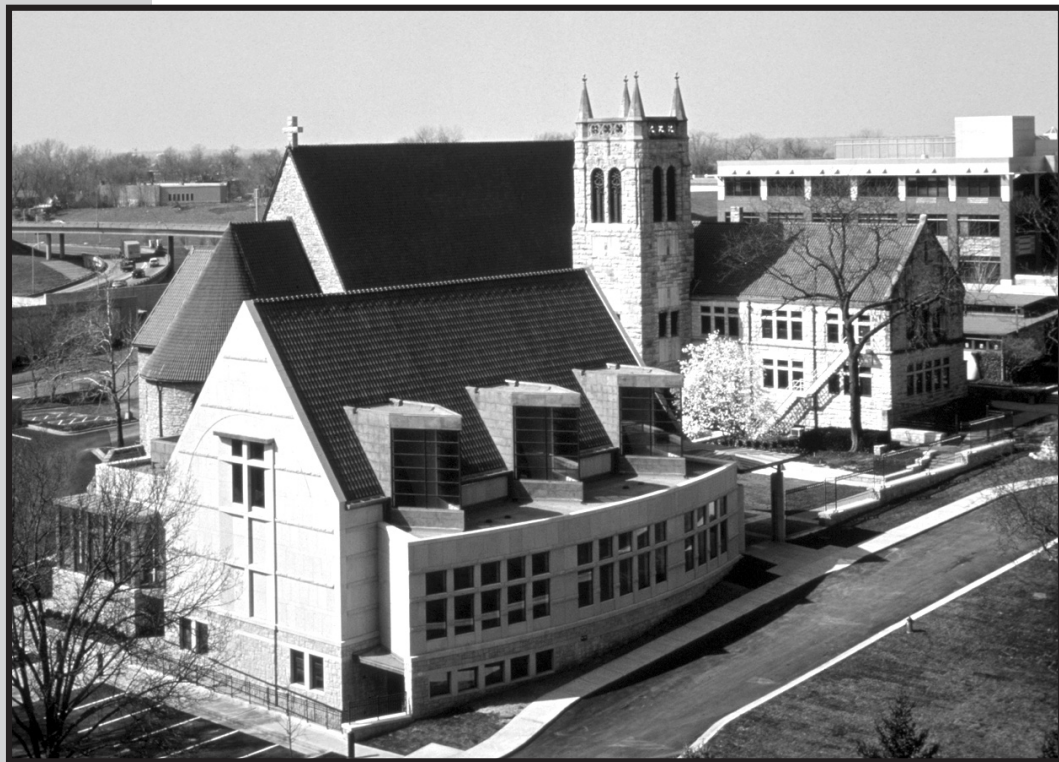


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A LETTER FROM DEAN WHITE

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

January 28, 2007

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 who are 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 and, 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 talents 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 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+

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

[immediately following the final hymn, in the Nave]

- I. Call to Order, Prayer, and Welcome
- II. Appointment of Clerk for the Annual Meeting
- III. Appointment of Chancellor for the Annual Meeting
- IV. Recognition of Faithful Service to the Cathedral

Vestry members completing terms:

Gary Hicks, John Hornbeck, David Rice

Lucy Richards, Marnell Sparks, Doyle White, Rodger Wright

Auxiliary Members completing terms:

Sharon Cheers, Alexandra Connors, Richard Fanolio, Paget Higgins

- V. Report of the Nominating Committee & Election of Vestry
- VI. Financial Reports for 2006
- VII. Questions about 2006 Financial Report or 2007 Budget
- VIII. Reception of Annual Reports by Title
- IX. Litany of Thanksgiving for the Church, BCP, pg. 578.
- X. Adjournment
- XI. Dismissal

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

VESTRY NOMINEES

LEIGH BLACKMAN



Leigh has been a member of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral for a number of years and serves as a healing minister at the 8 a.m. service. She has served on the Adult Education Committee, is an EfM graduate, a Eucharistic Visitor and serves as a Cathedral Caregivers letter writer. Leigh feels her experiences gained from these ministries would teach her to SERVE on the Vestry, not just be a member. She is the manager of the Business Analysis Department for a software development subsidiary of McKesson. Leigh states, "In my work position I plan for the future and I would look to be a good steward of the Cathedral's future talent, time and funds." Her vision for the

Cathedral would see it as active in the parishioners lives and in downtown Kansas City. Outreach and being good stewards of the environment are of great importance to Leigh.

GARY HICKS

Gary is nominated for his second term on the Vestry. He is a member of the Social Action Committee, a Eucharistic Visitor, healing minister, Children's Chapel homilist and EfM mentor. He regularly attends Men's Bible Study, Reel People and previously taught Sunday school and was a Youth Group leader. As Executive Director for two non-profit trade associations, he feels he brings an understanding of management issues of non-profit board activities. Gary's vision of the Cathedral is a place "in the heart of the community and diocese; a growing, vibrant church which cares about its members and neighbors."



JOHN HORNBECK



John is a current Vestry member nominated for a second term. He has been active on the Social Action Committee, on a cook team for the Kansas City Community Kitchen, and as a volunteer for the Cathedral Outreach Program. John is working to reorganize the Cathedral library and was instrumental in organizing the bookstore. He is an EfM graduate, writes for *The Angelus*, attends Men's Bible Study and is a former member of the Education Committee. He serves as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Morning Prayer leader during Lent and Advent. John has a firm commitment to the Cathedral and believes that active involvement in the Cathedral community is vital to Vestry appointment. Included in his vision for the Cathedral are "growing our membership

including our Westside neighbors, increasing our commitment to social outreach and to become a source of leadership for the churches within the Diocese of West Missouri."

BRIAN MARRS

Brian was baptized and confirmed at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. He has served as an acolyte, is a lead 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 of 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 to explore oneself through classes, activities and fellowship. A Cathedral that continues to grow and attract more families."



J. GREGORY MORGAN



Greg grew up a preacher's kid and has been an Episcopalian since 1980 and an active member at the Cathedral for five years. His activities at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral include EfM mentor, lay reader, Social Action Committee, Integrity board member, Children's Chapel homilist, Men's Bible Study and small dinner group. Greg served as the head of an Episcopal School for nine years. He has strong skills, particularly working with boards and on church issues. His strengths are in writing, teaching and listening. This month he assumes the duties as Director of Development for Friendship House/Catherine's Place, a mid-town agency that provides housing, counseling and support for women recovering from addiction. Greg feels we have "an extraordinary congregation and we are a very dynamic place." As for the future, Greg's interests include expanding our diversity, outreach, a social action focus as modeled by Jesus, and strategic planning. He has a strong interest in Christian education as a crucial area in our Cathedral life.

LUCY RICHARDS

Lucy has completed her first term on the Vestry and is nominated for a second term. She strongly believes in serving the Cathedral by responding where she feels called to participate. She brings the perspective of an experienced, mature female church member, a retired registered nurse who has experienced many facets of church and community life. As well as serving on the Vestry, Lucy has served as a delegate to West Missouri Diocesan conventions. Lucy has stated her personal goal as "doing her part to help the Cathedral and its membership continue the chart set for the road ahead, endeavoring to encourage all members to fully participate and share our gifts. We are a very blessed parish in many ways."



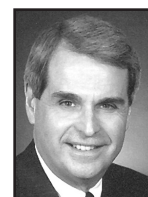
MARNELL SPARKS



Marnell is nominated for a second term on the Vestry. She is a Coffee Hour Holy Hands Chairperson, Holy Hands liaison for funeral receptions, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, member of the Women's Retreat leadership team and a Kansas City Community Kitchen work team and homilist for Children's Chapel. Marnell has experience in leadership roles in the larger Church and is currently on the Board as Secretary of the Province VII Episcopal Church Women, and has attended the last three national Triennial meetings of the ECW. Her vision for the Cathedral is for it to become "a true sanctuary of safety in the development and growth of persons in their relationship with God, individually and corporately, so that their desire becomes to share the GOOD NEWS with others."

DOYLE WHITE

Doyle currently serves on the Vestry. He is the Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman, a Diocesan convention delegate, Governance Policy Committee member and former Stewardship Chairman. Doyle has an understanding of the finances of the Cathedral that give him a foundation for assessing the way ministries affect the Cathedral financially and working with these ministries in ways to maximize the strengths of their mission and commitment to the Cathedral and the community. Doyle says "I envision a Cathedral where people are united and spiritually energized in Christ even though their background and vision may differ. Thus united we become witnesses of God's love for the world."



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Michael Thomas

Last year at this time we outlined our intent to strengthen our ministry to our children and young people by making the Children's Education Coordinator a full-time position and by hiring a minister of youth to build a dynamic program for our young people. We have met both of these goals and we have demonstrated our commitment to growing the future of the Church in other tangible ways.

