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*“A welcoming Christian Center of Excellence
grounded in the Anglican tradition.”*

**Annual Meeting
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AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Breakfast
- II. Presentations of Nominees and Vote
 - Vestry Nominees
 - Convocation Nominees
 - Diocesan Convention Nominees
- III. Dean's Report
- IV. Necrology
- V. 2006 Budget (Chuck Perfater)
- VI. Trinity Cathedral Academy (Georgia Koenig)
- VII. Profile and Search Committee Reports (Phil Lewis)
- VIII. Senior Warden's Report
- IX. Other Business Items
- X. Adjournment

DEAN'S REPORT

“With this in mind, then, I kneel in prayer to the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, that out of the treasures of his glory he may grant you strength and power through his Spirit in your inner being, that through faith Christ may dwell in your hearts in love. With deep roots and firm foundations, may you be strong to grasp, with all God’s people, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ, and to know it, though it is beyond knowledge. So may you attain to fullness of being, the fullness of God himself. *Ephesians 3:14-19*”

Dearest friends in Christ, dearest friends of Christ we have had another splendid year! It has been rich beyond imagining! God has invited us to reach beyond ourselves and serve the wider community, and serve the people of God we have indeed! Bishop George Councill challenged us to fling open our doors, remember? Well, we have! We the people of Trinity Cathedral have served God faithfully as we have reached out to offer hospitality, and well cared for spaces, to almost 200 events to the Diocese and the people of Trenton.

We have in fact, hosted 167 events **in addition to** anything that is a regular part of the life of the Cathedral. That is, in addition to the normal number of weddings, funerals, Sunday services, Holy Week services, weekday services, meetings, gatherings, events, educational offerings, receptions, food distributions, dances, festivals and concerts, etc. of our own Cathedral community. That is, 167 events beyond the normal events of Trinity Cathedral Academy, both its Abbott and its K-6 grade programs, the Trenton After School Program, and the Summer Camp Program. We have taken seriously the truth that our space of 40,000 square feet in very real measure dictates our mission to be a “welcoming center of Excellence grounded in the Anglican Tradition”. The glorious truth is that we are exploding with service and faithfulness to our mission. “Fling open your doors,” our Bishop said, and flung open they are! We have used this huge building to serve God by welcoming and accommodating panoply of God’s children, young and old, wealthy and not so wealthy. We have worked tirelessly to keep this huge building running smoothly, repaired, warm, welcoming, and clean. And that demands a huge commitment in time, effort, money and dedication. “Fling open your doors,” the Bishop said, and flung them we have!

We have served the Diocese by welcoming clergy as they gather to study, meet with the Bishop, and celebrate and mark special occasions. We have served the Diocese as it performs its sacred functions to ordain new clergy, renew ordination vows, confirm youth in their faith, educate and form deacons, strengthen the ministries of lay folk, dance, study, meet and deliberate. We have hosted the inauguration of the ECVA here in the Diocese and mounted 3 art shows. This past year alone we have hosted more than 63 Diocesan events.

“Fling open your doors,” the Bishop said, and flung them we have! We have served the community of Trenton by hosting all manner of events; birthday parties, wedding receptions, baby showers, dances, installation dinners, a Christmas toy distribution, a food distribution, rock concerts for the young, high school music extravaganzas, the Trenton community children’s choir classes and concert, and classical concerts too! We have served the community of Trenton

by hosting meetings, gatherings of not-for-profit groups, graduations, rehearsals, recordings, recitals, and even cooking classes. The Bishop said, “fling open your doors” – and they are flung!

The great majority of the work to welcome each of these events and occasions falls on the marvelously capable Patrice D’Angelo and Al Shaw. Each of them works tirelessly, with consummate skill and endless patience to accomplish this daunting task. Please help me express our gratitude and appreciation for their outstanding dedication to Trinity Cathedral. I ask the Clerk, Paul Cooper to write a letter of praise and appreciation to Patrice and Al so that they may truly know of our gratitude. As you know Bill Yon, our weekend sexton has had to resign because of a previous injury, and I ask that you write him of our appreciation for his work and wish him our blessings. Additionally, Bernard McMullen has worked tirelessly, with Al to keep up on the endless large and small repairs and cleaning, painting, sorting, etc. chores that are needed around this incredible building. He has often been joined by both his sons Zak and Nate, please help me express our gratitude and appreciation to them.

