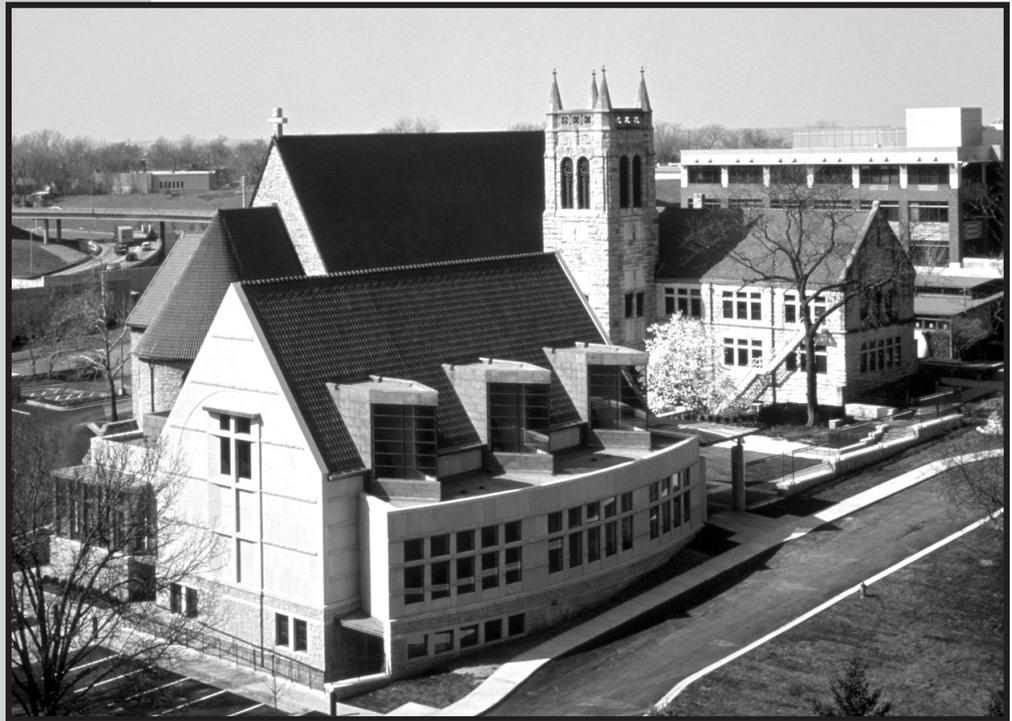


# Grace and Holy Trinity CATHEDRAL



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## ANNUAL REPORT: 2007

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# MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral • Sunday, January 28, 2007

**Acknowledgement of Written Reports:** List of those received and acknowledged:

- 2007 Annual Report
  - 2007 Budget Presentation
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**Call to Order:** The Annual Meeting Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral was held Sunday, January 28, 2007, in the Nave of the Cathedral.

The Dean called the meeting to order at 12:07 by the Dean who opened the meeting with prayer.

The Dean's Appointments:

- The Dean appointed John Fowler as Clerk for the Annual Meeting
- The Dean appointed Tom Brous as Chancellor for the Annual Meeting

**Acknowledgment of Completed Terms:**

- The Dean and the Annual Meeting expressed their thanks to those members who were completing their terms:  
Vestry: Gary Hicks, John Hornbeck, David Rice, Lucy Richards, Marnell Sparks,  
Doyle White, Rodger Wright  
Auxiliary Vestry: Sharon Cheers, Alexandra Connors, Richard Fanolio, Paget Higgins

**Report of the Nominating Committee:**

- Paula Miller, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee presented the report
- The Nominating Committee nominated the following to serve three year terms: Leigh Blackman, Gary Hicks, John Hornbeck, J. Gregory Morgan, Lucy Richards, Marnell Sparks, Doyle White
- The Nominating Committee nominated Brian Marrs to fill the unexpired term of John Jennings.
- The Vestry will receive the recommendations of Committee appointments.
- Paula Connors moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate presented by the Nominating Committee. Jim Halling seconded. The motion was adopted.

Financial Report:

- Doyle White presented the Financial Report. There were no questions from the assembly.

Budget Committee Report:

- The Budget was presented at the Sermon time during the 10:15 Eucharist.

Other Reports:

- The remaining reports printed in the 2006 Annual Report were received by title. No questions were raised by the assembly.

**Adjournment:** The Dean led the assembly in the Litany of Thanksgiving. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:26.

John Fowler, Clerk of the Annual Meeting



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## A LETTER FROM DEAN WHITE

*The Very Reverend Terry A. White  
Dean of the Cathedral*

January 27, 2008

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral is a healthy and dynamic community of faith. Together, we are seeking to live authentically out of the baptismal covenant. No one document can adequately capture all the work of the Cathedral or truly express the many ways we seek to serve Christ. Yet, these Annual Reports do provide a glimpse into many aspects of our mission.

I commend these reports to you, for each represents the gifts of volunteers and staff committed to building the reign of God through the work of the Cathedral. Each ministry is supported with prayer, work, creativity and, in some way, money.

At every Baptism, after the candidates have been presented, the celebrant asks the congregation: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their in Christ? We boldly proclaim: We will. The work represented by these reports is one of the significant ways that all of us as the People of God fulfill that promise. Along with our financial support of pledges and offerings, the giving of time and talent represented in these pages fulfills the promises made at Baptism, affirmed at Confirmation, and renewed throughout the church year, to commit the very best of ourselves to Jesus Christ and the spread of the Gospel.

Together, we all make up Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Together, we minister in Christ's name to each other and to those beyond our doors. Let us give thanks for all those who make our mission possible, and I encourage you to consider how you might further support, with your time, talent, and money, our common mission.

May Almighty God continue to bless our work. May we never take God's grace for granted, nor this community of faith which means so much to us.

With affection and appreciation, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Terry+

# MISSION STATEMENT

Adopted by the Vestry, November 29, 2007

Our primary mission as the Episcopal Cathedral church in the heart of the City is to be a servant church. We seek and serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves and working for justice, peace and respect for every human being.

We live out our baptismal covenant:

- **We worship** God with our hearts, minds and souls.
- **We celebrate** Holy Communion regularly; and all God's people are welcome.
- **We make a joyful noise** through our music.
- **We serve one another** through prayer and pastoral care.
- **We learn** about God through our children's and adult education programs and small groups.
- **We enjoy fellowship** with each other and welcome all to a community of friendship.
- **We care for and love God's children** through active youth and children's ministries.
- **We serve our brothers and sisters** in our social outreach ministries.
- **We feed God's sheep** through the Kansas City Community Kitchen, Culinary Cornerstones and other anti-hunger ministries.
- **We are faithful stewards** of our environment, the world God has given us to care for.
- **We support God's Church and people around the world** through the global ministries of our diocese and the national Episcopal Church.
- **We practice hospitality** as a meeting place and resource to the greater Kansas City community.
- **We are an inclusive community and honor diversity** in our staff, our worship and our outreach ministries.
- **We live out our faith** by proclaiming in word and example the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We thank God for our gifts of time, talent and money and pledge these resources to this mission and God's greater glory!

# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order, Prayer, and Welcome *The Very Rev. Terry White*
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Appointment Annual Meeting Clerk
- IV. Certification of Quorum by the Clerk
- V. Certification of Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting
- VI. Dean's Address *Father White*
- VII. Financial Reports for 2007 *Mr. Doyle White, Treasurer*
- VIII. Presentation of 2008 Budget *Mr. Michael Thomas, Senior Warden*
- IX. Recognition of Faithful Service to the Cathedral  

Vestry members completing terms:  
*Leigh Blackman, Cecelia Carter, Paula Henderson Connors,  
John Fowler, Phineas Gitta, Bill Hubbard, Brian Marrs,  
Charles McDowell, Ron McLeroy, Michael Thomas*
- X. Report of the Nominating Committee *Ms. Paula Miller, Chair*
- XI. Election of Vestry
- XII. Reception of Annual Reports by Title
- XIII. Report of the Clerk on Dispatch of Business
- XIV. Adjournment and Blessing

*The Annual Meeting of the new Vestry takes place in the Multi-Purpose Room  
in the lower level of Founders' Hall 10 minutes following Adjournment.*

# VESTRY NOMINEES

## PAULA HENDERSON CONNORS

Paula is a current Vestry member nominated for a second term. She has been very active as an acolyte, Eucharistic minister, Eucharistic visitor and member of several committees, volunteer for the youth group, KCCCK, church school and Habitat for Humanity. Paula managed the Cathedral Bookstore for two years. She feels that being a member of various committees has been a valuable asset to understanding what is happening in the life of the church. Paula is very personable and relates well to varied groups of people a gift she brings to her role on the Vestry. To be a warm and welcoming community for newcomers, expand our outreach to the poor and disadvantaged, support the Kansas City community at large are her visions for the Cathedral. She feels we must lovingly support our current members through education programs and ministries. We must work as one in our mission to truly be the Cathedral at the Heart of the City.



## PHILLIP A. DIBBLE

Phil is a retired physician having practice both nationally and internationally. He feels this has given him a broad understanding of people, places and multiple societal functioning. As a physician he has been involved with establishing policy for a Psychiatric Foundation and a private practice HMO. Phil has been a member of the EFM program for three years and he serves as a Eucharistic minister. He is deeply interested in the church's policy-making functions. His personal vision is one of "intensifying our community outreach" to our neighbors both the new residents of the "new city" and the homeless already being served by the KCCCK. Supporting our youth program and member expansion to further our growth and mission is also his vision for the Cathedral.



## JOHN FOWLER

During John Fowler's 25-year membership at Grace and Holy Trinity, he has been active in a number of ministries. His notable participation in Cathedral music has been as a singer and as assistant organist, serving at the 5 p.m. Sunday services and on two Choir tours of Britain. He has participated in social action projects, in fund raising for the AIDS hospice in Botswana and spearheading a tutoring program for Garcia Elementary School. He is the current Clerk of the Vestry and member of the Budget Committee. His diverse contributions bear out his belief that "members of the Vestry must be prepared to see the whole picture, not just their areas of special interest." He believes "there are people in Kansas City who hunger for a place that understands that following Christ isn't a matter of doctrine, but of love. We need to proclaim that there is such a place and that it is right here at the corner of 13th and Broadway."