In 2007, we complete a three year period of significant investment in the staff resources of our Cathedral as well as investment in our facilities. In addition, led by our Dean, the Vestry of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral has taken a leadership position in support of new congregational growth in the Diocese. We made a gift on behalf of the parishioners of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral to assist the building fund at Mary Magdalene and other selected missions at the discretion of our Bishop. Interviews are being conducted to fill the new Administrative Assistant position to support our senior pastors. You will recall that this goal was discussed at the annual stewardship luncheon, and funded by the budget committee in the 2007 budget. The newly created Administrative Assistant position, supported by our new and updated telephone system, will go a long way toward improving communications between the parish and the staff. Other investments in ministry will be discussed in the 2007 budget review at the annual meeting.

In 2007, we will spend a great deal of time and effort defining the mission of this Cathedral and linking our investments in ministry to that mission. We will look forward through 2009 to bringing into in sharper focus what we are called to be in the city, and how we might effectively consolidate our resources to meet that call. We have made the commitment of resources. Now it is time to put them to use in growing our ministry at Grace and Holy Trinity.

None of this would be possible, of course, without the sacrifice and commitment of many parishioners, past and present, who love the Cathedral. We were blessed in 2006 by a generous bequest from two sisters, Helen and Isabel Curdy, who attended the Cathedral and loved the music and the liturgy of the service. They supported the Cathedral throughout their life here and made sure that the ministry of this place would continue long after they were gone. Every generation has its own vision. We must now honor the commitments of Isabel and Helen, along with generations of others who preceded us, by identifying our vision and supporting it with our time and our resources. We will need the insights of many of you as we enter this process of identifying our mission. I hope you will respond when called.

Finally, many thanks are owed to Dean White, Canon Schaefer and all of the Cathedral staff for a glorious Advent and Christmas season. Add to their considerable talents the arts of Mr. Trapp and Mozart, and Christmas Eve was one of the most memorable in years. We look forward to a challenging and rewarding 2007.

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

Charles “Bud” McDowell

While on vacation in London a few years ago, Candy and I were visiting Westminster Abbey where I noticed a sign on one of the office doors that said “Clerk of the Treasures.” I thought: What a wonderful way to think of the work that we on the Buildings and Grounds Committee do. We attempt to guard and preserve the treasures of our Cathedral. If you were to look in your dictionary you might find a definition of the following words: *Antique*: existing since or belonging to earlier times—being in the style of former times... an object having special value because of its age especially a domestic item for its artistry, beauty, or period of origin, and *Antiquated*: outmoded or discredited by reason of age, having lost usefulness. It is in distinguishing between the two that the problems arise.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has several projects slated for 2007. Some involve protecting the antiquity and precious treasures of the church while others are aimed at keeping the church abreast of latest technology. It is our belief that if we are to turn visitors into parishioners, we must offer a facility that is not only a historically spiritual place, but one that is current and competitive with other places of worship. A tall order, but one we can do.

Tower Grill Replacement: The necessity for this work was brought to light by way of our receiving a grant from the Downtown TIF Commission to dress up our campus. We were to paint the wrought iron fence that surrounds the property and to repair and paint the Tower louvers and rose grill that adorn the Tower. However, the rose grills in the Tower were found to be in such disrepair that replacement or removal were the only options. Removal of the rose grills was not an acceptable solution (preserve our antiquity) so a cost-effective method had to be found. Wood is very expensive and has a limited life and aluminum is so very expensive that it was not an option. Therefore, we contracted with Mr. Glen Friend of C.G. Industries of Missouri to reproduce the rose grills using fiberglass, a material that will last a very long time, if not forever. David Ross Construction will install the grills and Dayco Painting will apply the finish.

Nave Sound System: Our present sound system is of very old technology and needs to be replaced. We are in the process of interviewing sound system designers and hope to make a selection soon. Technology is now available that will provide clear understanding of the spoken word without sacrificing the acoustics our music program demands. This is a project that has been promised for several years and needs to be done.

Sacristy Upgrades: Another important project for the Cathedral this year is refurbishing the Clergy and Working sacristies. The object of this project is to provide useful and efficient spaces for storage, preservation, and protection of our treasures. If you look inside either sacristy you will observe closets with no doors, valuable vestments, and vessels with virtually no protection and an inefficient work space where things are misplaced and damaged for lack of proper storage. Tom McCasland has generously donated his time to design a Clergy Sacristy that will not only provide a space for vesting which has good storage, but also for a cry room and handicapped restroom just off of the Nave. With the aid of clergy and Altar Guild members, we are currently devising a plan for the Working Sacristy. We hope to commence work on both sacristies shortly after Easter.

Nave Lighting: The final project on our list is improved lighting for the Nave. From time to time there is a need for the ability to increase lighting levels in the Nave. If you were to look at a scale that ranged from 0 to 75 with 75 being the level for a good office space and 0 being darkness, our Nave, excluding the Altar area is on the average a 3; St. Andrews is 6 to 7, St. Paul's is 12 to 15 and Redeemer, in the Northland, is 20 to 25. We will ask the Vestry to approve a lighting upgrade that will significantly increase the lighting in the Choir Loft as well as the Nave area. When the proposed system is installed, we will have the capability of adjusting light levels from 0 to 20.

These projects are not new. Some have been needed for years, but each time we have asked for funds to get started, some emergency has come along and taken the money or another need has been more pressing. However, because of the Curdy sisters' generous gift to the church and the Vestry's policy of using 20 percent of any gift for current needs, we will be able to do these things in 2007, which we have long needed to do.

We want to thank all those who have aided the Building and Grounds Committee in the last year, many of whom are not members of our parish—contractors and craftsmen who take a special interest in this very spiritual island in the middle of Kansas City.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Adult Christian Formation

Valerie Johnson

Sunday Morning Formation Classes

Sunday morning formation classes are currently structured in a series format that run from 3-6 weeks. 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.

Other classes that were offered this past year included a lectionary study group for those who desired a study of scripture on Sunday mornings. This class continued to meet through the Spring, 2006.

Also on Sunday mornings, the catechumenate class was offered. "A Journey of Faith" was held twice a year before the Easter Vigil. Classes took place in Founders' Hall for 8 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.

In an effort to respond to the interests of our members and be sensitive to the commitment of our volunteer class leaders, the number of classes offered on Sunday mornings varied this year. Classroom space has become limited on Sunday mornings and our members' needs/interests are changing all the time. Our formation program is intended to be flexible and responsive to the needs of our parish family from year to year.

New Members

At the 2006 Easter Vigil, several adults became members of GHTC through the Rites of 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, 12 were confirmed and 2 were received.

Lenten Academy

In 2006, we continued to join our neighbors at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (CIC) for prayer, study and social activities. Lenten Academy, jointly planned with CIC, included the offering of 5 separate classes over four weeks. Classes were led by clergy, Cathedral members and outside speakers. 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 100 to 120 in 2006, slightly down from 2005.

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 35-45 people.

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 2006, 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. We served as a partner in January 2007. In November, we hosted a webcast viewing of the Investiture of our Presiding Bishop. Nearly 40 individuals witnessed this historical event in community.

Adult Christian Formation has continued to expand and we hope to offer more opportunities that will meet the needs of our diverse parish. 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

Welcome to the eight new members in 2007 and thanks to the Rev. Canon Sue Sommer for her nice article in the January 2007 issue of *The Angelus*. Altar Guild members are men and women who care for the altar, the vestments and other items needed for the celebration of the Eucharist and liturgical activities. These include not only the Holy Eucharist, but also baptisms, weddings, funerals and at special occasions when the Bishop officiates at the Cathedral. Members serve on teams and are scheduled for specific times. Every effort is made to accommodate assignments to personal and work schedules. If interested, contact me through the Cathedral office.

Cancer Support Group

The Rev. Bryan England

The good news and the bad news was that the Cancer Support Group grew during 2006. On the negative side, several members of the congregation were diagnosed and underwent treatment this past year. On the positive side, we celebrated the continuing recoveries of existing members and encouraged our new members to fight the good fight.

We began to meet earlier in the evening, to help our members compete for spaces in the parking lot. To make up for the earlier hour, we began celebrating a 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 Bookstore

John Turpin and Phyllis Biddle

The mission of the Cathedral Bookstore is to provide a source of religious books and gifts, most relating to the Anglican/Christian tradition, to enhance the spiritual lives of the parishioners and clergy of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral and members within our Diocesan community.

The Cathedral Bookstore is a ministry of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral that has survived and thrived due to the tireless dedication of an all-volunteer staff and the support of the congregation.

The Cathedral Bookstore began as a small gift shop selling primarily prayer books and bibles. These items were in inventory for a long time – and a significant portion were subsequently placed on clearance or donated to remove the stock.

Since September 2001, the Bookstore has greatly expanded its inventory to include literature primarily relating to the Anglican/Christian tradition plus a wide variety of gifts, CDs and greeting cards.

In two years, we have increased our sales by providing a large inventory from which to select. Sales have also been enhanced due to a dedicated volunteer staff that has committed to the establishment of consistent store hours and staffing of special Cathedral events.