As you know, I have a vision that our hospitality will extend to a guild of greeters from within the parish, and Sudie Bogart-Williams, a member of the Vestry has graciously agreed to head up that guild and organize a comprehensive team of parishioners who will be on hand to welcome and assist those who come into our midst. Please consider volunteering to participate in that ministry.

As Cathedral to the Diocese we host many additional worship services. The Altar Guild, under the deft leadership of Terry Cooper handles each and every service whether it is for 10 people or 500 with grace, swiftness, and infinite patience. Please help me express our gratitude and appreciation to the Altar Guild members: Terry, Mary Jane Bacille, Rachel Mathis, Tom Brooks, Virginia Hopkins, Florine Hunt, Janet Byard, and Gloria Taylor.

As Cathedral to the Diocese our gifted musicians are asked to serve not only here week after week but also in many of the additional services we hold here. We are proud to let the rest of the Diocese know first hand the beauty and quality of our music program. Deborah Ford has skillfully and with consummate leadership led our choir. She has been recently joined by Justin Hartz as organist and director of the Cathedral Ensemble. Please help me express our gratitude and appreciation to them for their gifts among us.

As Cathedral to the Diocese we offer an outstanding and growing gift and book shop. This past year, as you will see in their report, once more they increased their revenues. They also bit the bullet and added credit card capabilities. The shop has grown in its quality of gifts, its breadth of books available and the generosity with which this group of volunteers are willing to be open to serve the many events we host. Please help me express our gratitude and appreciation to Florine Hunt, Regina Zelinski, Georgia Koenig, Pam Holden, Dennie Higgins, and Karen Russo.

Again this year we have the joy of having Student Interns among us. Joanna George, an almost candidate in the Diocesan Deaconate Program, has joined us to help in the many seamless

ways Deacons do. Lisa Caton has returned to the Cathedral as a Seminary Intern and is helping extend the scope of our Adult Education program.

There is a small group of parishioners who are constantly on hand to help and serve God by helping at all manner of chores and duties; Dot Celini and Sue Remmers and Bob Prouty, Janet Thompson and Willie Coleman are names that head the list. Additionally, Joan Nester is our ever-devoted Children's Education Leader and Christmas Pageant Director. Please help me show our gratitude and appreciation for Joan Nester; Dot Celini and her wondrous photography and faithful coverage of our finest moments; Sue Remmers who displays them so artfully; Bob Prouty, who as you know is our gifted florist and the designer of our glorious altar arrangements; Janet Thompson heads up the Food Pantry and Willie Coleman is not only her faithful sidekick but also seamlessly ensures that all manner of things are in place for Sunday worship.

Trinity Cathedral Academy is very dear to my heart, as you know. I dream that before I leave this summer, each and every one of you will have come by and visited the children, whether on a regular day, a spring concert, Founder's Day or the Science Fair. This ministry is our most important outreach to the city of Trenton, because by it we have the opportunity to change the lives of the children who attend. We have the opportunity to grow and strengthen them and their futures through the gift of an opportunity to learn, study and grow in self-knowledge and leadership. By fostering these children's self-understanding and ability to become aware of their gifts and strengths, we offer these children authentic choice in their future lives. This is important. This is a ministry that is still financially fragile, and needs all the help, support and prayers you can offer. Please help me to show our gratitude and appreciation to Sam Stephens and Georgia Koenig for their tireless work on behalf of the Academy and its children.

As you will hear from Chuck Perfater, our Treasurer, we are not yet out of the woods financially, though we have made progress. One of the areas in which we have made the most progress is by reaching out to others in the Diocese. We are the Cathedral to the Diocese and it is vital to our survival that we are claimed and supported by parishes and generous individuals from a wide spectrum of Diocesan members. Chuck, Dick Koenig, and John Ward from St. Matthew's Church in Pennington headed up a most successful first ever Golf Outing. Not only did we clear almost \$18,000.00 to support our budgeted expenses but over 80 golfers from approximately 18 different parishes joined together for a wonderful day of golf which began with an outdoor, course-side Eucharist celebrated by the Bishop. The event was enthusiastically received all the participants and topped off by a marvelous pig roast hosted by Karen Russo and many Cathedral helpers. Additionally, as you will hear from Frank Castellon we have another effort from the Cathedral Development Committee, entitled Friends of the Cathedral. These vital projects to link us with the wider New Jersey church not only are integral to our own Cathedral well being but also serve to bring the Diocese greater stability and interconnectedness and interdependence. I say with conviction – a God project! Please help me show our appreciation and gratitude to Dick Koenig, and Chuck Perfater.