## ELLEN GOHEEN

An active member of the Cathedral for more than 22 years, Ellen Goheen has served on the Stewardship and Budget Committees and currently chairs the Memorial Committee. A former member of the Vestry, she has twice been involved in the search process for a new Dean. She brought her artistic expertise to bear in identifying the architectural firm of Taylor MacDougall and Burns of Boston that received the commission and carried out the design for Founders' Hall. She is often called upon to present programs on religious art during the Advent and Lenten seasons. She has chaired many community boards and has strong administrative experience. Ellen states that her personal vision is "to be part of a team whose actions reinforce our history as a loving and diverse congregation celebrating our faith by example and service to our community."



## BRIAN MARRS

Brian is nominated for a full term having served a Vestry members unexpired one-year term in 2007. He was baptized and confirmed at the Cathedral. He has served as an acolyte, is an usher and serves on the Building and Grounds Committee. Brian has worked on Habitat projects, is involved in Boy Scouts and local community groups. Through his training and education in the military, advanced schooling and work, he has developed the ability to manage and analyze complex issues and to work in a team environment.



Brian's vision for the Cathedral is one of "an active voice in the community. A place where one is comfortable and welcomed not only to participate in Sunday service but also to explore oneself through classes, activities and fellowship. A Cathedral that continues to grow and attract families."

## STEVE MOORE

Steve has been a member of the Cathedral family since 1994. He has been involved in children's ministry, the youth group, as helper for three years, Stewardship Committee, chair for four years, Dean Search Committee, delegate to the Diocesan Convention and attended the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes. These experiences have given him a broad knowledge of the Cathedral, its history and plans for its future. Steve feels we should implement strategies to grow the Cathedral by at least 25 percent over the next three years. Some strategies are expansion of lay leadership and formation of the Newcomers' Committee. He believes with the renaissance of downtown we are in a unique position to showcase our ministries. His strengths are enthusiasm, creativity and the ability to perceive the strengths of others. Steve says, "I care deeply about the Cathedral, its members and its mission."



## AARON MORGAN

Aaron has attended the Cathedral since 2004, being confirmed in 2005. He is an active member as a lector and is involved with the children's ministry, Guild of the Christ Child. In his profession as an attorney, he is required to balance many duties in a timely and organized fashion; he feels this is of value as an effective member of the Vestry. Aaron is a "fairly creative" person, a long-time pianist/organist. His personal vision for the Cathedral centers on growth of children's ministry and greater participation on the part of adults in the adult class opportunities. Being a resident of the Northland, he is interested in seeking ways to take advantage of our growth north of the river.



## JIM PHILLIPS

Jim has been an active member for the past six years. He has been a member of the Finance and Audit Committees and enjoys participating in this area of Cathedral life. His gifts and talents include being a good bridge in bringing ideas and thoughts together in organizations. His work with not for profit and professional organizations will serve him well as a Vestry member; he has a desire to produce the best results possible. Jim was brought up in the Episcopal Church and he sees the Cathedral as a presence in the heart of the city with its people willing to serve our neighbors' needs.



## DAVID RICE

David Rice is an experienced administrator who has worked with institutional budgets, having served on countless university committees and task forces. He is the published academic author of three books and countless articles. He has served the Cathedral as a member of the Vestry, as chairman of the Mission Statement Committee, as a member of the Budget Committee and as an Adult Education teacher on several occasions. David states that he "brings a devotion to Grace and Holy Trinity and an abiding interest in its mission, its people and commitment to the national church and its service to the world." He believes that "we have multiple challenges, but we have a remarkable congregation and an opportunity to live out our Baptismal Covenant in concert with talented and thoughtful clergy."



## VANGIE RICH

Having served as Executive Assistant to Dean Cavanaugh, Vangie Rich has a unique background in Cathedral operations. She also assisted Dean Cavanaugh in his work on the Social Action of the National Church and his civic commitments in the Kansas City area. She continues her involvement in the non-profit field in her present job at the R. A. Bloch Cancer Foundation. She considers that her work at the Cathedral "became more than a job; it was the care and feeding of the Cathedral family, the structure and its needs." Vangie believes "we need to grow the congregation, especially younger members, while energizing the long-time faithful members. People will visit us and see that this is a church committed to urban issues, involved in community affairs and together in the mission of fulfilling our Baptismal Covenant."



# FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

*Michael Thomas*

As a parish, we have much to be thankful for in 2007. We have welcomed new families and friends to be a part of our life here at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. We welcomed Fr. Joe Behan to our staff and have taken great pleasure in the ministry he brings to our life. Mary Ann Mansfield has been a great help in coordinating the many activities that fill up every day and evening of our calendar at the church.

Many improvements have been made to the church and the campus under the able leadership of our Junior Warden and the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the gardening sub-committee. Education and ministry at all levels has been enhanced because of the growth of a wonderful and caring staff. In addition to the weekly worship, we encourage each of you find at least one other place at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral to contribute to the ministry of this wonderful place. We welcome your involvement.

We started 2007 with some aggressive assumptions and goals for growing our ministry. We introduced our third budget in a row that projected expanded investment in staff development, education and outreach. We started the year with a projected increase in spending of twelve percent. We made a commitment to expand these ministry areas, but we also made a commitment to the parish that we would deliver and maintain a balanced budget. The budget committee met quarterly and when projected pledge income fell short of what was needed to meet our ambitious goals, the committee revised the budget downward. We were blessed by the faithfulness of so many people in 2007 as well as excellent results from trust and income managers that we finished 2007 in the black with an increase in spending on the ministries of our parish by approximately nine percent.

We enter 2008 projecting a balanced budget of \$1,846,823. This is a projected increase in spending of a modest 1.5 percent over 2007. This budget reflects realistic concerns about income and our commitment to maintain a budget that is in balance. This means that some ministry areas will not receive all of the funds that they requested for 2008. We invite each of us to prayerfully consider our commitment of resources and time to the ministry of the Church.

# FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

## *Charles “Bud” McDowell*

This will be my last report to you, as my term as Junior Warden has come to an end. I have truly been honored to serve as your Junior Warden and Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. Having spent most of my working life in the construction industry it has been very rewarding for me to use my knowledge to help the church in its never-ending goal of excellence. The Building and Grounds Committee has been blessed with a host of very talented people, and I want to thank each one of them for their time and talent. Those people on the committee are Kathy Thomas, Rick Sommer, Sharon Hudson, Gerry Renauld, Brian Marris and Alan Ryder. I would like to recognize Alan Ryder for his years of service. Alan was a member of the B&G Committee when I was asked to join some ten years ago and he has served the needs of the church faithfully, always being of a positive nature, but never being complacent. Alan has announced that he will leave the Building and Grounds Committee at the end of this term. I know his knowledge and insight will be missed.

The Building and Grounds Committee has completed several projects this year, including new lighting for the Nave, restoration of the Tower louvers, remodel of both the Working and Vesting Sacristies as well as creation of a cry room and handicapped restroom available to all who attend church.

I am sure that you have noticed the neighborhood downtown is taking on a new fresher look and we want to be part of this ongoing resurgence of the downtown community. To accomplish this work we have participated in the City's plan in which the TIF Commission contributes fifty percent of the costs of an approved project to beautify and restore the Broadway corridor. In the last couple of years, the Building and Grounds Committee has used this assistance to repaint the wrought-iron fence that encompasses our campus, restore the Tower louvers and grills and re-landscape the campus. If all goes well we will re-face the concrete retaining wall that separates the southeast parking area from the upper lot on the south with a stone veneer that is in keeping with other rock surfaces on the campus. This project would include replacing the dumpster enclosure with a rock faced enclosure and a strong wrought-iron gate.

As a result of the Committee's efforts to upgrade the appearance of the grounds and to make the campus as environmentally correct as possible, two guilds have been formed. The Gardening Guild is co-chaired by Sharon Hudson and Gerry Renauld. The work of the Gardening Guild, while very rewarding, is massive and they are constantly in need of volunteers. DeAnn McTavish and Brian C. Marris chair the Environmental Guild. We are now recycling on campus for the first time and have made several mechanical changes to lower usage and cost of energy. One of the major projects being planned by the Environmental group in conjunction with the Gardening Guild is a Rain Garden—a type of garden in which rain water is collected and returned to the earth as opposed to being allowed to run off in the sewers. The Rain Garden will be part of the Children's Formation program in which they will learn first-hand the value of thinking and living “green.”

The Building and Grounds Committee has been working for over a year on a new sound system for the Nave. If all goes as planned, by the time you read this report bids will have been received and a contractor selected for a new cutting edge system.

I want to thank the staff and clergy of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral for their support while I have served as Junior Warden.

# FROM THE CLERK OF THE VESTRY

## *John Fowler*

The Vestry of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral met 10 times during 2007 (not including a meeting of the 2006 Vestry on January 4). The following chart represents Vestry attendance at those meetings. A grey box indicates that the member was present. A white box represents an absence.

	28-Jan	22-Feb	22-Mar	26-Apr	24-May	28-Jun	23-Aug	27-Sep	25-Oct	28-Nov
The Very Rev. Terry White										
Michael Thomas										
Charles "Bud" McDowell										
Doyle White										
John Fowler										
Leigh Blackman										
Cecelia Carter										
Paula Henderson Connors										
Joe Finnie										
Phineas Gitta										
Gary Hicks										
John Hornbeck										
Bill Hubbard										
Kathy Jennings										
Whitney Kerr										
Brian Marrs										
Ron McLeroy										
J. Gregory Morgan										
Lucy Richards										
Bob Richmond										
Robin Rusconi										
Marnell Sparks										

**The following actions were taken in 2007:**

January 28

- Approved installation of new lighting in the nave
- Approved proposal for offsite data recovery expense

March 22

- Approved a grant of \$10,000 to the Culinary Cornerstones program
- Approved a resolution from the Nominating Committee defining the roles of committee chairs, ex officio members and clergy
- Approved the Nominating Committee Report
- Approved the Annual Parochial Report for the National Church
- Approved a grant of \$10,000 to Habitat for Humanity for the "House that Abraham Built"
- Approved a proposal for new signage
- Approved an appropriation of \$70,820 for TIF-related projects. The TIF Commission will reimburse \$20,660 of that expense
- Approved the purchase of a laptop for Fr. Michael Johnston's use

April 26

- Endorsed licensing Annette Schooling and Jan Sweeting as Lay Eucharistic Ministers
- Revised the 2007 Budget
- Approved Finance Committee resolutions to purchase a title insurance policy and funding for consulting fees related to the sound system in the Nave.