The products currently being sold in the bookstore are:

- Books of Common Prayer
- Bibles
- Study Guides and Commentaries
- Varied literature from fiction to nonfiction – most relating to Anglican/Christian tradition
- Children's Books
- Gift items – including jewelry, pottery, paintings, figurines, CD recordings, greeting and note cards

We are open Sundays after both morning services and after the 5 p.m. service on the first Sunday of the month. Feel free to drop by and browse and let us know if you have an interest in volunteering with us!

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.

Tape Ministry participants tape our worship services each Sunday and at other special services. Virgil Burke coordinates these volunteers, who also duplicate these tapes and send them to home-bound parishioners. Equipment malfunctions interrupted the work of this ministry for much of 2006. In 2007, we hope to evaluate the needs of our home-bound parishioners in order to determine the renewed direction this ministry can take.

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.

Judy Rice ably led this ministry for six years and in the fall of 2006 asked to step down. Her resignation was accepted with gratitude for the work she had done and with regret that we would no longer benefit from her leadership. Deacon Bryan England discerned a call to this ministry and in December 2006, has taken over its coordination. The prayer chain is blessed by his pastoral acumen and his organizational skills.

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.

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 Evans

About the Group

- The Centering Prayer Small Group began meeting on 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 four years now.
- Average weekly attendance at Centering Prayer group meetings is 3 to 12 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:

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| 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 <i>Lectio Divina</i> during the formation period. |
| 4:55 p.m. | Close |

The group facilitator, Ruth Evans, has been practicing centering prayer for 17 years and has attended a number of Centering Prayer Intensive Retreats. She has also received training in facilitating a weekly centering prayer group from Contemplative Outreach, which is a spiritual network on the local, regional, national, and international level that provides training, information and educational materials in support of those who wish to practice and learn more about centering prayer.

Activities

- Currently, the group is watching and discussing a series of videotapes, *The Spiritual Journey* by Thomas Keating. The videotapes 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.
- On September 15 and 16, 2006, many of the group went on a retreat at the Marillac Center in Leavenworth, KS. Fr. Thomas Keating, who is one of the founders of the centering prayer movement and has written many books, lectured on the *Contemplative Dimension of the Gospel*. A few stayed overnight at the beautiful new retreat center run by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. Everyone felt refreshed and energized by the experience.
- On January 7, 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 facilitator maintains an e-mail list of the group membership and forwards 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.

Children's Christian Formation

DeAnn McTavish

In 2006 Children's Formation enjoyed growth in many areas including the opening of a third Godly Play discovery room dedicated to second and third graders. On Sunday mornings, children in formation at 9:15 a.m. share peer focused classes in Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade and 4th-5th grade divisions. Our teachers earned Godly Play accreditation during training hosted by the Cathedral in August. Children's chapels present modified age-appropriate services beginning at 10:15 a.m. Children join their parents in the nave at The Peace. In 2006, the Junior Chapel was reconfigured to serve children age 3-kindergarten and renamed Lambs Chapel. The Senior Chapel metamorphosed into Disciples Chapel, reflecting the redesigned service to support and encourage the emergent reading and critical thinking skills of 1st-3rd graders as they take more active roles as lectors.

The Joyful! Joyful! social modeling and stewardship play center began in June as part of the summer program. The center encourages children to act out good deeds by "helping" in the Junior Community Kitchen and Mini-MN play areas. Children's Formation experienced a 24 percent increase in registration and attendance remains steady. We increased the number of our adult volunteers by 33 percent.

Communication with parents was enhanced with the first GHTC Children's Formation newsletter, *rejoice!*, which began publishing in summer 2006. Weekly schedules of class lessons are available in the church bulletin, on our web page and posted on the Haden Hall formation bulletin boards.

Safety and security issues were given top priority for Children's Formation last year. A magnetic locking system to safeguard the children in Haden Hall during formation was installed in June. New fire and tornado evacuation and shelter plans were instituted and our first drill took place on Pentecost Sunday.

Children's Formation continued to expand the breadth of the formation classes and chapels as well as sponsor the all parish events Trunk-or-Treat and Advent Workshop and coordinate the Christmas Eve pageant.

In 2007, Children's Formation looks to identify and appeal to population areas where potential exists for increased formation participation. We will continue to maintain our high standards for formation classes and chapels. We expect to expand our summer offerings for children as well as introduce a cohesive program of environmental stewardship.

Deacon

The Rev. Bruce Hall

Over the course of 2006, my ministry has included the following expression of my baptismal and ordinal vows.

I continue to serve youth and families court-ordered into Missouri's Division of Youth Services (DYS) as a family therapist. I travel weekly to several facilities and help to provide individual and family therapy as well as adolescent sex-offender treatment. This fall, I helped to provide training to new staff working with these same youth and families and consult with treatment teams on how best to serve and support families entrusted to our care. During the spring and summer, I was able to use the Cathedral's portable Labyrinth as a therapeutic tool for use in group therapy. It was so well received, the facility, at state expense, built an in-ground outdoor Labyrinth of its own. More recently, I have also sought to facilitate greater community involvement by local juvenile justice facilities in community based programs like Habitat for Humanity and the Kansas City Community Kitchen, both of whom have become recent additions to community service efforts by DYS in Kansas City.

I completed mediation training with Episcopal Community Services' Victim-Offender Reconciliation Project and have helped ECS-VORP and DYS enter into a planning process of how mediation might be incorporated into the state's treatment and reintegration into the community of troubled adolescents.

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. In addition, I have had the opportunity to preach on several occasions and take communion to those unable to attend services. When needed, I have made pastoral calls to those in hospital or nursing homes and regularly visit one person unable to attend Sunday services. In August, I began to maintain log of remembrance for the Homicide Memorial Altar in the nave.

While the group is no longer meeting, for part of the year I helped facilitate a support group for those responsible for care taking of friends and loved ones. This group provided an opportunity for people to receive encouragement and advice on how to care for others while maintaining their own self-care.

I have assisted, along with several other dedicated parishioners, in the formation of the Integrity chapter at the Cathedral and helped with catechumenate and children's education classes as needed.

Dinner Small Group

Donna Knoell and Jim Royer

The Dinner Small Group at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral has been actively functioning since October 2000. In its sixth year, the Dinner Group has enjoyed another very successful year, with members gathering once each month to enjoy a delicious meal in the homes of members. It has been a time a great fellowship and friendship!

The group normally meets on Sunday evenings, but on occasion, to accommodate the wishes and preferences of members, it meets on an alternate night. The group has grown significantly since its inception. At present, there are some 21 people in the group.

For our dinners, the host provides the main course and beverages, and other members provide accompaniments to the meal. It is not intended to be a “gourmet group,” but gourmet it has been!

The purpose of the Dinner Small Group is to become better acquainted with parishioners and to enjoy fellowship and a good meal together. That purpose has been richly fulfilled, as members have become caring friends, instead of individuals who once saw each other only from a distance on Sunday mornings.

In July, the group met at Shawnee Mission Park, to attend The Theater in the Park performance. For this outing, the group had a picnic, as well as an outstanding theater performance.

We welcome new members, and if sufficient numbers wish to join, the coordinators will help to establish a new group, still allowing the group to be an appropriate size to meet in homes. If you would like to become a member of the small dinner group, just let the coordinators know of your interest to participate. Contact Donna Knoell and Jim Royer at (913) 642-6522 for more information.

Education for Ministry

Gary Hicks

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year course 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 this course is theological reflection, which asks the participants to use the information acquired and relate it to their lives. In this way, one's own ministry is explored and enlarged. Consequently, participants become aware of and equipped for ministry.

We find EfM students active in many lay ministries: church school, Children's Chapel, Eucharistic Visitors, lectors, small group facilitators, acolytes, leaders of hospitality, Cathedral Caregivers, and others. It is difficult to measure the extent of ministry that comes from active participants in EfM.

Education is the primary ministry of EfM. In addition, EfM participants contribute to the Kansas City Community Kitchen and are involved in other outreach programs.

For the 2006-2007 year, twelve people from the Cathedral and two other parishes participate in EfM under the direction of three mentors. Eight students graduated in 2006 after completing the four-year program: Phyllis Biddle, Virgil Burke, Ruth Evans, Jen Funk, Deanna Hardenburger, Dianne Logan, Ann Spicer, and John Turpin. Our hope for 2007 and beyond is to continue to grow in ministry through education, sharing, encouragement, worship and examination of our spiritual lives in reflection of scripture.

For more information about EfM, please contact Gary Hicks, Greg Morgan or the Rev. Carol Sanford.

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 taking on the task of scheduling these folks

in September 2006. 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!!

The Cathedral moved to use of the Revised Common Lectionary in Advent of 2006. Lectors, as well as parishioners, can expect to encounter some unfamiliar readings from the Hebrew Bible as we work through the remainder of Year C, plus years A and B in the next two years.

