

**Planned Giving Committee
Report to the 222nd Diocesan Convention**

This was a much more subdued year for the Planned Giving Committee than the previous two years. In part this was due to major staff changes at the Episcopal Church Foundation. One of the primary ways of helping parishes do the work of planned giving has been for our committee to put people in touch with the Episcopal Church Foundation because they have so many resources and people to help us at the local level. During 2005, the area representative, David Farrand resigned his position with the Foundation in order to devote his energies as the chairman of the board of St. Philip's Academy in Newark. He was replaced by John Moses who came to New Jersey April to lead one of the two diocese-wide seminars offered through our committee.

Over the last three years over 100 churches of our diocese have participated in seminars or workshops offered by the committee. In addition this year, several individual churches were put in touch with the Episcopal Church Foundation. Although we had budgeted and planned to enter into a retainer relationship with the Foundation in 2005, the changes in staff there meant that those plans have had to be postponed. It is hoped that we will be able to do so in 2006. Glenn Holliman, the new vice-president of the Foundation is anxious to meet with people in our diocese and we will look forward to that.

At this point in the life of the committee, we function mostly as a conduit between our churches and the Foundation, and as an organizer of periodic seminars. It may be time for the work of this committee to be folded into the broader work of the Stewardship Committee. That will be a topic of discussion in 2006 as well.

Respectfully submitted by The Rev. Timothy J. Mulder

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Registrar's Report

Article IX of the Constitution of the Diocese of New Jersey requires that the Registrar make a report to each Convention. It pleases me to report that progress continues to be made in our Diocesan Archives. The progress seems minuscule only because two and a half centuries of records require an enormous amount of time and effort to collate and make usable.

At present four of us work part-time in the archives. Assisting me are Deacon Mary Ann Jensen, Associate Archivist; Paula Morgan, Cataloger/Librarian; and Carol Bishop, Research Assistant. Carol Bishop continues her tedious task of converting our paper Confirmation/Reception records onto a disk format. She has finished the years of the 1940s and 1950s and is presently working on the 1960s. Eventually we will be able to speed our research with the typing of a name! The project, when finished, will have all the records from 1875 to the present.

In December, through the auspices of Paula and Mary Ann, we were gifted with seven large wooden shelving units for 'the taking'! This allows us to redo the archives in a usable form. This project will take at least several months to complete.

The Rev. Ellen Rutherford has been of great assistance and we are sorry to see her leave for her new ministry in Canada.

Paula Morgan is in the process of cataloguing and shelving our books and pamphlets, and we will eventually have these records on computer, also.

The papers and records of the extinct parishes are now on line and available on our Diocesan Website under Archives. You might want to check the website and see what the Archives offer for research. We are grateful to Cynthia McFarland, Canon of Communication, for arranging the Archive portion of the diocesan website. Some significant additions have been made to the Archive Library, including histories of other dioceses, genealogical aids, and important books on the history of ECUSA.

I was unable to attend the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists annual meeting due to surgery. It was held in Hawaii, adding to the pain of missing it.

I would like to thank Helen Rutherford, Mary Ann Jensen, Paula Morgan, and Carol Bishop for their dedication to preserving the history of this great Diocese of New Jersey.

(The Rev. Canon) Laurence D. Fish, Registrar