May 24

- Endorsed Whitney Rice's Candidacy for Ordination

June 28

- Approved an appropriation of \$106,585 plus a 5 percent contingency for Sacristy renovation
- Approved a resolution required by the IRS regarding clergy housing for Fr. Behen

July: no meeting

August 23

- Approved a resolution dedicating the Sacristy renovation to the Altar Guild and Betty Phillips
- Endorsed Matthew Walsh as a Lay Eucharistic Minister
- Elected delegates to Diocesan Convention
- Approved paying all expenses relating to Dean Cavanaugh's memorial services
- Approved funding of Sacristy renovation, 2006 audit fees, Fr. Behen's moving expenses and the purchase of a terrorism insurance policy
- Approved charging off outstanding debt of KCCCK as uncollectible

September 27

- Approved the installation of a security fence near the Diocesan Center
- Approved paint work on a portion of the fencing south of the nave
- Approved a resolution regarding funding sources for Dean Cavanaugh's memorial services

October 25

- Endorsed Joe Behen's Certification for Ordination to the Priesthood
- Endorsed John Richards as a Lay Worship Leader
- Approved an advance of \$7,500 on next year's draw on the Faeth Music Trust as a grant to the Mesner Puppets to assist in their production of "The Nativity"
- Selected Vestry members for the Nominating Committee
- Approved a resolution commending St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Kansas, on their 150th Anniversary
- Approved the 2006 Audit
- Approved funding for the fence painting authorized in September

November 29

- Endorsed John Richards as a Lay Eucharistic Minister
- Accepted the report of the Mission Statement Committee and approved the Mission Statement
- Approved the 2008 Budget with a resolution that the Budget Committee should give priority to the Outreach expense line if income exceeds budget

# MINISTRY REPORTS

## Adult Christian Formation

*Valerie Johnson*

### Sunday Morning Formation Classes

Sunday morning formation classes currently are generally grouped as two to three week series each month. This format is intended to provide topics that invite meaningful discussion and participation while enabling participants to immerse themselves in an area rather than varying topics and speakers from week to week. The classes have ranged from seasonal series to continued faith formation opportunities. These classes have been led by our laity, guest speakers and clergy. This year we brought back the Clergy Forum on the first Sunday of the month in order to discuss current activities in the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of West Missouri and the Cathedral. During the summer, a lectionary study group for was offered on Sunday mornings.

Also on Sunday mornings, the catechumenate class was offered. The Journey of Faith series was offered twice in the year before the Easter Vigil. Classes took place in Founders' Hall for eight weeks in the autumn and 8 weeks in the winter. Participants were asked to attend one 8-week session. Although the class is intended for those new to the church and who are interested in joining through baptism, confirmation or reception or want reaffirmation, it is a great overview for those who just want to learn more about their current tradition. This class was led by Cathedral clergy.

Our formation program is intended to be flexible and responsive to the needs of our parish family from year to year. This past year, we found the return of the clergy forum, lectionary study during the summer (rather than taking the summer "off") and various series throughout the regular program year met the requests of those seeking formation opportunities on Sunday mornings.

### New Members

At the 2007 Easter Vigil, several adults became members of GHTC through the Rites of Baptism, Confirmation and Reception. Individuals are asked to attend the Catechumenate class and participate in a one-day retreat held at GHTC. At this year's Easter Vigil, 11 adults and eight youth were confirmed, two were received, two adults and one infant were baptized. One individual publicly renewed her baptismal covenant through Reaffirmation.

### Lenten Academy

In 2007, we continued the Lenten Academy program, although, sadly, did not have our neighbors, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (CIC), co-host alongside for the first time in years. In the past, we have shared this time with CIC in prayer, study and social activities. It is our hope that this will happen again in the future. The Wednesday night program included: evening prayer, a simple meal and classes. Meals were prepared by various ministry groups and the monetary donations (registration fees) collected at the Academy were distributed back to them to offset cost and assist with meeting their goals. General attendance numbers ranged from 70 to 90 in 2007, slightly down from 2006.

### Advent

Wednesday evening classes in Advent have continued to be a wonderful, peaceful way to prepare for the Christmas season. This year, in Founders' Hall, we had evening prayer, a light meal and one class offering. This Advent series met two weeks. General attendance was approximately 35 people—including our youth group.

### Small Group Ministry

An extremely important element of our faith formation opportunities has been found in the small group ministries. These groups offer fellowship, study and support for one another. Faith formation is not occurring just

on Sundays and during special liturgical seasons. Small groups have been valuable and an integral part of faith formation for parish members (and non-members) on all days of the week. Many members of small groups and Education for Ministry (EfM) have led the above-mentioned classes and are vital in this area overall. We have been blessed with many members who have offered and shared their time, talents and knowledge with us.

## Conferences/Events

GHTC continues to participate in Trinity Institute's Annual National Theological Conferences in New York. In 2007, we served as Regional Partner to the conference and were the site of viewing the webcast conference live over an internet connection. The two-day conference was held in Founders' Hall and attracted 30 participants.

Adult Christian Formation has continued to expand and we hope to offer more opportunities that will meet the needs of our diverse parish. The growth of small group ministries is essential for the continued support in faith formation outside of the Sunday morning formation classes. Those who wish to see more growth in these areas are encouraged to consider facilitating a small group—invite, develop and nurture continued support. As the interests and needs of our parish are ever changing, so is our need for those who wish to lead and commit to one another. GHTC will continue to seek additional opportunities to invite neighbors to gather for study, conversation and fellowship. As always, we welcome suggestions and seek opportunities that will serve the greater community.

## Altar Guild

*Betty Phillips*

Throughout 2007, the 35-member Altar Guild joyfully carried out its duties, which include:

- Arranging the altar for Sunday Eucharist and holiday and special services.
- Making sure all vessels, linens, etc. are clean and in good repair.
- Keeping on-hand adequate wine, wafers, candles, linens and other supplies used at the altar for the various services of the church.

Most of the Altar Guild's work takes place on Sundays and during Holy Week and Advent. During 2007 there were two extra workdays. The first was in September when we prepared for Dean Cavanaugh's funeral and the second was in October when we moved back into the remodeled and refurbished Working Sacristy.

The Altar Guild is an equal opportunity ministry and welcomes new members. Anyone interested in joining should tell one of the clergy or contact Sacristan Betty Phillips (816.960.6894 or 913.648.53920).

## Cancer Support Group

*The Rev. Bryan and Linda England*

The good news and the bad news was that the Cancer Support Group grew during 2007. On the negative side, several members of the congregation were diagnosed and underwent treatment this past year. The entire congregation grieved at the loss of our beloved Dean Emeritus Earl Cavanaugh. On the positive side, we celebrated the continuing recoveries of existing members and encouraged our new members to fight the good fight.

We meet earlier in the evening, to help our members compete for spaces in the parking lot. To make up for the earlier hour, we celebrate a light (sometimes not so light) common evening meal, with Linda England providing the main course, and members bringing a side dish to share.

The Cancer Support Group is always open to new members. If you, or someone you love is dealing with or has dealt with this insidious disease, please consider joining this nurturing community. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in the Common Room.

# Cathedral Caregivers

*The Rev. Canon Susan Sommer*

Cathedral Caregivers reaches out to the Cathedral membership through food, fellowship, prayer and other special areas.

Food for Folks provides meals to people who are ill or who have lost a loved one. We hope to continue to care for our parishioners with the gift of food during times of illness or grief.

The Special Needs ministry, led by Peg Brown, coordinates rides to church for those who are unable to drive. This ministry provides a valuable resource to those who would not otherwise be able to participate regularly.

The ministry of intercessory prayer is enormously important in the life of any congregation. The Cathedral has been especially blessed in this way by the Prayer Chain. Parishioners request prayers on behalf of friends and family members through request cards, phone calls or e-mails to the office. The coordinator gathers the information and relays it to the 18 or so members of the prayer chain, who then pray for those individuals for a period of four weeks. This team prays regularly and with great commitment for a variety of needs within the parish. The prayer list is also listed in each week's Sunday bulletin so that the entire congregation can pray for those who have requested prayers. This ministry has been ably led by Deacon Bryan England, whose pastoral acumen and organizational skills have truly blessed this ministry.

Notes Card and Calls are an important branch of Cathedral Caregivers. Clint Haberland and her team of four send notes or cards to the ill, shut-ins, the bereaved, or those celebrating joyous occasions in their lives. This is done on a regular weekly/monthly basis and is wonderful personal ministry to our congregation. In December 2007, Clint respectfully stepped down from chairing this ministry after nine faithful years. Cards are continuing to be sent while a new chair is being discerned.

As a total entity, the Cathedral Caregivers seek to increase their ministry to the congregation and find new ways to communicate their services. Anyone interested in participating in or taking a leadership role in these ministries may call Sue Sommer at the church office, 816-474-8260.

## Centering Prayer Small Group

*Ruth Brown Evans, Lori Childs, Phyllis Biddle*

### About the Group

- The Centering Prayer Small Group began meeting Sunday, January 26, 2003, in response to requests from those who attended a Contemplative Prayer workshop at the Cathedral in November 2002. We have been meeting continuously as a group for five years now.
- There are at least 40 people who have attended one or more group meetings and have placed their names on the group's contact list to be notified of group events and meeting
- Average weekly attendance at Centering Prayer group meetings is three to six people.
- Group members include both members and non-members of the Cathedral.
- Centering prayer is a simple, four-step method drawn from the ancient prayer practices of the Christian contemplative tradition, including the Mothers and Fathers of the Desert, the monastic practice of Lectio Divina (praying the Scriptures), The Cloud of Unknowing, St. John of the Cross, and St. Teresa of Avila. It does not replace other methods of prayer and worship, but may be said to enhance them.
- Anyone who wishes to try centering prayer is welcome. Newcomers who do not have any background in the method of centering prayer or meditative practices and will be provided with a brief introduction to this very simple method of prayer.

### Our Purpose

The purpose of the Centering Prayer Small Group is to provide spiritual support, fellowship, and information on a regular basis to those who wish to incorporate contemplative prayer into their busy lives.

## Format of Meetings

The group generally meets twice per month in the Common Room on Sundays (usually on the first and third Sunday) at 3:15 p.m. The meeting dates are determined by the group in advance and announced in the bulletin, as well by e-mail to group members.