A goal for 2007 is to invite teens to take their place as regular Sunday morning lectors. Those who have been privileged to hear some of our young people at Youth Sunday and the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service in 2006 can attest that we have skilled public speakers among our youth. Invitations and training are expected to occur before Easter 2007.

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

The Cathedral also sponsors a "homecoming" Eucharist in the Spring, where maximum efforts are made to get all the homebound for a celebration and luncheon at the Cathedral.

Through a particular act of selflessness, volunteer EVs ensured that all of our homebound were afforded the opportunity to receive communion on either Christmas Eve, or New Year's Eve.

We currently have two prospective Eucharistic Visitors in training.

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. This year, 2006, was a very good year for the Cathedral's endowed funds. The largest single bequest in the history of the Church was received and our money managers matched their benchmarks in what was a good year for the stock market. Pledge income increased in 2006 while the number of pledgers was flat.

In 2007, the Finance Committee, in cooperation with the Budget Committee and the Vestry, is going to begin budgeting for three-year periods. The mission of the Cathedral will drive the budget of the Cathedral. Long-range budgeting should improve the financial planning of the Cathedral and enable the congregation to be more involved in the mission and ministry of the church.

Friends of Maison de Naissance

Marian Philips

The goal of this committee continues to be to increase awareness of and raise funds for Maison de Naissance, the birthing home located in the southwestern part of Haiti. Services provided go beyond obstetrical care and include, but are not limited to, wellness and preventive care, family planning, prenatal and postnatal education, newborn and pediatric medical care, social services and spiritual support. During 2006, the number of live births averaged 25 to 30 per month – totalling more than 300 babies who received a healthy beginning in life.

Contributions to MN are one way to respond to the U.N. Millennium Development Goals which have been endorsed by The Episcopal Church, particularly in the area of reducing infant mortality

The Friends of MN at GHTC met on the second Wednesday of odd numbered months during 2006.

The MN money box was used during coffee hours to collect funds on the Sundays 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.

September 17, 2006: "Haiti Event II" A fundraising effort, in Founders' Hall, featured Haitian style food, music and tables with displays and information. The main speakers were Ben and Nicole Long, long term volunteers in Haiti, Steve and Cindy Obenhaus and Dr. Betsy Wickstrom, co-founder of Maison de Naissance.

Total funds received for MN from various donations during 2006 amounted to \$5,159.77.

Plans for 2007 have not been finalized at this time.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of Maison de Naissance will be welcomed. Meetings for 2007 will be held the second Wednesday of even numbered months, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, located on the lower level of Founders' Hall. Next meeting is February 8.

Anyone having questions may contact any member of the committee. For a complete list of members, e-mail or call Marian Philip, (816) 421-5808 or mphilip976@juno.com

Governance Committee

The Rev. Canon Susan Sommer

The Governance Committee was established during the interim period prior to Dean White's arrival at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. The committee's recommendations, which called for greater clarity of committee structure, and lines of reporting, were duly passed on to the subdean late in 2005. From these recommendations came a draft of a governance policy which was presented to the Vestry in 2006, modified according to feedback received, and presented for vote at the February meeting. The proposal was unanimously accepted, thereby rendering for Cathedral usage a governance policy. A copy of the policy follows this report.

The Governance policy includes guidelines for appointment to various committees as well as term limits, and it was assumed that 2006 would be a time of transitioning into this policy. The formation of the Nominating Committee late in 2006 followed the Governance Policy, for example. Each Vestry and Pastoral Committee chair was also invited, during the course of 2006, to discuss the ways by which new members would come on and the timing of when current members would rotate off. Of paramount concern was an orderly transition into the policy without hampering the smooth functioning of the various committees.

Like any policy, the Governance Policy is a work in progress. Feedback from committee chairs is welcome; substantive modifications will be brought before the Vestry for vote as the need arises.

Governance Policy

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Approved, February, 2006

PREAMBLE

Over the last year the Governance Committee forwarded various reports to the Vestry concerning the organization of committees. The Committee's Fall 2005 report included a proposed set of resolutions for consideration. Using those proposed resolutions as a starting point, this proposal details the makeup and scope of committees and articulates how the recommended committee and program structures can be implemented. In particular, this proposal addresses the following:

- Identifies the committees as Vestry, Pastoral, or Program.
- Establishes rules for Chair and membership selection and terms of office.
- Describes the duties of the various committees, to whom do they report, and how often they meet.
- Defines the committees' relationship to the work of the lay staff and clergy.

The Dean is given significant authority under the Canons of the Diocese (and, to some extent, the not-for-profit law of Missouri) regarding how the spiritual affairs of the Cathedral are to be managed, including the management of staff and clergy. Similarly, the Vestry is given the authority to manage the temporal affairs of the Cathedral. One of the goals of this proposal is to fit this division of responsibility into a workable architecture. Accordingly, in the interests of accountability and healthy boundaries; to wisely use the tremendous talents of the lay leaders of the Cathedral; and to promote the health and efficient working of our clergy and lay staff, all of which we recognize as a great gift from God, the following recommendations are tendered.

STAFF

The Dean of the Cathedral is solely responsible for hiring and supervising the ordained and lay staff of the Cathedral. The Dean may choose to delegate the responsibility for supervision and management of operations to the Canon Pastor or other staff as appropriate. Dual lines of reporting are inadvisable in any organization; therefore, staff cannot report to committees, chairs, or officers of the Cathedral directly without undercutting the appropriate supervisory role of the Dean or those to whom the Dean delegates such supervision.

VESTRY

"All temporal affairs of the Cathedral Parish and corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of this corporation shall be managed under the direction of, the vestry of this corporation. For clarification, the 'board of directors' as required by the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act is one and the same as the 'vestry' (Article VI, section 6.1 of BYLAWS OF Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI)."

"The Vestry is the body within a congregation that, with the clergy, leads the parish. The Vestry:

- Helps to discern the vision toward which God is drawing that particular community;
- Articulates and communicates that vision;
- Holds the community accountable for its realization of that vision; and
- Keeps the mission of the Church and that of the individual congregation clearly before the parish community." p. 5 The Vestry Resource Guide, Cornerstone, New York, New York, 2000.

VESTRY COMMITTEES (an overview)

To discharge the responsibilities articulated above, the Vestry will work through four permanent committees and such ad hoc committees as it deems necessary to advance the Vestry's work of the Cathedral. Membership of each committee will draw from the Vestry as well as from parishioners whose interest and expertise is required.

- Each vestry committee will consist of 6 members in 3 classes of 2 members each.
- Each Vestry committee will have at least 1 Vestry member.
- Vestry committee members must be members of the Cathedral as defined by a pattern of regular attendance and pledging a portion of their time, talent, and treasure to the work and ministry of the Cathedral.
- Committee members will serve for 3 years and can be nominated for a second term before rotating off the committee.
- One year must elapse before a person who has served two terms may be re-elected to a committee.
- A person whose committee term has expired may be appointed to another committee immediately.
- It is inadvisable for one person to serve on more than two committees concurrently. Exceptions may include the wardens.
- Each committee may, at its discretion, have one or more staff members serve in an ex-officio capacity.

- Minutes of each of the vestry committees meetings will be forwarded to the clerk of the vestry and will be included in the vestry packets. Reports or minutes containing committee recommendations requiring vestry vote will be presented in resolution form; and, except in cases requiring immediate vestry consideration, resolutions will normally be considered at the first meeting the resolution is presented and given a formal vote at the next meeting.

VESTRY COMMITTEES (detail)

- **BUDGET.** This committee plans and oversees the operating budget of the Cathedral. The chair of the committee will be the Senior Warden. The committee will convene in the third quarter of each year to begin the process of collecting budget requests, conducting interviews with staff and committee chairs regarding budgetary needs, and constructing a budget to present to the vestry for adoption at the November meeting. (In other words, a term is constituted from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31). The committee will meet quarterly to monitor the performance of the budget and advise the vestry on any action needed. The treasurer of the Cathedral will be a permanent member of the Budget Committee and will report to the vestry the financial condition of the Cathedral at each vestry. The chair of the Finance Committee and the chair of the Stewardship Committee will also be members of the Budget Committee
- **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.** This committee oversees the stewardship of the Cathedral property and makes recommendations for needed repairs and improvements to the campus. The chair of the committee will be the Junior Warden. Buildings and Grounds will meet at least quarterly and the Chair will represent the interests of the committee between regular meetings. The Chair may call a committee meeting at any time between regular meetings. Any recommendations for repairs or improvements that are off budget and require vestry approval will include, insofar as practical, recommendations to the vestry on possible funding sources.
- **FINANCE.** This committee oversees the investments (endowment) of the Cathedral, advises the vestry on investment management and sound distribution policies, and oversees the risk management activities of the Cathedral, including reviewing the audit and the insurance portfolios. The chair of the committee will be selected by the committee membership, in consultation with the Dean, at the first meeting of each year. The chair may serve as such throughout his/her entire term on the committee, though this is not a requirement, and will represent the interests of the committee between regular meetings. This committee will meet at least quarterly. The treasurer of the Cathedral will be a permanent member of the Finance Committee.
- **STEWARDSHIP.** This committee challenges the Cathedral community to give generously of time and resources in order that the ministries of the Cathedral may be fully funded. They are responsible for the Every Member Canvass (EMC) as well as other initiatives to build a discipline of regular giving at the Cathedral. The chair of the committee will be selected by the membership, in consultation with the Dean. The chair may serve as such throughout his/her entire term on the committee, though this is not a requirement. The committee will meet as often as needed to conduct the business of the committee.