Most Sundays I am joined at the altar by a wonderful group of dedicated priest associates. Peter Bridge, Amos Collins, David Cooling, and Noel Amadi are gracious in their service to God at the Cathedral. I am greatly assisted by John Powell, who helps out with visits to our homebound, and the weekly Healing Service. Please help me express our gratitude and appreciation for their ministries among us.

We have been blessed this year with the addition to our ranks of Deacon Carol Gilbert. Carol is a woman of deep faith, wonderful humor and great vitality. Her diaconal duties include oversight of the Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers. Please help me express our gratitude and appreciation for her ministry among us.

One of the many things that I love about Trinity Cathedral is that we know how to have a good time! Again, our New Comers' Party was a huge success, as was our Spring Fling Dinner Dance and our Trinity Festival Concert. Our Welcome Back Picnic was a popular way to begin the program year and our second annual African Festival was even bigger and better than the first year. Thank you to all of you who work so hard to ensure that we can play as hard as we worship and work. Thank you to Ellen Wry and all the members of the Parish Life Committee; thank you also to Sayah Ann Richardson and all your African Festival helpers.

Your Vestry and Wardens are supremely dedicated and gifted leaders. I cannot say enough about the support, help and brilliance of Frank Castellon our Senior Warden and Ellen Wry, Junior Warden; they have contributed significantly to making my job as Dean a joy. It is invaluable to be able to share the joys and sorrows with wise counselors, please help me express our gratitude and appreciation for their outstanding service as Wardens. Vestry members Cathy Soles, Sudie Bogard-Williams, Willie Coleman, Georgia Koenig, Phil Lewis, Paul Cooper, Clerk, and Chuck Perfater will be staying on to serve going forward. I ask you to thank them for their tireless efforts. Carolyn Ford and Chris Kirmales have each served a full term and I ask you to thank them for their efforts on your behalf. The one and only, ever young David Mulcahy will be rotating off the vestry after years of utterly dedicated and unstinting service. He will still serve as our Insurance man, a valuable member of the Property and Maintenance Committee and as Secretary to the Finance and Budget Committee. Would you please join me in thanking David for his extraordinary devotion to Trinity Cathedral.

One of the innovations that we have added this year is a Pulpit Exchange between the Dean and rectors from various churches throughout the Diocese. It has been as much of a pleasure for me to bring greetings from the Cathedral to these parishes as it has been for the Cathedral to welcome the rectors as preachers here.

One of the most exciting and extraordinary responsibilities of the Vestry this year, of course, has been the creation of the Profile Committee and the resultant remarkable document that you in front of you. The committee was chaired by Phil Lewis and composed of Anne Burns from Trinity Church Princeton, Cynthia McFarland, Bernard McMullan, Janet Miller, Ann Quinn, and Brann Wry, all of the Cathedral; and Don Muller from St. Peter's Medford and Hilary Thomas Dorer from St. John's on the Mountain, Bernardsville. We are deeply indebted to their faithful work as they labored to sensitively reflect upon and represent the identity of Trinity Cathedral. Please help me express our gratitude and appreciation for their outstanding work.

As I look back over this past year I am heartened by our steady and faithful growth in the knowledge and love of God. Over and over again in your prayers for your new Dean you asked God for a Spiritual leader, a leader grounded and mature in his or her faith. What a testament of your values, what a declaration of who you have become! You, the people of Trinity Cathedral

know that God's presence is in your midst and live so firmly that with sure faith you now declare that is how you long to live always.

And so as we look ahead into this year of transition with all the challenges that transition can and will bring it is important to remember with our minds what we know in our hearts. The truth is that God is in our midst and will continue to grow us so that we may become more fully filled with the love of God and live that love more completely in our lives.