Meeting agenda:

- 3:15 p.m. Greetings
- 3:40 p.m. Opening prayer/psalm  
20 minute period of centering prayer
- 4:00 p.m. Group business, scheduling issues, participant questions and sharing
- 4:10 p.m. Formation: Group reading and discussion of a book or viewing a video relating to contemplative prayer. The group sometimes practices Lectio Divina during the formation period.
- 4:55 p.m. Close

The group facilitator, Ruth Evans, has been practicing centering prayer for 18 years and has attended a number of Intensive Centering Prayer Retreats. She has also received training in facilitating a weekly centering prayer group from Contemplative Outreach, a spiritual network of centering prayer groups that provides training, information and educational materials in support of those who wish to practice and learn more about centering prayer. Lori Childs and Phyllis Biddle are long-term members of the group who have recently become co-facilitators.

## Activities

- Currently, the group is watching and discussing a series of videotapes/DVDs, *The Spiritual Journey* by Thomas Keating. The tapes explore the contemplative dimension of the Gospel and the rich, centuries-long Christian tradition of contemplative prayer, together with insights from modern psychology which relate to our spiritual journey as Christians.
- In 2007, Sr. Therese Elias, OSB gave a fascinating presentation to the group about the work of Morton Kelsey, an Episcopal priest who studied the Christian mystics extensively. Kelsey wrote a book called *The Other Side of Silence*, in which he integrated the Christian contemplative tradition with the insights of modern developmental psychology, in particular the work on Carl Jung, shedding new light on the spiritual journey in our time.
- Members of the group have purchased and donated to the Cathedral library a set of six introductory videos about *Centering Prayer* by Thomas Keating. Anyone who wants more information about centering prayer may borrow them (contact Ruth Evans) or may come to one of the meetings.
- The GHTC Centering Prayer Group participates in the Cathedral Ministry Fair each fall.
- The GHTC Centering Prayer Group is part of a network of other centering prayer groups called Contemplative Outreach, and participates in KC area Contemplative Outreach activities, including retreats and days of prayer.
- The facilitator maintains an e-mail list of the group membership and circulates information about group activities and meetings and about area centering prayer retreats and workshops.

## Our Hopes for the Coming Year

- To share the spiritual journey in community through the practice of centering prayer as we feel called to deepen our relationship with God.
- To expand our own knowledge of the Christian contemplative tradition and make it more accessible to others.
- To attend retreats and workshops as time permits.
- To continue providing information and support to those who wish to practice centering prayer.
- To serve as a resource for those who need information about retreats, activities and topics related to methods of contemplative prayer.

# Charitable/Spiritual Knitting Group

*Joyce Morrow*

Spiritual/Charity Knitting Group evolved from the Spiritual Knitting classes from the 2007 Lenten Academy which was a series of sessions demonstrating the blessings to both the knitter and the recipient of making items for others. The featured item was a new project of making baby caps for newborns at the Maison de Naissance in Haiti which has been a GHTC charity for some time. The project was named Hats4Haiti. The group wished to continue to meet, so a day-long retreat was planned. In June the retreat was held at the House of Menuha in south Kansas City. The setting was new for most of the participants and it was ideal. The retreat participants collected even more baby hats; Lenette Johnson brought baby blankets she knitted, taking time from her prayer shawl knitting. Again the group wished to continue as well as welcome crocheters and other needleworkers who would be willing to spend time working on charitable projects. A special knitting event for our Hats4Haiti was held in October at the Stitch Knitch in North Kansas City. The shop even provided the yarn for those who came and knitted baby caps. They continue to be a collection site and provide the knitting recipe created for the hats.

The group meets in the Common Room on the third Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Anyone unable to attend is welcome to give baby caps or other charity needlework to Joyce Morrow who will see to its distribution. So far dozens of baby items from this project have been taken to Maison by the mission groups who have gone since April, the most recent being January 16. Other venues, including those local such as KCCK guests (winter woolen hats, scarves), Children's Mercy Hospital (children's, not newborn, hats) and prayer shawls for our own congregation continue to need items. Any and all are welcome to join this effort either in work or donation of yarns, etc. Contact Joyce Morrow for more information, jemorrow@kc.rr.com.

# Children's Christian Formation

*DeAnn McTavish*

In 2007 Children's Formation continued to expand the scope of our program through education, modeling and stewardship. Carefully considered action maintained the momentum of progressive development. Our Cathedral children are happy to be here; excited to learn and deepen their faith. We are blessed with their presence.

Children's Formation has created a safe, welcoming, visually and intellectually stimulating worship space that children respect and care for. Emphasis on working with children with special needs led to the training of the Children's Formation Director in basic sign language and certain Godly Play lessons and chapel hymns presented both verbally and in American Sign Language. Through observation, study and the input and counsel of several kind and generous Cathedral members who specialize in working with special needs children Children's Formation has developed coherent procedures and expectations. Visual schedule boards were added to each faith discovery room and chapel. The schedules cue the activities during Godly Play and Children's Chapels. Originally used by schools to assist children with autism, we have found the schedules are beneficial to all children. The schedules allow children to anticipate what comes next and understand the structure of worship.

Our teachers, chapel leaders and homilists continue to hone their skills in teaching Episcopal traditions, providing the foundation for lifelong Christian knowledge, developing Christian values in children and increasing children's knowledge of the Bible. Godly Play lessons are selectively scheduled and told in rotation according to the church seasons. Parable lessons are introduced on a three year cycle. Children age 3-6 (or currently enrolled in kindergarten) worship in the Lamb's Chapel with modified prayers but recite The Lord's Prayer in its entirety. Children in first through third grade worship in the Disciples Chapel. In 2007 the Disciples service was revised to incorporate more elements to mirror the adult service. Disciples began to read the psalm aloud together, added the complete Nicene Creed to the service, increased opportunities for children to act as lectors and expanded the Prayers of the People. Our summer Cathedral project, looking at the art, architecture and corporate structure of Cathedrals in general and ours in particular was introduced during the summer and continues on reflective

work Sundays. Galilee-by-the-Sea Vacation Bible School was a big hit and helped children and parents live the customs of Jesus' time.

We are creating a community of caring children. The children continue to support our foster children John, Vinod and Grace through chapel offering. The Junior Community Kitchen and Mini-MN, our stewardship modeling centers, celebrated their first year in service to our children. The centers raise awareness of real world concerns and connect the children to the idea of working together to problem solve and make a better world. The children care for the space and are diligent in put things back in their proper place before leaving the area. This teaches stewardship of our church space in Haden Hall and carries over into everyday actions. Our weekly feasts, during Godly Play, are shared with reusable cups and eco-friendly napkins. Disciples Chapel children pray for good stewardship of the earth at home and school in customized Prayers of the People. We pray for those who are sick or in need. We pray for our world leaders and our soldiers.

Our program meets the objective of beautifying our facilities in a way that makes coming and participating in our services and activities an essential part of our children and our families' lives. A Cathedral visitor and accredited Godly Play teacher, writes that the Cathedral has "the most beautiful, inviting children's ministry space I have ever seen."

Our enrollment remained steady with more than 70 children participating in our program. We continually seek to increase attendance and have observed an increase in families from the Northland; Platte County in particular. Appealing to this demographic, as well as southbound traffic coming from Zona Rosa shopping district and the KCI airport, Children's Formation reserved space on a digital billboard on Interstate 29 between 72nd Street and Barry Road. The billboard pages ran during November and December 2007 to advertise our Sunday morning program—focusing on the name recognition of the Godly Play® curriculum and featuring the beautiful faces of our Cathedral children!

A Diocesan Communications seminar was attended by the Children's Formation Director and the Communications Coordinator this summer. Children's Formation is represented at the Diocesan Christian Formation Commission meetings held throughout the diocese. Our Diocese understands and underscores the importance of communicating effectively and often with the community and media at large. The Cathedral and Children's Formation were included in an article on environmental stewardship in the *Kansas City Star* Faith section in August. We have generated congregational enthusiasm for programs through our communication in *The Angelus*, the weekly bulletin, our web page, postcards, *The West Missouri Spirit* and *rejoice*, our Children's Formation newsletter.

Children's Formation has become a more visible, active participant in Sunday church services through our annual signing of our children's covenant, an increase in children in formation leading children's hymns and signing during the 10:15 service and Youth Sunday. We have integrated with the larger church through other ministries and appreciate their tremendous help with homilies, Trunk or Treat, Advent workshop, Caring for Creation and Vacation Bible School. Children's Formation has become Christian partners with parents. We enlist them to help during chapel, Haden Hall coffee hours, the Christmas pageant, Caring for Creation and other special events. We provide frequent communication. We are interested in their children as individuals. We promote the use of the Louise Barton Memorial Children's Library and provide parent/child inter-activities through Vacation Bible School and Globe Buddies.

Our focus in 2008 is to continually raise the bar of excellence for our Sunday formation program. Environmental stewardship will be a pervading theme. We are planning to install a Children's rain garden this spring and will ask all Cathedral members to help us with the planting. Caring for Creation 2 is scheduled for April 20. We will continue the Cathedral project as our Summer Sunday program. We will continue to enlarge our circle of diocesan friends to include partnerships with other churches. We plan to partner with St. Paul's Church to present Vacation Bible School 2008 Jerusalem Marketplace, June 16-19 in Founders' Hall.

## Deacon

*The Rev. Bryan England*

At the beginning of 2007, I transitioned my secular employment from one facility of an anonymous agency of the federal government to another, with fewer and saner employees and a normal schedule. An added plus was that the building is above ground, rather than 65 feet underground, so my mobile phone actually works during the day! However, the stress is just as high, and like Danny Glover in the *Lethal Weapon* movies, I find myself saying, "I'm getting too old for this ..."

At Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, I continue to serve weekly at the 10:15 Eucharist, and alternate with Bruce for the 5 p.m. service. Occasionally I cover for Bruce at the 8 a.m. service. I also coordinate and train the Cathedral's Eucharistic Visitors and train the Eucharistic Ministers. Linda and I coordinate the Cancer Support Group, and I coordinate the Cathedral Caregivers Prayer List, and the Metro KC chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. On Sunday afternoons I visit and bring communion to parishioners confined to area hospitals.

I continued as a chaplain for the Lee's Summit Police Department and Troop A of the Missouri Highway Patrol, headquartered in Lee's Summit, although my activity for these has decreased considerably this year. 2007 was probably the first year I didn't spend any shifts riding in a squad car. However, I remain constantly on call for the patrol, and rotate with several other chaplains being on call for the police department.