In addition to these four committees, a **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** will be selected each October by the Dean, the Dean's Council (see below), and two members of the Vestry selected at the September Vestry meeting. The Nominating Committee has three tasks:

1. Establish a slate of Vestry candidates prior to the Annual Meeting.
2. Present a slate of nominees for Vestry Committees to the Dean for the Dean's approval prior to presenting the slate of nominees to the Vestry for vote no later than the March meeting. Each year, this slate will represent a new class of two members for each of the four Vestry committees.
3. Present a slate of Pastoral Committee Chairs to the Dean for approval.

The Dean, in the capacity of Pastor of the congregation, reserves the right to eliminate potential candidates from any of the above-named slates based on pastoral discretion.

PASTORAL COMMITTEES (an overview)

Pastoral Committees are defined as those Cathedral organizations which perform a specific ministry, advance

the vision of the Cathedral community, are chaired by a parishioner, and which are supported by the budget in one or more line items. Each Pastoral Committee has a staff liaison appointed by the Dean. The liaison advises the Dean on matters as may be needed.

- Each chairperson is responsible for inviting membership in consultation with the staff liaison.
- As with Vestry and Program Committees, each Pastoral Committee member serves a 3 year term. Members are free to step down after 1 term or may make themselves available for subsequent terms.
- The chair may serve as such for more than one term at the discretion of the Dean, the Canon Pastor, or the staff liaison.
- Meeting frequency is determined by function.
- The Dean has the discretion to establish or disestablish a pastoral committee.
- Each Pastoral Committee will have at least one vestry member among its membership.
- Each Pastoral Committee has a mission statement wherein their ministry is articulated.
- Each Pastoral Committee will, at the end of each year, submit a report to the staff liaison detailing the ministries undertaken in that calendar year.
- Minutes of each meeting will be forwarded to the clerk of the vestry and will be included in the vestry packets.
- Pastoral committee members must be members of the Cathedral as defined by a pattern of regular attendance and pledging a portion of their time, talent, and treasure to the work and ministry of the Cathedral.
- Some pastoral committees MAY have a “guild” component, meaning that persons participate in the ministry on the basis of interest or skill set. Examples include acolytes, Guild of the Christ Child, etc. “Guild” in this context presumes that some parishioners may be participants without necessarily directing the vision or the goals of the committee. As such, they are exempt from term limits.

PASTORAL COMMITTEES (detail)

- ACOLYTES. These persons serve at the altar in regular and special Cathedral worship services. This committee is open to both youth and adults, provided that persons can fulfill the function of acolyte with reverence and attentiveness. Training is provided. Training and scheduling is the responsibility of the Acolyte Master.
- CATHEDRAL CAREGIVERS. This Committee provides general pastoral care to the Cathedral family through the ministry of lay teams, each of which is charged with a particular responsibility. Teams include Visitation of homebound parishioners; Food for Folk (meals for the ill, bereaved, and new parents); Note cards (greetings sent to bereaved persons as well as those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries); Prayer Chain, Tape Ministry, Special Needs (bereavement ministry, etc.) Health ministries, and the HIV/AIDS Task Force. Each team is responsible for training and scheduling.
- GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD. This Committee has two roles: fellowship and support for parents of infants through toddlers; and a ministry component which reaches out to expectant couples and new parents with baptism resources and Christian help in an infant's new life. Outreach projects are also involved.
- HOLY HANDS. This Committee focuses on hospitality, specifically the preparation and serving of food at Sunday morning coffee hours, special receptions, and the like.
- NEW MEMBER DEVELOPMENT. This Committee focuses on two important functions: developing and administering activities which invite the unchurched throughout the greater Kansas City community to experience the Cathedral, as well as to develop and administer programs and activities which serve to incorporate new members into the life of the Cathedral.
- SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE. This committee oversees a number of programs focused on the underserved, and those in need throughout the greater Kansas City area as well as providing periodic educational opportunities at the Cathedral to help raise awareness of social justice issues.

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Program Committees are defined as those Cathedral organizations that advance the vision of the Cathedral community, are supported by the budget in one or more line items, and are under the direction of Cathedral

staff members. Program Committee members, therefore, support and advance the goals of the particular program which, in turn, supports and advances the vision of the Cathedral. Program Committees include

- Adult Formation
- Children and Youth Formation
- Communications
- Music
- Altar Guild

The staff member in charge of the program selects committee members with the advice of the Dean. Members may serve two three-year terms. One year must elapse in order to be eligible for re-appointment. Each committee is accountable to the staff person who chairs the committee who, in turn, advises the Dean on such matters as may be necessary. Some program committees MAY have a “guild” component, meaning that persons participate in the ministry on the basis of interest or skill set. Examples include Christian Formation, and Altar Guild. “Guild” in this context presumes that some parishioners may be participants without necessarily directing the vision or the goals of the committee. As such, they are exempt from term limits.

THE DEAN’S COUNCIL

This is an ad hoc committee insofar as the Dean invites the advice and counsel of current wardens, past senior wardens, and other lay leaders on an as-needed basis. Apart from selecting the nominating committee, the Council neither sets policy nor agenda but rather provides wisdom and perspective around particular areas of concern as those concerns arise.

THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

This committee reports directly to the Dean and oversees the disposition of monies given in memory of (or thanksgiving for) loved ones by Cathedral members or by friends of the Cathedral. Memorial monies differ from bequests (which would be handled by the Vestry and/or the Finance Committee) in that memorials generally include directives for disposition that are material and are in some way permanent. Examples include money given for furnishings for the interior or grounds of the Cathedral, vestments, altar vessels, and/or the creation of funds for the maintenance of such. The Dean may choose to invite the chair of Buildings and Grounds to be a liaison to the committee where memorials pertaining to the building or grounds are being discussed. The chair of the Memorial Committee makes a yearly report to the parish at the Annual Meeting of all committee activity.

Guild of the Christ Child

Connie Kurtz

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 serve families with babies or young children, from birth through baptism. We consider our membership to include all women at the Cathedral, and are led by a small steering committee that meets once a month.

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, presenting a gifts to newly baptized children, and sending baptism anniversary notes.
- 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 2006, our outreach efforts included providing an area on the lower floor of Founders' Hall for children of those seeking assistance, sponsoring a family at Christmas through the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program, providing funds and baby items to Veronica's Voice, and preparing and serving a Lenten Academy meal.

- **Special Events (Exciting Times)** - This committee is responsible for special projects during the calendar year. This includes coordination of the Cathedral's Easter Egg Hunt, sponsoring a Rally Day table, outfitting a Trunk or Treat vehicle, helping with the parish picnic, and other Cathedral activities. In addition, this committee plans and coordinates one or two social outings per year for the group.

The Guild of the Christ Child continues to strive to expand our ministry to our Cathedral family, as well as to others in the Kansas City community. We will continue to nurture and support families and provide fellowship to our members. We are always happy to receive other women interested in sharing this uplifting ministry. Please contact Connie Kurtz or the Rev. Canon Susan Sommer for more information.

Holy Hands Hospitality

Joyce Morrow

The Holy Hands Ministry continued serving coffee hours following the Sunday services except for those which had a special event scheduled for which coffee hour might be considered a conflict. The Guild of the Christ Child offered coffee hour after festival baptisms, Integrity provided the same after 10:15 a.m. services several times and Men's Bible Study continued the tradition of filling in for Mother's Day. The team model continues to work rather effectively. Our hope of finding new volunteers has diminished, but not been abandoned. The Special Events Committee provided receptions for new deacons, a unique 50th Anniversary celebration to the priesthood, and most especially a bittersweet farewell to Deacon Linda Yeager this year.

We await the final touches to our Holy Hands Closet in Founders' Hall so that we can more securely store many of our supplies and we thank our own Pat Wright for her efforts and Building and Grounds Committee for making this a reality.

We look forward to establishing this year a funeral docent program to provide a compassionate hospitality to the Cathedral for families whose loved ones' funerals or memorial services will be held here.

We continue to search for new team members or occasional contributors for our 10:15 services.

We plan to once again host a Thank You dinner this spring, an annual event meant to convey in part our appreciation for the time, money and effort of the Holy Hand team members throughout the year.