Change is hard. It brings out all our insecurities, worries and vulnerabilities. It demands all our strengths. Change is exciting and filled with promise. Let us remember that, and consciously choose to draw on our strengths, living from them as we traverse the shifting landscape of change that this year will hold for us. Many are tempted in the face of change to adopt an attitude of "wait and see" - "I'm just going to hang back and see what happens". I urge you to be fully alert and involved so that this year unfolds with each of you more engaged in the life of our beloved Cathedral.

I give you my vow, that with God as my helper, I too will stay fully engaged until my very last day among you. Let us each dedicate ourselves to living ever more faithful lives as we say our prayer for the search for a new Dean.

All pray: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and our search for a new Dean, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Do you know anyone who has grown careless, who needs restoring? Can you reach out to them? Do you know anyone who would be encouraged by your words of strengthening? The truth is my brothers and sisters in Christ that there is a direct relationship between our depth of faithfulness, strength of prayer and vitality of ministry and the nature and quality of person we will attract as Dean. Let our lives so bless God and our worship joyfully praise God that we may become fully alive with the fullness of God himself.

Faithfully in His Love,

The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell

REPORT ON THE DEAN SEARCH

Since the middle of May, the Profile Committee (Anne Burns, Bernard McMullan, Brann Wry, Ann Quinn, Hilary Thomas Dorer, Janet Miller, Don Muller and Phil Lewis) has worked with substantial input from the Vestry, Elizabeth Geitz, Cynthia McFarland, Bob Shearer, Diane Nancekivell, George Councill and a host of others to insure we have a full and accurate description of who we are and who we, through the Grace of God, are looking for as the next Dean of Trinity Cathedral.

The input received was put into a database from which the first drafts of the Profile were produced. Many thanks to Hilary Thomas Dorer, whose writing brought the Profile to its first draft. The Vestry provided information for the Profile and reviewed the more formal drafts.

During a special meeting on Sunday, September 18th, the work in developing the Profile was infused with robust visioning efforts using Appreciative Inquiry techniques to give the Profile a sense of how we see the future and what we need or want from a new Dean. During the summer there were Summer Inquiry Groups (SIG) formed at Trinity and other parishes in the Diocese and their findings also significantly added to the fullness and depth of the Profile.

The Profile is now complete and can be viewed online at:

<http://justus5.anglican.org/~cmcf/TrinCathProfile-PP050103a.pdf>

Printed copies will be available soon.

The next step in the Search is beginning with the Search Committee (Mr. Frank Castellón, Dr. Paul Cooper, The Rev. Joan Fleming, Mr. Jay Ham, Ms. Judith Miller, The Rev. Ronald Pollock, Ms. Sayah Richardson, Ms. Cathy Soles, Mr. Herbert D. Thomas, Ms. Hilary Thomas Dorer and Dr. Phil Lewis with The Rev. Bob Shearers as consultant) meeting on January 21st. The subsequent work and timelines for the Search will be worked out and announced as soon as practical.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip G. Lewis
Search Committee Chair

TRINITY CATHEDRAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- The Committee was first formed in 2003 to help the Cathedral develop a program to seek financial help from outside its congregation. Its first recommendation was to develop a financial blueprint encompassing all financial aspects of the Cathedral.
- In February 2004, the Cathedral hired a financial consultant to help the Vestry develop a Financial Blueprint for Success. The report was presented to the Bishop and the major Chapter and is being implemented by the Vestry.
- Last year, we presented the report to you. All of the recommendations are being implemented.
- Members of the Committee raised money in 2005 to help the Cathedral using informal word-of-mouth while calling themselves Friends of the Cathedral.
- The Cathedral Development Committee then decided to develop a formal plan to approach all members of the diocese. They know how important our Cathedral is in the life of our diocese - as a symbolic rallying point, as the center of all diocesan festivals, and as a space heavily used for a variety of activities throughout the year.
- Presently, the committee is implementing a two-fold program consisting of (a) six to seven initial meetings throughout the diocese for key leaders, and (b) a more pervasive program where all members of the diocese will have a chance to contribute.
- The goal is to raise a minimum of \$300,000. This will allow the Cathedral to meet its obligations for two to three more years while further steps are taken and a new Dean is called.