My activity with the Trauma Support Network (TSN) has increased this year. TSN is a critical incident stress management (CISM) team that supports people in the area who have suffered the loss of a loved one through a traumatic event. For example, Christina Lenon and I counseled several individuals involved in the Ward Parkway mall shootings in the spring. I am also one of the trainers for TSN, and in that capacity I conducted a two-day class on Pastoral Crisis Intervention for twenty Police Chaplains in February.

I also continued as the webmaster for the North American Association for the Diaconate (NAAD). Through much pain and effort, I managed to adapt NAAD's bookstore for "online" sales. With Linda's permission and cooperation, the physical publications and shipping point for the bookstore transitioned from Providence, Rhode Island, to our basement. Needless to say, this is taking up more time, as well as space. NAAD's website is at <http://www.diakonoi.org>.

To make room for everything else, some things had to go. The most recent was my volunteer service to the American Red Cross as a disaster assistance technician. These volunteers go to the scenes of disaster, usually residential fires, and provide emergency lodging and clothing for those in need. During the last year, I found could not complete the required 24 hours of on-call every month, and have recently resigned.

Peace and all good.

## Deacon

*The Rev. Bruce Hall*

Over the course of 2007 my ministry has included the following expression of my baptismal and ordinal vows.

I continued my work with juvenile offenders as a family therapist in the Missouri Division of Youth Services. This included providing individual, family, and group counseling, treatment for adolescent sex offenders, as well as consultation and training for other staff at the various facilities located in northwest Missouri. In the summer, I accepted a new position at the Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City as coordinator of their Human Service Program which trains persons to serve in various settings such as in substance abuse treatment centers, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, residential youth treatment homes, mental health facilities, and programs serving those with developmental and physical disabilities. In this capacity I am presently teaching courses in social work, family counseling, youth development and social welfare. I also supervise internships where students are placed at local social service agencies.

In addition, I assist with pastoral calls and counseling as well as taking communion to those not able to attend services at the Cathedral. More visible to the congregation will have been my regular service as Deacon at the 8 a.m. Sunday services and, on a rotating basis with my fellow deacons, at the later services at 5 p.m. as well as other services as needed. I also maintain the log of remembrance for the Homicide Memorial Alter in the nave.

Finally, I continued to work in private practice as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in midtown Kansas City, Missouri.

## Dinner Small Group

*Donna Knoell and Jim Royer*

The Dinner Small Group at Grace and Holy Trinity is thriving. Established in October 2000 and in its sixth year, the group has enjoyed monthly dinner meetings where both delicious food and Christian community are the focus. The group meets in the homes of members, and typically meets on Sunday evening. The group has grown to include 20 active, enthusiastic members. For our dinners, the host provides the main course and beverages, and other members each provide accompaniments to the meal.

The purpose of the Small Dinner Group is to become better acquainted with fellow parishioners and to enjoy fellowship and a good meal together. That purpose has been richly fulfilled as members have become genuine, caring friends.

Occasionally the group has chosen an alternate format, which typically has included at least one picnic in the summer and attendance at a performance at The Theater in the Park.

We welcome new members, and are always open to interested parishioners who would enjoy getting to know us and would enjoy sharing community among us. If you would like to become a member of the Small Dinner Group, just let the coordinators know of your interest to participate.

## Education for Ministry

*Gary Hicks and The Rev. Carol Sanford*

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a course of study in theological education sponsored by the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Completion of the program takes four years, during which participants study the Bible, church history and twentieth century theology. Participants commit one year at a time to meet weekly in seminars led by trained mentors. EfM provides a comprehensive, experiential education in the foundations and message of our Christian faith.

One aspect of the course, Theological Reflection, assists participants in relating the information acquired to their lives. In this way, each person's ministry is explored and enlarged. EfM students are active in many lay ministries: church school, Children's Chapel, Eucharistic Visitors, lectors, small group facilitators, acolytes, leaders of hospitality, Cathedral Caregivers, and others. In addition, EfM participants contribute to the Kansas City Community Kitchen and are involved in other outreach programs. It is difficult to measure the extent of ministry that comes from active participation in EfM.

The EfM program at the Cathedral expanded this year to include both a morning and an evening group, and a new mentor was trained. We now have a total of seventeen students from GHTC and other parishes, and four active mentors. Two students, Kristin Niederberger and Joyce Morrow, graduated in 2007 after completing the four-year program. In summer, 2007, a reunion was held for all past and current EfM students. Our hope for 2008 and beyond is to continue to grow in ministry through education, sharing, encouragement, worship and examination of our spiritual lives in reflection of Holy Scripture.

For more information about EfM, please contact one of the mentors: Gary Hicks, Greg Morgan or The Reverend Carol Sanford at the Cathedral or Kristin Niederberger at Church of the Good Shepherd.

## Episcopal Peace Fellowship

*The Rev. Bryan England*

In the spring, we amassed enough members of the national Episcopal Peace Fellowship to have an official Metro KC chapter. Composed predominately of Cathedral parishioners, the Metro KC chapter sponsored a controversial resolution at the diocesan convention calling for an expeditious end to the Iraq War, which prompted a gathering workshop on the just war doctrine. After an interesting debate, the resolution passed. The chapter also sponsored an evening presentation on the plight of Iraqi refugees.

We do not meet regularly at this point, communicating primarily via e-mail, but if enough members choose to, and a common time can be decided upon, we can certainly start monthly activities.

## Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

*The Rev. Canon Susan Sommer*

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral is blessed with a number of dedicated people who serve on Sunday mornings and evenings (and in between!) as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Theirs are the voices we hear in the first and second lessons, they are the lay people vested in cassock and surplice who administer the chalice at Communion. In their vital ministry, we are reminded that liturgy comes from the Greek, meaning the work of the people, and I am pleased to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedicated ministry.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Al Schneider for ably undertaking the task of scheduling these folks. Al manages to juggle a myriad of variables (can only do 8 a.m., can't administer the chalice when ushering on X Sunday, prefer to be lector when my spouse is a healing minister, etc. etc.) with grace, good humor, and attention to detail and for this I am grateful. I am also grateful for the tradition, long established and well observed, that Sunday ministers take responsibility for finding their own replacements when scheduling conflicts occur. As my colleagues elsewhere can attest, this is not necessarily the norm through the Episcopal Church, and blessed are we to have expectations of spiritual maturity in place here!!

A goal for 2008 is to continue to discern those called to the ministry of lector/Eucharistic minister, especially for the 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. services.

## Eucharistic Visitors

*The Rev. Bryan England*

Eucharistic Visitors (EV) are lay people licensed by the bishop to take communion to parishioners who are unable to attend weekly celebrations of the Eucharist. This year, several of our veteran EVs retired, but we welcomed three new EVs – Matt Walsh, Nan Schooling and Janet Sweeting

Most of our homebound are permanently unable to come to services, but during the last year the EVs also visited parishioners who were confined for extended periods, but then returned to attending services after their recoveries. Sadly, we lost three of our homebound this year – Bill Wilson, Marilyn Biggs, and Laura Leib.

In the current schedule, twelve EVs take communion to eight home-bound parishioners, with each parishioner receiving communion at least once a month.

Our thanks to all those who went forth “in the name of this congregation” in the past year.

## Finance Committee

*Doyle White*

The Finance Committee serves as an advisory committee to the Dean and the Vestry on the financial affairs of the Cathedral and has two subcommittees. The Investment Committee advises the Finance Committee on the oversight of the Cathedral's endowment. The Audit Committee has responsibility for the oversight of the annual Cathedral audit.

In 2007, we saw the money managers of the Cathedral's endowed funds basically match their benchmarks. There were no large gifts received by the Cathedral in 2007. Due to the increased contribution of the endowed funds to the operating budget the Cathedral was able to increase the operating budget by 3.5 percent over 2006.

In 2008, the Finance Committee, in cooperation with the Budget Committee and the Vestry, will begin budgeting for three-year periods. The recently adopted mission statement and the soon-to-be-developed strategic plan of the Cathedral will allow the Cathedral to better match its resources to its mission. Should you have any questions pertaining to the Cathedral's finances, please contact me.

## Friends of Maison de Naissance

*Marian Philips*

“To raise awareness in our local community of the needs of women and children in the Haitian community and raise funds to further the goals of Maison de Naissance to reduce infant and maternal mortality.”

-Mission Statement of Friends of MN at GHTC

During 2007, the Friends of MN at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral worked to continue raising awareness of the needs of women and infants in Haiti through articles and announcements in *The Angelus* and Sunday bulletins.

- The MN money box was used during coffee hours to collect funds on the Sunday's when a Baptism was scheduled. People may make a contribution to help a Mother and her baby in Haiti in honor of the new baptized, or in honor of their own baptism. Checks or cash may be given. Checks can be made payable to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, with MN entered in the Memo line.
- Friends of MN participated in the Chili Cook-off fundraiser by the Social Action Committee, which donates a portion of the funds to Maison de Naissance.
- The Friends of MN had a display and information about Maison de Naissance during the Ministry Fair in September 2007.
- On October 7, 2007, during both coffee hours, Friends of MN served coffee cake and had a special decorated cake to celebrate the third anniversary of the founding of Maison de Naissance.

During 2008, the Friends of MN will continue to provide information about Maison de Naissance on a regular basis, and give support to other groups who are actively raising money to benefit MN.

Support for MN helps the church in its efforts to support at least two of the UN Millennium Development Goals, which are:

Goal #4: Reduce Infant/Child Mortality

Goal#5: Improve Maternal Health

We welcome anyone interested in joining the Friends of Maison de Naissance. Meetings for 2008 will be held the second Wednesday of even numbered months, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room located on the lower level of Founders' Hall. Anyone having questions may contact any member of the committee: Marian Philip, Chairperson; Valerie Johnson; Debbie Marrs; Phyllis Biddle; Stephanie Pumphrey; Sandy Carter and Rosemary Durkin.

## Guild of the Christ Child

*Stacy Morgan*

The Guild of the Christ Child is a ministry devoted to sharing Christ's love through support of church and families. The Guild's primary focus is to serve families with babies or young children, from birth through baptism. We are led by a small steering committee that meets once a month; however, we consider our membership to include all women at the Cathedral.