Memorial Committee

Ellen Goheen

The Memorial Committee consists of the following members: Shawsie Branton, Day Kerr, Jeannette Nichols, and Ellen Goheen, in addition to Bud McDowell, Junior Warden and Dean Terry White. The Dean and Senior Warden appoint the members of the Committee. The Dean or Warden member calls the meetings of the Committee as needed or as directed. The Committee's last meeting was June 29, 2006.

The Memorial Committee's purpose is to develop a list of desired memorials, which is to be communicated to the congregation by means of the Angelus, the Sunday Bulletin and the Cathedral Web Site. All memorials shall have the approval of the Vestry and the Memorial Committee.

The June meeting was called specifically to consider a proposed gift from a Cathedral family in memory of a deceased son. In principle the item was approved by the committee; however, a number of questions still needed to be addressed before a recommendation could proceed to the Vestry. As Chairman, Ellen Goheen offered to work directly with the family in order to prepare a thoroughly researched recommendation. Much time was spent by the chairman in an effort to move forward with the proposal; however, no response has been received from the family regarding the status of the project. It is assumed that said project is no longer viable.

As discussed in the 2005 Memorial Committee Report, a number of desirable items and projects have been identified. Among the items desired is a pair of brass floor candlesticks and candles and sets of vestments and missing elements of existing sets. In addition, certain items are in need of repair and memorial monies might be well spent in that endeavor.

It is hoped that in 2007 it might be possible to acquire some of the desired items that have been identified. There seem to be some memorial funds available and it would be lovely to have them put to use in ways that might enhance the worship experience at the Cathedral.

Music Committee

Diane Barker

The music committee is comprised of parishioners who consult with Canon Schaefer on several areas of the music ministry of the Cathedral. The members: David Barker, Paget Higgins, Christina Lenon, Malinda McCasland, Pat Miller, Theresa Yeager and Diane Barker, Committee Chair. The committee meets on the first Sunday of each month following the 10:15 a.m. service.

The committee has been instrumental in consulting with Canon Schaefer, regarding the proposed purchase of a Steinway Piano for the nave. In the past the piano in Founders' Hall has been moved back and forth between the Nave and Founders' Hall, with periodic damage done in the process. The purchase of a piano which will stay in the nave will eliminate wear and tear and lessen the frequencies of retuning.

The Cathedral serves as host to many frequent musical events including recitals, presentations by community musicians, and presenters including annual Bachathon and Messiah Singalong events. Committee members often assist with these presentations to assure smooth running events.

The committee continues to support four choirs: Trinity Choir, Tallis Singers, Grace Choraliers and Bell Ringers.

Theresa Yeager and Christina Lenon joined the committee this year. We continue to look for interested people to augment the committee to help strengthen our well respected church music program.

Music Ministry

Canon John Schaefer

The Cathedral musicians sought to fulfill their primary intension, which is to be strong, positive leaders of worship. The singers are well aware of their high calling, 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.

The Trinity Choir, the principal liturgical choir, had a busy year beyond the services of Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensongs. We sang for the William Baker Festival Singers' winter concert, made a recording of the music of Arlen Clarke for Mr. Clarke, and twenty-two of us traveled to Ireland, Wales, and England. We also sang for two weddings of present or former choir members, both very joyful experiences.

The Tallis Singers, the high school choral ensemble, have seen some singers leave to go to college and some singers come from the Grace Choraliers. A number of high school students have also joined. In addition to preparing the service music and anthems, they are refining and broadening their skills as leaders of worship. The Choirmaster hopes that they will one gladden the hearts of the choir directors they encounter, just as they do his.

The Grace Choraliers, led by Malinda McCasland, delight and inspire whenever they sing in 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 delight to share their gifts with the Cathedral family. They are ably accompanied by Jung-Eun Ahn, Curdy Organ Scholar, who accompanies the Trinity Choir as well as plays services in the Organist's absence.

The Cathedral Bell Ringers enhance worship from time to time with their ringing. The ensemble has improved in both precision and musicality.

John Fowler is the organist for the 5:00 service and has played for Choral Evensong both at home and on tour. Patti Howell served as Cantor at 5:00 until her retirement in August; Gino de Luca is now the principal cantor and is assisted by Sally Livengood.

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 Friends of Chamber Music, students from UMKC and the William Baker Festival Singers. The *Messiah* Singalong, conducted by Jack Ergo, was especially spirited.

Our plan for 2007 is to do what we do with even greater sensitivity and spiritual grace.

There will be some large scope projects, including a performance of Bach's St. Matthew Passion with the William Baker Festival Singers at the end of March.

The Cathedral has purchased Richard Cass's Steinway piano. It will make its home in the nave and will be used to enrich our worship.

We thank God for all the blessing bestowed upon us.

Nave Memorial Book

Randal J. Loy

Research on this book has been ongoing for sixteen months. It is a continuation of the research that began with histories for the eight stained glass window note cards Trinity Choir sold as a fund-raising project in 2005 and 2006. The current title of the book is: Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Its Stained Glass Windows, and Other Liturgical Furnishings. The book will contain three sections: 1) a brief, but thorough discussion of the history of all the Cathedral buildings and the acquisition of the land on which the Cathedral complex now stands; 2) the stained glass windows; and 3) the other art and liturgical furnishings in the Nave of the Cathedral. Contained in these sections are biographical sketches of some of the clergy of the parish, and of the members of the parish whose service and dedication to this Holy Place have been honored with memorial gifts. All three sections will be accompanied by full-color photographs of the memorial gifts, as well as black and white historical photographs of individuals and the Cathedral buildings. These will amply illustrate the history and artwork of our Cathedral.

The vast majority of fact-finding and writing has been accomplished. The only major research I have yet to accomplish is to determine the dates of the dedications of the three Pratt windows and the Munich window. I have requested assistance from an international genealogical researcher to look for information on the life of Benedetto Giove, an Italian artist who painted the Madonna with Child that hangs on the West wall of the Nave. An interpretation of the symbolism in the three stained glass windows by Dr. Charles J. Connick, of Boston, installed between 1943 and 1945, is being prepared by Helene Weis, an associate who worked in the studio of Dr. Connick during his lifetime. Information on the lives of Perry E. Faeth, Charlotte T. Faeth, and her brother, James Frederick Thomas, will have to be gathered so that we may have a section detailing the gift of the Chapel Altar in 1989 and the portativ organ in 1999. Identification of the Gothic square flowers on the new Reredos and Altar are pending from an expert at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. There are other small details, such as life dates and confirmation of life dates, on which I am awaiting information from libraries in other locales. Projected completion date for the research and writing of this book is currently the middle of March, 2007, unless unforeseen problems in obtaining information arise, which is always a possibility in researching a book of this scope.

It is hoped that donations will provide for the printing of this book, so that each active member of the Cathedral may receive a copy without charge. Our printer has estimated the cost of printing at roughly \$32,000. Currently, donations total \$5,000. Any member of the congregation who would like to donate to this project in memory of a loved one, especially a loved one who was an active member of the Cathedral, would be encouraged to do so. There will be a listing of the memorial gift donations at the beginning of the book.

Major discoveries in the course of this research include that the Christ Preaching window was manufactured by J & R Lamb Studios on December 16, 1903. That led to the discovery that J & R Lamb Studios fabricated our Baptismal Font in 1886. The Munich window, by the Baptismal Font, was manufactured by the great German glassmaker, Gottfried Heinersdorff, and this may be his only window on the North American Continent. No stained glass expert in America I consulted had ever heard of Heinersdorff, and while there was a great deal of information about him available on the Internet, including two books he wrote during his life, none of it is in English. The last major discovery is that the Rood Screen, dedicated to August R. Meyer, was originally intended for the First Congregational Church, located at Highland Avenue and Admiral Boulevard. I believe the Meyer family came to Grace Church in 1907 because they knew that the Rood Screen would fit in the great Chancel arch, and because Henri and Agnes Low, the son-in-law and daughter of the widow Meyer, were members of Grace Church. Mrs. Meyer then joined Grace Church and remained a member until her death.

There have been important additions to the Cathedral Archives during this research process, including a certificate of manufacture with regard to the Christ Preaching window. I have made a point to obtain copies of the newspaper obituaries for all the deceased who were memorialized, or who gave the gifts, for their respective files. Other important additions include a film that shows the manufacturing processes of Powell & Sons, photographic copies of the travel diaries of James Hogan that pertain to Grace and Holy Trinity Church, books on the major works of James Hogan, and drawings for the manufacture of the new Altar and Reredos by Howard B. Trevillian.

Needlework Arts Group

Pat McKenna

The Needlework Arts Small Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral. Although our current membership is composed of only women and girls, we would welcome any men or boys who are interested in learning or increasing their skills in the wide spectrum of needle arts. Our members' interests include knitting, quilting, sewing, crocheting, beading, counted cross-stitch, and needlepoint. We represent all skill levels; we have members who have come to the group with little or no experience, but with a desire to learn. We have other members whose achievements are awe-inspiring. There is always someone in the group who is willing to mentor a beginner, or assist with problem-solving. Once a year we have a potluck dinner, at which we bring completed items we've made during the previous year for a show-and-tell. In 2006, we jointly made a knitted afghan as a remembrance for one of our members who left the Cathedral. For several years, various members have knitted prayer shawls to be given to those in the parish who are in need of extra care. We will continue that tradition in 2007, and pray to be shown other ways in which we can use our interests to help others. Interested persons are invited to join us at any of our monthly meetings. We look forward to seeing new faces.

