable energy.

Sewanee's Executive Director of the Associated Alumni Jay Fisher, C'79, was appointed Acting Dean of Admission and Financial Aid when David Lesesne, who had served as Admission and Financial Aid Dean since 2001, left that position during the summer.

School of Theology

Beginning the 2008-2009 academic year, the School of Theology welcomed 32 new students, bringing the total student body to 79 students representing 28 Episcopal dioceses. New student orientation featured a full week of activities introducing students to the seminary, the University, and the Sewanee community.

The 2008 DuBose Lecture series, Oct. 30-31, featured Dr. Fred B. Craddock, Bandy Distinguished Professor of Preaching and New Testament Emeritus, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. In three lectures, Dr. Craddock addressed "Preaching Jesus: Jesus in the Letter to the Hebrews." Dr. Michael Battle will deliver the 2009 lecture series on "Ubuntu: A worldview and spirituality for reconciliation in the 21st Century" on October 29-30.

Also in October, the faculty welcomed bishops from the owning dioceses for its annual dialogue. The 2009 conversation is scheduled for October 14, focusing on the role of three-year residential seminary education as preparation for priesthood.

In November, the School of Theology Visiting Committee focused on formation for priesthood. The 2009 meeting is scheduled for November 11-13, and will give its chief attention to the Programs Center's Education for Ministry (EfM) and the Advanced Degrees Program.

In January, the Education for Ministry program again collaborated with the Trinity Institute of Trinity Wall Street to participate in the webcast of the 2009 Trinity Institute National Theological Conference, *Radical Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability*. EfM facilitators led discussion groups as part of the conference. Sarah "Sissie" Wile continued serving as interim EfM director while the search continues for a director. Wile has served EfM as a mentor and trainer, as trainer-in-residence, and as assistant EfM director. A strategic planning team, which began working together in June 2008, has sought to discern the ways EfM will move into the future, and submitted a draft of a strategic plan to the University.

In February, "Sewanee: Come and See" hosted several dozen prospective seminarians. The annual preview weekend offers people considering seminary an opportunity to experience community life, theological learning, and formation for ministry as they are lived out in the Sewanee context. Seminary students, faculty, and staff plan opportunities for their guests and their families to worship, attend classes, tour the campus, and get to know the seminary community. The 2010 Preview Weekend is scheduled for Feb. 25-28.

In April, University Chancellor the Right Rev. Henry Parsley, Bishop of Alabama, celebrated the Eucharist and consecrated the new outdoor altar (a gift of the Class of 2007) at the foot of the Chapel of the Apostles.

In May, the Rev. Dr. Robert Hughes, professor of systematic theology and Norma and Olan Mills professor of divinity, was named the inaugural recipient of a major new award for scholarship in pneumatology, the study of the Holy Spirit. The Poullart Libermann Award in Pneumatology, created by Duquesne University, honors "the individual who has made the most significant scholarly contribution to the area of pneumatology in the preceding five year period."

In June, the School of Theology hosted “Does It Fit?,” the first nationwide vocational discernment conference for young people of color, sponsored by the Ethnic Ministries offices and the Pastoral Leadership Search Effort of the Episcopal Church Center. About 40 young adults attended the four-day event, which was made possible by a grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation intended to expand initiatives in promoting diversity within the seminary community.

Sewanee once again participated this year in the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, with strong representation in Anaheim including staff members and alumni, the Vice Chancellor, Provost, Chaplain, and Dean of the School of Theology. The University hosted a dinner for approximately 75 alumni and friends, which included remarks by Chancellor Parsley.

Two pillars of the seminary faculty retired this year. Noted scholar and author the Rev. Dr. Donald S. Armentrout retired Dec. 31 as professor of church history and historical theology, the Charles Quintard Professor of Dogmatic Theology, and director of the Advanced Degrees Program. Professor and author Dr. Joseph E. Monti, professor of Christian ethics and theology, retired from the faculty June 30 after 27 years of service. Three new members joined the faculty on July 1. Dr. Paul Holloway was appointed associate professor of New Testament, the Rev. Robert MacSwain was appointed instructor of Theology and Christian Ethics, and the Rev. Dr. Benjamin King was appointed assistant professor of Church History. The Rev. Dr. William F. Brosend II is now serving as director of the Advanced Degrees Program.

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