The Guild's steering committee operates through a set of subcommittees:

- **Baptism (Living Water):** This committee is responsible for coordinating with the clergy and staff to support the baptism process, including hosting baptism receptions, and presenting a gift to newly baptized children.
- **Records and Correspondence (Baby Books):** This committee is responsible for coordinating schedules with the Cathedral office, distributing minutes to members and the Vestry, submitting Angelus articles, and maintaining a history of the Guild's activities. This group is also in charge of correspondence to and from the Guild.
- **Recruiting and Outreach (Ins and Outs):** This committee is responsible for recruiting new members to the Guild and coordinating outreach efforts. The group coordinates with the clergy and staff to support families with new babies by providing a meal or two. In 2007, our outreach efforts included providing an area on the lower floor of Founders' Hall for children of those seeking assistance, preparing and serving a Lenten Academy meal, and hosting a Christmas cookie exchange.
- **Special Events (Exciting Times):** This committee is responsible for special projects during the year, including coordinating the Cathedral's Easter Egg Hunt, sponsoring a Rally Day table, decorating a trunk for Trunk or Treat, and sponsoring the Wonderscope Children's Museum's participation in the Parish Picnic. This committee also plans one or two social outings for the Guild each year.

The Guild of the Christ Child has several ideas for expanding our ministry in 2008, and we hope to involve new Cathedral families in our outreach and to serve more families in the greater Kansas City community. We are always excited to welcome new members on the committee to assist in planning and carrying out events or to provide meals to families with newly born or newly adopted children. For more information, please contact Heather Cleavinger, Stacy Morgan or the Rev. Canon Susan Sommer.

## Habitat for Humanity

*Grady Sanford*

In 2007 the vestry of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral committed to financial support of a Habitat for Humanity, Kansas City building project. The project included financial support from three Episcopal churches in the metropolitan area, Congregation Ohev and the Center of Islamic Education thereby including the Islamic, Jewish and Christian Communities of Kansas City and, thus the project name The House Abraham Built.

Through the spring and summer and extending into the fall work crews from the various congregations came together to raise one home for one Kansas City family. Working and praying together gave all of the participants the opportunity to stretch their personal limits while extending the loving hand of God to the Johnson family who moved into the house in time to celebrate Christmas 2007.

## Health Ministry

*Lucy Ann Fleischman*

In 2007, the Parish Health Ministry continued blood pressure screenings every second Sunday during coffee hour. During this time information about high blood pressure, healthy diet and lifestyle is often discussed. It's our pleasure to check children from time to time and begin encouraging self-care and healthy choices.

We also had a CPR/AED trainer from St. Luke's Hospital work with the Cathedral staff to prepare them to use the AED (automated external defibrillator) and to administer CPR if needed.

In 2008 we will continue to check blood pressure on the second Sunday of the month. We would like to offer CPR training for others in the congregation. We always want to listen and share in ways that promote wellness. Health care professionals can contact Lucy Ann at 816.452.5166 to help.

## Holy Hands Hospitality

*Joyce Morrow*

The Holy Hands Ministry continues to provide coffee hours through the work of dedicated team members who serve on a monthly basis following the 10:15 a.m. and two of the 8 a.m. services. The Holy Hands coordinated the Shortbread Feast following the Kirkin' of the Tartan, Give from Our Harvest benefit of supplies and funds for KCCCK in November and the Cookie Sharing for the congregation and KCCCK guests in December. The 10:15 teams provide a tray for the 5 p.m. service. A group of volunteers led by Pat Wright offer their talents to provide receptions for ordinations, Easter Eve and selected special events throughout the year. Anyone interested in participating in any manner in this ongoing ministry are welcomed to contact Joyce Morrow at jemorrow@kc.rr.com.

## Integrity

*Adam Duncan*

For close to three years the group has been meeting as a small group of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. In the fall of 2005, the group was granted in-formation status by the National Integrity Board and became an official chapter as of February 15, 2007 in Integrity Inc. The chapter is open to anyone interested from the Kansas City area and beyond, especially those from the Diocese of Western Missouri and the Diocese of Kansas.

Integrity/Kansas City meets on the third Sunday of the month at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, first by participating in Holy Eucharist at 5 p.m. and second by gathering in the Common Room at 6 p.m. for a meeting. During 2007 the members have shared their own stories about being LGBT and Christian, or being a supporter of LGBT inclusion and Christian.

The mission and ministry of Integrity/Kansas City is to bear witness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, with an intentional witness to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans gendered individuals. So that all who wish to live a life of faith in Jesus Christ feel safe, respected and loved within the local parish. Integrity/Kansas City is also a voice to call upon Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, The Diocese of West Missouri and the Episcopal Church to make available to all Baptized Christians all the sacraments of the church.

Chapter members are available to provide resources, support and pastoral care for individuals and families facing issues related to both sexual identity and spirituality. Integrity/Kansas City wishes to provide a safe place for this conversation, either one on one, with a whole family or in a larger group.

The following are the goals that were accepted as a part of the Integrity/Kansas City Constitution and Bylaws.

- Spiritual development: We shall strive to achieve Christian maturity through all means at our disposal, especially through personal and corporate prayer, active love of neighbor and full participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

- Education: We shall strive to inform ourselves in all matters of faith, especially those that concern the GLBT community, so that we may develop the maturity of outlook needed to live fulfilling lives in which sexuality and spirituality are integrated and to prepare us for service in the gay and straight communities.
- Involvement: As Christian members of society, we shall become involved in those actions that bring the love of Christ to others and provide the basis for reform.
  - 1) We shall strive to lead a life of service to others, hoping to render visible the love of Christ and to contribute our share to building a community of love.
  - 2) We shall work with other homophile groups for the cause of justice, especially for GLBT persons, and shall strive to create a community of mutual support with those who share our work for justice.
  - 3) We shall work with other groups, both religious and secular, in order to assist in understanding GLBT persons and assist in recognition and correction of present injustices. We shall give special attention to our witness to the Episcopal Church in our area.
- Social Events: Activities of a social and recreational nature will be provided to promote an atmosphere where friendship can develop and mature, and where a sense of acceptance and wholeness may be experienced, strengthened and nurtured by gay and lesbian persons.

This ministry is comprised of straight and GLBT people that feel a call to work and pray together, within the life in the Episcopal Church, until all people know the Love of God in Christ Jesus, and are welcomed to the Table. If you would like to know more, call the GHTC office, or go to the [www.IntegrityUSA.org](http://www.IntegrityUSA.org) web site, or come to one of the meetings. All are welcome.

In 2008 Integrity/Kansas City will create venues for open discussion throughout the Diocese.

## Music Committee

*Diane Barker*

The Music Committee is parishioners who consult with Canon Schaefer on various aspects of the music ministry of the Cathedral. Current members are: Diane Barker, Paget Higgins, Christina Lenon, Malinda McCasland, Pat Miller, Bruce Weekes, Rick Jordahl and David Barker. The committee usually meets on the first Sunday of the month at noon.

The Cathedral serves as host to many musical events, including recitals, concerts by musicians from the community; and also our own events, the Summer Series and the *Messiah* Singalong. Committee members assist with these offerings to assure that the events run smoothly and that visitors to the Cathedral feel welcomed.

The committee continues to support the Cathedral's four music organizations: the Trinity Choir, the Tallis Singers, the Grace Choraliers, and the Cathedral Bell Ringers.

Bruce Weekes and Rick Jordahl joined the Committee this past year. We are eager to have interested and committed people join us as we seek to strengthen our well respected music program.

## Music Ministry

*Canon John Schaefer*

The Cathedral musicians continue to fulfill their primary intension, which is to be strong, positive leaders of worship. The singers are well aware of the high standards set by God for us, that is to worship God with the best that we are and can be. We are grateful for the support and encouragement of clergy and congregation in this pursuit.

The Trinity Choir, the principal liturgical choir, had a busy year beyond the services of Sunday Eucharist and the major Feast Days of the Church. Our one non-liturgical accomplishment was the performance of J. S.

Bach's St. Matthew Passion with the William Baker Festival Singers and orchestra. Singing for the funerals of Dean Cavanaugh and Harold Phillips were bittersweet experiences – grand but sad. It was good to join with the musicians and clergy of the Roman Catholic Cathedral for two services of Requiem and Remembrance in November; many of the Trinity Choir members were glad to have the opportunity to sing the Fauré Requiem. There are occasional openings in the various sections for those interested to be a part of the choir's ministry. Singers should be in touch with the Choirmaster to learn the particulars.

The Tallis Singers, the high school choral ensemble, have seen one singer leave to go to college and some singers come from the Grace Choraliers. There are also some singers who are new to the choir. In addition to preparing the service music and anthems, the musicians are refining and broadening their skills as leaders of worship. The Choirmaster hopes that they will gladden the hearts of the choir directors they encounter, by being well trained musicians. The Singers would be glad to have others join them; the Choirmaster prefers to hear a prospective singer before that singer is admitted.

The Grace Choraliers, led by Malinda McCasland, delight and inspire whenever they sing in worship. They, too, are learning how to be good leaders of worship. Members and their families are asked to consider the commitment needed for participation in the ensemble. Through this commitment, the Choraliers have become a dedicated, enthusiastic group of singers who helps to lead worship service when they sing monthly. They are devoted and work very hard every week to create their ministry. The Choraliers welcome others to come and sing.

The Cathedral Bell Ringers enhance worship from time to time with their ringing. The ensemble has improved in both precision and musicality, and have a lot of fun doing so.

John Fowler is the organist for the 5 p.m. service. Gino de Luca is the principal cantor and is assisted by Sally Livengood. They are fine leaders of worship.

The Cathedral continues to be a place where individuals and ensembles come to make music. Amongst the performers last season were the Kansas City Chorale, the Allegro Children's Choruses, the Fine Arts Chorale, the Kansas City Women's Chorus, the Friends of Chamber Music, students from UMKC and the William Baker Festival Singers. The *Messiah* Singalong, conducted by Jack Ergo, was spirited, as always.

The return of the Paul Mesner Puppets and their interpretation of *The Nativity*, staged at the beginning of Advent, was a particularly happy occasion.

Our plan for 2008 is to do what we do with even greater sensitivity and spiritual grace.

The Trinity Choir has been invited to sing at a service for the Southwest Region of the American Choral Directors' Association and with the Philharmonia of Greater Kansas City. The Tallis Singers will be exploring opportunities for sharing their gifts with the community at large. We also look forward to sharing in additional choral events with the musicians of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

We thank God for all the blessings bestowed upon us.

## Newcomers' Committee

*Kristy Moore*

The Newcomers' Committee is a dedicated group of people responsible for planning and hosting programs and events which serve to incorporate new members and visitors into the life of the Cathedral. The revitalization of downtown Kansas City is an ideal time for the Cathedral to make its presence known and reach out to the surrounding residents.