Nursery

Joan Bock

For the past four 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 over five 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 2007, 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

Harriet Bigham and Linda England

Reel People is a movie discussion group that meets once a month. A supper of pizza and salad is served while watching the movie, and a discussion is held after the film. (Cost to the members is \$5 for the meal, if possible.) Everyone is invited and guests are especially encouraged to come. The group meets in the Common Room on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except during Lent and Advent). This year we had an average attendance of 12-15 persons and watched movies such as, *Good Night and Good Luck*, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, *Off the Map*, *Cool Hand Luke*, *Vera Drake*, *The Family Stone*, *I Am David*, *Tender Mercies*, and *Young Frankenstein*. The next meeting will be April 25 at 6:30 p.m. We will be watching the film *The Bee Season*.

Scholar-in-Residence

The Rev. Michael A. Johnston

Since becoming a member of the Cathedral congregation in April 2006, I have taught a number of courses consistent with my new position as Scholar-in-Residence. These have been primarily for adults, although I have preached in the Children's Chapel on one occasion and serve as a member of the Children's Formation Support Team.

My offerings for adults included (1) a four-part Sunday morning forum during Eastertide on the Resurrection Narratives in the four gospels; (2) an ongoing Tuesday afternoon Bible Study that asked the question "Will the Real John the Baptist Please Stand Up?" and is currently looking at the theology of St. Paul through the lens of his First Letter to the Corinthians; and (3) a Sunday morning Adult Forum entitled "How to Read the Bible and Why Bother?" which began in November of 2006 and will continue through February of 2007. I also shared an Advent program with Ellen Goheen on "Images of the Madonna for Advent." I work closely with Valerie Johnson, the director of Adult Formation, on the design of programs for adult learning, and we are currently involved in detailed planning for this year's Lenten Academy.

I have also had the privilege of representing the Cathedral this past year in both teaching and preaching on both coasts and in Texas. Over the Labor Day Weekend, I was the guest of Christ Church, Seattle, where I preached their Sunday Eucharists and led their Couples' Bible Study. In November I traveled east, where I conducted the Advent Retreat for the clergy of the Diocese of Connecticut, gave two classes for the laity of the diocese, and preached on Advent I at Christ Church Cathedral. In early November, I traveled to St. Martin's Church, Houston, where — together with an art historian colleague from Rome — I presented a lecture to their Art and Spirituality Group on Filippo Tiepolo's spectacular 17th century paintings of the Jacob Epic found in the Patriarchal Palace of Udine, Italy. It is the expectation of the Dean and Vestry of the Cathedral that I will continue this kind of work, as invited, both around the Diocese of West Missouri and in the national church.

I am currently at work on a new book, tentatively entitled *Engaging the Image*, which involves meditations on selective texts for the Christian year and images from religious art that pair with the biblical narratives. I have also been invited to write an article for *The Fourth R*, which is the publication for the Jesus Seminar, on the topic "How Can we Do Christmas Without the Shepherds and the Wise Men?" (The answer is we can't; but we can still keep the mythos of the stories while being simultaneously faithful to the logos of the historical accuracy of the Birth Narratives.) This article will appear in the Advent 2007 issue of the journal.

In addition to teaching and writing, I routinely preside and preach at the daily Masses at the Cathedral (on average, once a week) and at the 5 pm Sunday Eucharist (on average, about once a month).

Social Action Committee

Sandra Hornbeck

This was a year of significant change for the Social Action Committee at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Under the new Governance Policy for the Cathedral, the committee formally becomes one of the Pastoral Committees for the Cathedral. Furthermore, with the 2006 budget, the Cathedral started dedicating a portion of pledge revenues to the Cathedral outreach ministries through this committee.

Through all of this, our mission remains substantially the same. As prayed in The Daily Office in The Book of Common Prayer: *“Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.”*

One of our core programs, the Cathedral Outreach Program (sometimes called the emergency assistance program) continues to grow. Priscilla Brown, member of the Cathedral and of the Social Action Committee, is now the administrator of this program. And with added funding for 2007, and recent organizational changes, our hope is to help even more of the needy within our community with the essential life services of housing and utilities. This is only one of many programs with which we are involved:

- The Cathedral also has increased support to the Episcopal Community Services Anti-Hunger Network, including the community kitchen, located here at the Cathedral.
- Under the guidance of Dave Pierson on our Committee, we continue to expand Foster Care Project efforts to provide contacts of love and caring with children in the foster care programs in our metropolitan area – including, in 2006, a very special Easter Project that also involved the youth and parents of the Cathedral.
- With some tremendous support of the Cathedral community, plus the increased involvement of the youth of the Cathedral, our traditional support of the Kansas City AIDS Walk grew in 2006 with the greatest participation ever. We were one of the top ten sponsors of walk teams for the entire Kansas City community.
- With leadership from Sam Satterfield, the Necessary Dreams Project was launched, providing the opportunity for individuals in this congregation to directly help fulfill identified needs for families, individuals, and children in Kansas City. Plans are for this program to expand to other churches in the Diocese.
- The Well Baby Program for Haiti, including Maison de Naissance, has its own support group here at the Cathedral, and through the Chili Cook-off event we assist The Friends of MN with fund raising.

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.

This also true of our three fund raisers during the year – The Chili Cook-Off, The Pancake Breakfast, and the Gender Challenge Croquet Tournament. All three of these are fun community events for the Cathedral, and friends of the Cathedral. But they provide the additional role of enhancing the visibility of our outreach programs within our community and of generating needed resources to support those programs.

To all of you – who volunteer in our programs, who provide much needed pledge revenue, who participate in our fund raising events, and who include those who we help in your prayers – we thank you. And we pledge to continue, with your help and with God’s, to expand our assistance efforts in each of these important areas.

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% participation of the Cathedral membership in making a financial commitment to the Cathedral.

The Stewardship Committee has implemented the Cathedral governance policy adopted last spring. In accordance with that policy, each of the committee members has been assigned to a class which represents the year they will leave the committee. Hampton Hubbard and Sarah Ingram-Eiser are members of the Class of 2007

and will leave the committee effective January 31, 2007. All members of the Cathedral owe Hampton and Sarah a great deal of gratitude for their years of dedicated service on this Committee.

For the fiscal year 2007 as of January 9, 2007, 209 members/families have made financial commitments totaling \$535,281. The person-to-person follow up campaign is well under way and we are confident of breaking last year's record year.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

The Rev. Bryan England

The Thursday Evening Bible Study meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:30 P.M. in the Multi-purpose room on the lower level of Founders' Hall.

During the last year we studied completed a study of Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians (chronologically the first book of the New Testament written), and then started a study of Genesis (the easiest book in the Bible to find). We have flailed our way through the patriarchs, and are currently poised to start the Joseph saga in the last part of Genesis

Trinity Teens Youth Group

Silvestre Silvas

In August 2006, Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral entered a new era in its youth program. Silvestre Silvas was hired as the Cathedral's new youth minister after an extensive search.

Prior to Silvestre's coming to Kansas City, the Trinity Teens program was led by DeAnn McTavish and the Rev. Carol Sanford. The youth met on Wednesday night for their weekly meeting. The meeting began with dinner provided by parents and other volunteers. After dinner, the youth met for a topical meeting or an activity. A highlight was making wooden crosses for St. Luke's Hospital. The crosses were blessed and hung in the hospital rooms in October. In April, the Trinity Teens also participated in the annual Kansas City AIDS Walk.

In summer 2006, the Trinity Teens participated in summer diocesan programs. The youth participated in the annual Missionpalooza program. This summer program is a Kansas City area mission trip program. Youth go to various service agencies and volunteer for a week. The program is jointly organized by the dioceses of Kansas and West Missouri. Trinity Teens also participated in the diocesan mission trip to Mississippi. The group focused on Hurricane Katrina relief work along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Trinity Teens were also involved in other diocesan programs. Ruthie Fenger, Andi Schooling, Alexandra Connors and Tim White are members of the Youth Action Council (YAC). This diocesan group organizes many of the diocesan youth events. Curtis Hamilton and Silvestre are also on the YAC. The Cathedral was the site of the Diocesan Youth Event (DYE). DYE is a weekend-long youth event held in conjunction with the annual diocesan convention. Also, the Cathedral was the site for the first annual Bishop's Ball.

Alexandra was selected and represented Province VII on the General Convention Official Youth Presence. She was the group's Dispatch of Business which basically kept the other 17 youth organized. Silvestre was also at General Convention and was one of nine chaperones. Alexandra was also chosen to be the rector of Happening which was re-introduced in the diocese of West Missouri. Silvestre was also selected to be on the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) 2008 design team.

