

## **Stewardship Commission Report to the 222<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Convention**

Our stewardship activities in the diocese took many sizes and forms the past year. From presenting workshops at the Diocesan Day of Workshops in April at Trinity Cathedral; to working with the Diocesan Youth Council and participating at the Fall Youth Event on Stewardship in October at Camp Lebanon; to one-on-one conversations, phone calls and emails with parish members; to meetings, speaking, preaching, listening and working with parishes, stewardship committees and vestries. In 2005, the Stewardship Commission worked with parishes in seven of the diocese's eight convocations.

We continue to stress year round Stewardship as a response in living out our baptismal covenant and exploring our lives as entrusted stewards.

We will continue our work with parishes in the coming year and are looking into other ways of assisting parishes and their Stewardship programs. We are working with neighboring dioceses in evaluating having a regional Stewardship conference at a future time (2007).

Two of our members are leaving us at this time:

- Our thanks and prayers go to the Rev. William Thiele (St. Paul's, Westfield) who has stepped down as Chair of the Commission after years of faithful service and hard work. Thank you Bill!
- Our thanks also to John Marvel, St. George's, Helmetta for his years of service to the Commission.

Bishop Cancell has appointed Robert Fox (St. John's, Somerville) as the new Chair of the Commission.

Most of the parish consultations have been done Bob Fox and Mike Redpath (Christ Church, Toms River). When needed, we will refer parishes to other resources. Introductory resources to consider are the diocesan stewardship brochures "Stewardship Assistance for Your Parish or Mission" and "Rewarding Stewardship". Please visit our table during diocesan convention.

The Diocese of New Jersey is a member of TENS, The Episcopal Network for Stewardship. Log onto <http://www.TENS.org> to access a huge amount of useful stewardship resources.

The stewardship commission is easy to contact. Its chair, Bob Fox ([bobfox926@msn.com](mailto:bobfox926@msn.com)) handles inquiries from the northern half of the Diocese. Mike Redpath ([mredpath@acreativeworld.com](mailto:mredpath@acreativeworld.com)) handles inquiries from the southern half of the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Fox and The Rev. Bill Thiele  
Incoming and outgoing chairs

### **DIocese OF NEW JERSEY STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION 2005**

Mr. Michael Chin (St. Peter's, Freehold); Ms. Susan Cushinotto (Holy Trinity, Ocean City); Mr. Richard Ellwood (Christ Church, Middletown); Rev. William Feus (St. George's-by-the-River, Rumson); Robert Fox, Chair (St. John's, Somerville); Rev. Polly McWilliams Kasey (Holy Trinity, South River); Mr. John Marvel (St. George's, Helmetta); Michael Redpath (Christ Church, Toms River); Rev. Stephen Rozzelle (St. Mark's, Basking Ridge); Rev. David Stout (Trinity Church, Asbury Park); Rev. William Thiele, outgoing Chair (St. Paul's, Westfield); Rev. Robert Turner (St. Mark's, Plainfield)