The Newcomers' Committee hosted a Fourth Friday event in September which showcased the talents of our own Cathedral artists. This event was well attended and we plan to host a First Friday on May 2. We are assisting the Social Action committee with the Chili Cook-off and the Pancake Breakfast. We will be hosting a luncheon in February for attendees of the fall and spring Journey to Faith classes and other new members. We have also revitalized the Sunday morning greeters program in the tower entrance. Extending a warm welcome to visitors is a reflection of our Cathedral family.

Members of the committee are Jackye Finnie, Joe Finnie, Gary Hicks, Andrew Johnson, Holly Johnson, Jeffery

Johnson, Kristen Johnson, Valerie Johnson, Sally Livengood, Carolyn McLeroy, Ron McLeroy, Kristy Moore and Canon Sommer. If you have any interest in serving on this committee, please contact Carolyn McLeroy or Kristy Moore.

## Nursery

*Joan Bock*

For the past five years, we have seen an increase in infants and toddlers needing nursery care at GHTC. My staff and I care for 15 to 20 little ones each Sunday. We also provide care during the week, for meetings, classes and rehearsals to allow young parents to attend these events.

The nursery staff here at GHTC has been in place for more than six years. This has created a stable environment for the toddlers and infants in our care. All staff is currently certified in Infant/Child CPR and Infant Defibrillator use. We have conducted fire and tornado drills and have procedures posted.

In 2008, we will have a “new” look to two of our white walls. Kay Woolley, a parishioner and art teacher, has volunteered to paint bright and cheerful murals to uplift our space.

Special thank you to the families that have donated gently used toys and books over the past year. These gifts are always appreciated.

## Reel People

*Linda England*

Reel People is a movie discussion group that meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except Advent and Lent) in the Common Room. We share a dinner of pizza and salad while watching a movie and then discussion follows the film. We take turns serving as hosts and we all chip in \$5 per person to pay for the food. In 2007 we decided it would be best if we would RSVP to the hosts so that we would have enough pizza each time. Our “year” runs from June to June and so far this year we’ve seen *Places in the Heart*, *Lives of Others*, *The Butterfly Effect*, *Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont* and *Harold and Maude*. Our next meeting is April 23 when we will watch *The Staircase*. At our June meeting, which will be a potluck this year, we will pick all our movies for the coming year. This is a fun group and we welcome new people, even if you can only come occasionally.

## Social Action Committee

*Sandra Hornbeck*

*“Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.”* -Book of Common Prayer.

We are pleased to report to the membership of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral that, with your help and God’s, we made significant advances in several programs in 2007.

### R.A.M.P. Program

In late 2006 and 2007, under the leadership of Priscilla Brown, we successfully reorganized the “emergency assistance program” into R.A.M.P. – the Rental Assistance and Mortgage Payment program. We focused our efforts in this ministry away from utilities assistance to keeping needy families in their homes. In 2007, we helped more than 100 families (men, women, and children) to keep their homes through one-time assistance. All of these individuals were either “working poor” or people on social security / disability who were at risk of losing their homes due to extraordinary emergency financial pressures (medical bills, car repairs, etc.).

## Anti-Hunger Network of Episcopal Community Services

In 2007 we provided additional support to The Kansas City Community Kitchen and the ECS Anti-Hunger Network. This included:

- An allocation of \$5,000 per quarter to the Community Kitchen
- Continued hosting of the Pancake Breakfast with all proceeds going to the kitchen.
- A special emergency allocation of \$4,000 to assist ECS in replacing a critical piece of kitchen equipment that was irreparable.

## Foster Care Outreach Project

*“Whosoever welcomes a child such as this, in my name, welcomes me.” -Jesus, Matthew 18:5*

Under the leadership of Dave Pierson, we continue to expand our Foster Care Project. Our goal is to provide contacts of love and caring with children in the foster care programs in our metropolitan area. Of special significance in 2007 was the development of a relationship with the Crittenton Children’s Center, a faith-based, not for profit organization dedicated to providing the highest quality innovative behavioral health services to children and families as part of the Saint Luke’s Health System. They serve children from age four and up in a psychiatric hospital, as well as adolescents in a residential treatment hospital, girls’ home and independent living program. We are very excited about the new relationship that we are forging with another part of our Episcopal family. Highlights include:

- Expansion of our Easter Outreach Program for Foster Children to a total of 180 Easter Baskets to the Kaw Valley Center and Crittenton Children’s Center.
- The Foster Care Outreach Group has had an active year. Thanks to the very generous support from Cathedral members and friends, we were able to distributed \$2,000 worth of \$25 discount store gift cards to area foster care teenagers as Birthday presents. Half of this amount was provided specifically for birthday presents for teenagers in the care of Missouri Children’s Divison, as well as an additional \$1,000 worth of the cards were provided for children in the new foster care program of Crittenton Children’s Home, an affiliate of Diocese related St Luke’s Hospital. Each \$25 gift card was presented to the youth in card featuring the Cathedral’s Hart stained glass window, along with an encouraging message. The gift cards allow each youth to choose their own present.
- Our sponsorship, coordination and participation in the Foster Children’s Christmas Party for the Crittenton Children’s Center. This was our first time for this event. In addition to gifts for each child provided through Crittenton’s Adopt An Angel program, the Cathedral arranged a photo opportunity for each child with Santa Claus, as well as craft materials for the children to create their own photo frames and other crafts, which could be used as Christmas presents for the children’s biological and foster families and friends. We also provided fruit trays, homemade cookies, peanuts, candy, hot chocolate, lemonade and other snacks. Each child also received craft project items and a goody bag to take home. We also made a donation of a variety of board games for Crittenton’s ongoing use. Special thanks to “Santa” for his special appearance, the Guild of the Christ for their generous donation of cookies, and to our new and old committee members for their great support in making this project a success.

For 2008, we look forward to continuing and improving these programs and reviewing other opportunities for us to be involved in providing care, in Christ’s name, for this group of His Kansas City area children.

We welcome, invite, and need new members for the committee, whether you are interested in helping out in special events or possibly volunteering on an ongoing basis. For information, please contact David Pierson, Lori Childs, Ferne Welles or any other group member.

## Other Ministries

Of course, there are additional programs that we continue to support at the Cathedral in many different ways, including:

- Growing financial support for the Friends of Maison de Naissance under the leadership of Marian Philips through the Cathedral Chili Cook-off

- With the leadership of Greg Morgan and Vangie Rich, continued active participation from the Cathedral in The Kansas City AIDS Walk
- Continued growth of the Necessary Dreams Project with the leadership of Sam Satterfield for families in case management programs.

Through all of these programs, our goal is at the very least two-fold: to mirror Christ's love by helping those in need, and to provide multiple opportunities for members of the Cathedral to become involved themselves.

Once again, we give thanks to all of you – those who support us with your pledges or designated donations, those who volunteer in our programs, those who give us advice and point us to additional areas of need, and those who include the people who we help in your prayers. And we pledge, with your support and with God's, to continue our assistance efforts in each of these important areas of need.

## Stewardship Committee

*Steve Moore*

The Stewardship Committee is a committee of the Vestry and is charged with encouraging people to respond to God's blessings in their lives by committing their time, talent and treasures to support and grow the Cathedral and its many ministries. The goal of the Stewardship Committee is to achieve 100 percent participation of the Cathedral membership in making a financial commitment to the Cathedral.

In April 2007, in accordance with the Cathedral's Governance Policy, the Vestry Nominating Committee nominated and the Vestry approved the appointment of the following members of the committee: Paula Connors, Kathy Jennings, Jeff Johnson, Angela Michka, Steve Moore (chair) and Robin Rusconi.

The Stewardship Committee developed a new look to its 2008 campaign. The campaign was kicked off by "Jazz Sunday," followed by a champagne brunch. The celebratory meal was held at the American Jazz Museum, demonstrating the Cathedral's commitment to being the "Cathedral at the Heart of Kansas City." The uplifting theme of the 2008 campaign, "We Can. We Will!" was well-received by the congregation, and was incorporated into our weekly service during the height of the stewardship season.

The Stewardship Committee is committed to the proposition that stewardship is not simply a "season," but rather should be a priority throughout the year; therefore, we will continue our efforts to raise new pledges throughout the year.

As in years past, some members have not yet renewed their pledges. The committee is in the process of following up. We are confident of reaching our goal of raising \$600,000 in pledges for 2008.

## The Angelus Small Group

*Chris Morrison*

The Angelus Small Group exists as part of a vision to enrich Cathedral life with relevant content that is of interest to parishioners. Any and all Cathedral members with an interest in journalism, creative writing or photography are encouraged to join the group. Group membership was somewhat stagnant in 2007, but the group's members continued their regular contributions. We have profiled new Cathedral members, previewed upcoming events and described significant issues in Cathedral life. In 2008, we began a new series, "Green Cathedral," which aims to involve Cathedral members in the growing area of environmental stewardship. The group always welcomes new members and story ideas are always welcome from anyone. Professional experience is not required, just a desire to serve our parish. For more information, please contact Chris Morrison at 816.420-9422 or [chrism7@mindspring.com](mailto:chrism7@mindspring.com).

## Trinity Teens Youth Group

*The Rev. Joe Behen*

Youth gatherings this year have a three-fold make-up: Episcopal youth curriculum, confirmation preparation, and “media dissection.” Approximately twice per month, the “Attitude” curriculum (published by Living the Good News Publications) will be used in a modified form. It was chosen because it incorporates a good theology of faith with interesting and fun presentations. Games that we use are largely for the purpose of group building. We feel that it is important that each youth feel themselves to be part of a community of friends struggling together to learn what their living out of the baptismal covenant will look like in their life.

The Media Dissection sessions on Sunday mornings consist in part of viewing and discussing commercials, music and advertisements that youth are likely to be exposed to already. On Wednesday nights, we occasionally use clips from films for the same purpose. The goal of this exercise is two-fold. First, youth learn to think critically about what is being presented to them in the media. In other words, they wrestle with the vision of life that is assumed in these medium, and explore how these visions might affect their own assumptions? Secondly and most importantly, we put these cultural value assumptions in conversation with our Christian faith through both Scripture and the BCP. Our youth are learning to understand how faith matters in their lives, and to make mature decisions that are congruent with who they are as Christians. Using the Bible and the BCP in this way, they attain a “working” familiarity with these documents of faith.