In September 2006, The weekly Wednesday meetings began after a youth/parent meeting. Youth meetings begin with dinner followed by a program. On the first Wednesday night of each month, Trinity Teens continues its tradition of working in the Kansas City Community Kitchen.

The youth ministry program's focus is on the Top 101 Bible Stories everyone should know and fulfilling the Baptismal Covenant and the Great Commission.

Innovations to the youth program include a weekly posting of daily Bible readings, a monthly newsletter, and Silvestre's daily blog of reflections on the designated Bible readings. The group has also developed a new tradi-

tion of First Sunday Lunch and a Movie. The group goes out to lunch on the first Sunday of each month and then goes to see an appropriate first run movie. Trinity Teens also adopted a family for Christmas through the Guadalupe Centers for the first time. And also went to Bishop Spencer Place to make gingerbread houses with and for the residents. The youth group also provided a Sunday evening dinner for residents at Ronald McDonald House. Trinity Teens plan for more monthly service projects and monthly off-campus activities.

In October, a Sunday Christian Formation program began. A confirmation program entitled *Confirm Not Conform* began. The class is led by Silvestre and Chris Morrison. The senior high youth also have their own program. The senior high program is called *My Faith, My Life* and is led by Jacob Reeves and Curtis. As soon as that program is finished, the senior high group will begin a new program.

The youth program at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral is gradually expanding in its outlook. New adult volunteers have into the life of the group. Sara Copeland and Stephen Flannery are now a new adult presence.

Things are looking up and with God's help the youth program will become a vital presence in the life of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, the Diocese of West Missouri, and The Episcopal Church.

Women's Retreats

The Rev. Carol Sanford

A Women's Retreat was held at the Franciscan Prayer Center in Independence, Missouri, over three days and two nights in January 2006. The retreat was organized and presented by a committee of Cathedral women and the Rev. Canon Linda Yeager, with the Rev. Canon Sue Sommer and the Rev. Carol Sanford taking part. Approximately thirty women gathered to explore the theme "Walking our Spiritual Paths" through worship, reflection, music, creative endeavor, fellowship and fun.

During 2006, a committee of eight women began plans for the 2007 Women's Retreat, which was held January 19-21 under the theme "Thankful Hearts." While maintaining the format established over the previous eight concurrent retreats, the 2007 retreat expanded the time for quiet reflection and included introduction to various contemplative practices. The tradition of spiritual growth and mutual concern fostered through previous Women's Retreats continues to flourish at the Cathedral.

2006 STATISTICAL REPORT

Baptisms	11
Confirmation/Receptions/Reaffirmations	14
Weddings	14
Transfers In	20
Transfers Out	43
Burials	10

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: 2006 YTD

	General Fund				Other Funds			
	Budget 12 Months	Actual 12 Months	Memorial Fund	Property Fund	Capital 2%	Discr. Fund	Outreach Fund	Gift Shop
OPERATING INCOME								
Pledges	655,000	616,180						
Plate offering	91,000	69,812						
Plate to Discretionary	6,000	6,000						
Unrestricted Bequests	312,000	312,000						
Special Gifts	8,000	5,000						
Events/Lease	30,000	23,614						
Fund Raisers	15,000	4,944						
MMK Checking Interest	1,800	3,057						
DST Note	80,000	80,000						
Endowment 5% Operating	379,292	385,990						
Crowell Trust Income	151,645	152,199						
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	1,729,737	1,658,796						
Memorial Fund			4,150					
Property Fund				4,785				
Property 2% Capital					131,899			
Discretionary Fund	6,000					9,075		
Outreach Fund	36,864						49,209	
Gift Shop Fund								11,883
Total Other Income	42,864		4,150	4,785	131,899	9,075	49,209	11,883
EXPENDITURES								
Plate to Discretionary	6,000	6,000						
Social Outreach	36,864	36,864						
The Larger Church	230,369	231,365						
Clergy Support	366,576	342,030						
Administration and General	182,122	179,720						
Property	381,181	379,702						
Utilities	125,000	122,464						
Education	104,339	109,360						
Music	135,916	129,465						
Parish Life	72,959	73,864						
Nursery	50,555	49,945						
Total Expenditures	1,691,881	1,660,779						
NET OPERATING INCOME	37,856	(1,983)						
Memorial Fund			490					
Property Fund - Founders' Hall				80,715				
Property 2% Capital					178,677			
Discretionary Fund						14,223		
Outreach Fund							56,148	
Gift Shop Fund								9,241
Total Other Expenditures			490	80,715	178,677	14,223	56,148	9,241
NET OTHER INCOME			3,660	(75,930)	(46,778)	(5,148)	(6,939)	2,642

BALANCE SHEET: DECEMBER 31, 2006

Accounts	Assets	
10 - Cash Accounts		
1100 - Operating Fund Sweep-UMB	\$9,285.22	
1121 - Memorial Fund Sweep-UMB	\$21,937.78	
1140 - Property Fund Sweep-UMB	\$12,821.18	
1141 - Property 2% Capital Fund Sweep-UMB	\$15,981.41	
1150 - Altar Guild Fund-BOA	\$4,966.34	
1161 - Flower and Candle Fund Sweep-UMB	\$3,655.32	
1171 - Book and Gift Store Fund Sweep-UMB	\$7,554.28	
1180 - Outreach Program Fund-UMB	\$1,946.94	
1196 - Discretionary Fund Sweep-UMB	\$3,213.64	
Total 10 - Cash Accounts		\$81,362.11
11 - Investment - Money Market		
1200 - Scudder Invest. Operating	\$8,685.04	
1210 - Scudder Invest. Memorial	\$2,475.86	
1220 - Scudder Invest. Property	\$1,166.46	
1230 - Scudder Invest. Outreach	\$10,317.71	
12 - Investments - Securities		
1320 - Trust # 1 Investment	\$512,805.72	
1330 - Trust # 2 Investment	\$5,001,279.32	
1340 - Trust # 3 Investment	\$206,258.58	
1350 - Kemper Investment	\$3,991,205.69	
1355 - Kemper Invest Restricted	\$841,821.21	
1370 - Faeth Music Investment	\$1,935,075.54	
Total 12 - Investments - Securities	\$12,488,446.06	
Total 11 - Investment - Money Market		\$12,511,091.13
13 - Founders' Hall		
1600 - Property - Founders' Hall	\$4,814,185.45	
Total 13 - Founders' Hall		\$4,814,185.45
14 - Cathedral Property		
1610 - Property-Cathedral	\$1,193,556.31	
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	
Total 14 - Cathedral Property		\$4,429,049.87
15 -KC Community Kitchen		
1690 - Acct. Receivable - KCCK Equipment	\$130,938.00	
Total 15 -KC Community Kitchen		\$130,938.00
16- Notes Receivable		
1680 - Notes Receivable - DST	\$1,000,000.00	
Total 16- Notes Receivable		\$1,000,000.00
Total Assets		\$22,966,626.56

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Liabilities, Fund Principal, and Restricted Funds

Liabilities

21 - Holding Accounts

2400 - Wedding Exchange Account	\$1,056.46	
2401 - Ad. Ed. Continuing Education	\$4.60	
2402 - Ad. Ed. Retreat's	\$3,363.10	
2405 - Ad. Ed. ALPHA	\$124.00	
2406 - Ad. Ed. Small Groups	\$2,028.93	
2407 - Ad. Ed. Lenten Academy	\$708.91	
2408 - Foster Child B-Day Exchange	\$1,769.90	
2409 - Conferences/Workshops	\$196.20	
2410 - Ad. Ed. Adult Forum	\$540.60	
2413 - Youth Group Fund Raisers	\$2,369.64	
2414 - Church School Fund Raisers	\$1,000.00	
2415 - Guild of the Christ Child	\$439.50	
2417 - Nave Memorial Book	\$5,000.00	
2420 - Three Mary's	\$190.00	
2422 - Integrity	\$206.60	
2425 - Gardens	\$960.00	
Total 21 - Holding Accounts		\$19,958.44
Total Liabilities		\$19,958.44

Fund Principal

30 - Fund Balances

3100 - Trust Fund Balance	\$8,356,257.76	
3101 - Outreach Program Fund Balance	\$18,615.14	
3103 - Property Fund Balance	\$10,375,287.08	
3104 - Memorial Fund Balance	\$8,379.67	
3105 - Operating Fund Balance	\$108,379.33	
3106 - Altar Guild Fund Balance	\$1,468.72	
Total 30 - Fund Balances		\$18,868,387.70
Excess Cash Received	\$4,078,280.42	
Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received		\$22,946,668.12

Restricted Funds

Total Temporarily Restricted	\$0.00	
Total Permanently Restricted	\$0.00	
Total Restricted Funds		\$0.00
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, and Restricted Funds		\$22,966,626.56

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