Confirmation preparation is included in the Sunday morning curriculum as an ongoing, regular event. Three Sunday mornings each semester consist of preparation for this sacrament so that over a two year period, all youth will have been exposed to the full compliment of preparatory material and discussion. Material used from the curriculum and presented in the “media dissections” is used to develop and to explore ideas initiated in confirmation preparation.

Youth will continue to explore their faith in a variety of ways throughout the year, including a Lenten retreat, additional community building activities, and through an increasingly in-depth look at the living out of faith. We hope that they will be able to see their faith mature as they live out the call to follow Christ.

## Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

*The Rev. Canon Susan Sommer*

The group who meets for Bible Study on Tuesday afternoons continued to be lively in their discussion and faithful in their attendance. The addition of Fr. Joe Behen to the staff in June and the stepping aside of Fr. Michael Johnston due to health issues meant that this group has undergone some changes in its leadership.

At present, the clergy rotate leadership of this group, meaning that one clergy person leads the study of a particular Biblical text. When study of that book is completed, the group selects a new book to study, and another clergy person takes over. This gives the Cathedral clergy equal opportunity to enjoy this group of spirited folk, and gives the participants an opportunity to spend time with a variety of leaders. Everyone benefits!

The group meets from 2-3 p.m. Tuesdays in the Common Room. As of this writing, Canon Sommer is leading the group through the Gospel of Mark. (At the rate we’re going, we should be finished just in time for Advent, 2008 to begin where the primary gospel will be Mark!)

## Tuesday Evening Theology Group

*The Rev. Joe Behen*

The Tuesday Evening Theology Group began meeting weekly in late August. We began with five individuals, and have recently had as many as twelve. The idea was to create a format for some informal discussions in an informal setting. We meet at a pub in Westport to have regular discussions not only about what we believe as Christians, but about why it matters. In other words, what does it look like to live one's belief in the world today, and what challenges does this present?

We have discussed such topics as suffering, evil, politics and atheism. We have read material by Rowan Williams, Wendell Berry, Annie Dillard, Roberta Bondi and many others. We hope during the winter and spring months to discuss such topics as environment, discernment, and culture, as well as some more traditional topics such as Trinitarian theology and Christology. Our goal is not just to learn Christian theology, but to learn how to live Christian theology in this time and place.

## Women's Retreats

*The Rev. Carol Sanford*

The Cathedral Women's Retreat was held at the Franciscan Prayer Center in Independence, Missouri, over three days and two nights in January 2007. The retreat was organized and presented by a committee of Cathedral women and the Rev. Carol Sanford. Approximately thirty women gathered to explore the theme "Thankful Hearts" through worship, reflection, music, creative endeavor, fellowship and fun.

During 2007, committee women began developing the 2008 retreat and considered possibilities for additional gatherings, such as a day retreat for familial and spiritual mothers and daughters.

The primary 2008 event is scheduled for February 15-17 at the Marillac Center in Leavenworth, Kansas. The theme this year is "Loving Ourselves," drawn from the scriptural imperative emphasized in the Cathedral mission statement, that we love our neighbors as ourselves. While maintaining the general format established over the previous nine concurrent retreats, the 2008 retreat will include more unstructured and quiet time and the Marillac facility will offer improved accessibility.

Also during 2008, we will begin to assess how we understand "our" retreat in light of the number of women from other parishes who either now attend or have expressed interest in doing so. The tradition of spiritual growth and mutual concern fostered through previous Women's Retreats continues to flourish at the Cathedral and beyond.

# BALANCE SHEET: DECEMBER 31, 2007

## Assets

<b>10 - Cash Accounts</b>		
1100 - Operating Fund Sweep-UMB	\$1,792.05	
1121 - Memorial Fund Sweep-UMB	\$57,661.75	
1141 - Property 2% Capital Fund Sweep-UMB	\$3,838.70	
1150 - Altar Guild Fund-BOA	\$712.12	
1161 - Flower & Candle Fund Sweep-UMB	\$3,406.82	
1171 - Book & Gift Store Fund Sweep-UMB	\$7,854.60	
1180 - Outreach Program Fund-UMB	\$4,578.81	
1196 - Discretionary Fund Sweep-UMB	\$2,035.74	
<b>Total 10 - Cash Accounts</b>		<b>\$81,880.59</b>
<b>11 - Investment - Money Market</b>		
1200 - Scudder Invest. Operating	\$6,769.84	
1210 - Scudder Invest. Memorial	\$4,181.82	
1220 - Scudder Invest. Property	\$1,225.41	
1230 - Scudder Invest. Outreach	\$3,881.17	
<b>12 - Investments - Securities</b>		
1320 - Trust # 1 Investment	\$547,010.44	
1330 - Trust # 2 Investment	\$5,224,422.30	
1340 - Trust # 3 Investment	\$219,147.99	
1350 - Kemper Investment	\$4,188,634.04	
1355 - Kemper Invest Restricted	\$374,304.78	
1370 - Faeth Music Investment	\$2,025,496.66	
<b>Total 12 - Investments - Securities</b>	<b>\$12,579,016.21</b>	
<b>Total 11 - Investment - Money Market</b>		<b>\$12,595,074.45</b>
<b>13 - Founders' Hall</b>		
1600 - Property - Founders' Hall	\$4,815,115.45	
<b>Total 13 - Founders' Hall</b>		<b>\$4,815,115.45</b>
<b>14 - Cathedral Property</b>		
1610 - Property-Cathedral	\$1,344,315.86	
1620 - Property-Cathedral Balcony/Organ	\$663,592.73	
1630 - Property-Diocesan	\$523,129.59	
1640 - Property-Texaco	\$340,252.81	
1650 - Property-Nave	\$1,708,518.43	
<b>Total 14 - Cathedral Property</b>		<b>\$4,579,809.42</b>
<b>16- Notes Receivable</b>		
1680 - Notes Receivable - DST	\$1,000,000.00	
<b>Total 16- Notes Receivable</b>		<b>\$1,000,000.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$23,071,879.91</b>

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## Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds

### Liabilities

#### 21 - Holding Accounts

2400 - Wedding Exchange Account	\$7,532.48
2401 - Ad. Ed. Continuing Education	\$106.65
2402 - Ad. Ed. Retreat's	\$3,924.62
2405 - Ad. Ed. ALPHA	\$124.00
2406 - Ad. Ed. Small Groups	\$1,722.93
2407 - Ad. Ed. Lenten Academy	\$669.48
2408 - Foster Child BDay Exchange	\$914.90
2409 - Conferences/Workshops	\$282.89
2410 - Ad. Ed. Adult Forum	\$540.60
2413 - Youth Group Fund Raisers	\$2,998.12
2414 - Church School Fund Raisers	\$1,000.00
2415 - Guild of the Christ Child	\$685.75
2422 - Integrity	\$241.60
2423 - Three Mary's	\$190.00
2430 - Special Projects	\$143.35
2517 - Nave Memorial Book	\$33,661.02

#### Total 21 - Holding Accounts

**\$54,738.39**

#### Total Liabilities

**\$54,738.39**

### Fund Principal

#### 30 - Fund Balances

3100 - Trust Fund Balance	\$12,488,446.06
3101 - Outreach Program Fund Balance	\$12,264.65
3103 - Property Fund Balance	\$10,527,029.33
3104 - Memorial Fund Balance	\$2,475.86
3105 - Operating Fund Balance	\$63,175.43
3106 - Altar Guild Fund Balance	\$4,396.54

#### Total 30 - Fund Balances

**\$23,097,787.87**

Excess Cash Received	(\$80,646.35)
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#### Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received

**\$23,017,141.52**

### Restricted Funds

Total Temporarily Restricted	\$0.00
Total Permanently Restricted	\$0.00

#### Total Restricted Funds

**\$0.00**

### Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds

**\$23,071,879.91**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT: 2007 YTD

	General Fund		Memorial Fund	Property Fund	Other Funds				
	Budget 12 Months	Actual 12 Months			Capital 2%	Discr. Fund	Outreach Fund	Gift Shop	Flower Fund
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>									
Pledges	534,450	539,425							
Plate offering	75,000	81,275							
Plate to Discretionary	6,000	6,000							
Unrestricted Bequests	451,042	451,062							
Special Gifts	0	4,930							
Events/Lease	30,000	28,815							
Fund Raisers	6,000	8,298							
MMK Checking Interest	4,000	4,533							
DST Note	80,000	80,000							
Endowment 5% Operating	440,481	446,190							
Crowell Trust Income	160,668	173,871							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>1,787,641</b>	<b>1,824,399</b>							
Memorial Fund			11,812						
Property Fund				0					
Property 2% Capital					37,759*				
Discretionary Fund	6,000					12,117			
Outreach Fund	58,200						65,406		
Gift Shop Fund								1,783	
Flower Fund									13,213
Total Other Income	64,200		11,812	0	37,759	12,117	65,406	1,783	13,213
					*2007 TIF grant totaled \$33,599				
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>									
Plate to Discretionary	6,000	6,000							
Social Outreach	58,200	58,200							
The Larger Church	248,312	250,904							
Clergy Support	352,600	354,602							
Administration and General	217,863	232,688							
Property	356,057	381,932							
Utilities	120,000	119,660							
Education	144,316	138,683							
Music	142,342	141,078							
Parish Life	63,439	75,135							
Nursery	48,958	48,069							
Fund Raisers	0	1,603							
Staff Bonuses	0	10,433							
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,758,087</b>	<b>1,818,987</b>							
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>29,554</b>	<b>5,412</b>							
Memorial Fund			94,537						
Property Fund - Founders' Hall				144,025					
Property 2% Capital					285,320				
Discretionary Fund						13,087			
Outreach Fund							79,574		
Gift Shop Fund								1,932	
Flower Fund									18,311
Total Other Expenditures			94,537	80,715	285,320	13,087	79,574	1,932	18,311
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>			<b>(82,725)</b>	<b>(144,025)</b>	<b>(247,561)</b>	<b>(970)</b>	<b>(14,168)</b>	<b>(149)</b>	<b>(5,098)</b>

# Vestry Members

## *Class of 2007*

Paula Henderson Connors  
John Fowler  
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Bill Hubbard  
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Ron McLeroy  
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The Rev. Joe Behen	<i>Clergy Assistant</i>
The Rev. Dr. Michael Johnston	<i>Scholar-in-Residence</i>
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The Rev. Bruce Hall	<i>Deacon</i>
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Lamond Rushing	<i>Sexton</i>
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Keith Green	<i>Sexton</i>
Kevin Burton	<i>Sexton</i>
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