- Membership as of January 2006 includes
 - The Right Rev. George Cuncell;
 - The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell;
 - Ellen Wry;
 - Chuck Perfater;
 - Frank Castellón
 - Rev. Jack Belmont, St. Matthews, Pennington;
 - Bob Diemar, St. Luke's, Gladstone;
 - Dick Ellwood, Christ Church, Middletown;
 - Rev. Matthew Engleby, Rector of St. John on the Mountain, Bernardsville;
 - Hilton Jervey, St. Andrew's, New Providence;
 - George Mullen, St. John on the Mountain, Bernardsville;
 - Bob Scott, Christ Church, Woodbury.
 - Other members will be added in 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Castellón

LITURGY AND MUSIC

The Liturgy and Music commission welcomed organist Justin Hartz to its music ministry team this year. He has established and directs the Trinity Cathedral Ensemble. This group joins the Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir, under the direction of Deborah Ford in providing music for the 10:30 Sunday service. Musical highlights of this year also include the installation service for Dean Nancekivell, the Trinity Fest concert by the Eric Mintel Quartet, Doris Spears and the Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir, and the Christmas Eve service and Lessons and Carols service. We thank Deborah Ford, Justin Hartz and each and every singer in our choirs.

We thank Deacons Carol Gilbert and Eric Elley for leadership of our growing acolyte program. Thank you to our acolytes for your enthusiastic participation in liturgy. For unstinting service to Trinity worship and many, many diocesan functions we thank the Altar Guild. Thank you to our faithful ushers at each service. We thank Frank Castellón, Judith Miller and Janet Thompson and all the lectors and Eucharistic ministers who participate in our worship. Thank you Bob Prouty and members of the Flower Guild for the beauty you add to the Cathedral sanctuary and the Chapel. A very special thank you to the Altar Guild Shop for once again making an exceedingly generous donation to the Liturgy and Music commission. We thank Dean Nancekivell, Canon Amadi, Rev. Peter Bridge, Rev. Amos Collins and Rev. David Cooling for leading us on this journey, and Interns Lisa Caton and Joanna George for joining us.

We look forward to the congregation's comments, questions, and support of this commission. We encourage your participation in the ministries which help serve our worship at Trinity Cathedral.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Jean Remmers
Liturgy and Music Chair

ALTAR GUILD

Bread of heaven, on Thee we feed.
For Your Flesh is meat indeed:
Ever may our souls be fed
With this true and living Bread.
Day by day with strength supplied
Through the life of Him who died.

Vine of Heaven, Your blood supplies
This blest Cup of Sacrifice:
Lord, your wounds our healing give,
To your cross we look and live:
JESUS, may we ever be
Grafted, rooted built in Thee. Amen.

Those who care for the Sunday 8:00 am Eucharist in the Chapel and the 10:00 am Wednesday Eucharist with Healing are Tom Brooks, Florine Hunt (who also does the washing and ironing of the linens!), Virginia Hopkins, and Lois Mulcahy. Gloria Taylor, Janet Bayard, and Tom Brooks make the arrangements for the 8:45 service in the Cathedral sanctuary with the devoted participants rearranging that space for the 10:30 am Eucharist. Mary Jane Bacile, who is also our faithful Treasurer, Rachel Mathis, Florence Billings, and Terry Cooper then Set the Table.

Bernard McMullan with sons Zak and Nate do much of the heavy work of hanging the Advent candelabras and other seasonal tasks. The flower memorials are under Bob Prouty's skilled hands. Bob also directs the building of the Easter Garden and the Easter flower arrangements. At Christmas everyone helps with the Greening of the Chapel and the Cathedral. Thus the elegant splendor is the gift of many hearts and thank offerings.

We have continued to provide the settings for Communion for the Deacons' Training Program, the annual Diocesan Altar Guild, the Diocesan Acolyte Festival, several clergy gatherings, and other groups.

Patrice D'Angelo makes sure that we have all the candles and other elements on which our services depend. Al Shaw is our silent, smiling partner in keeping us clean and calm. The Cathedral Altar Guild shop with Florine Hunt and her pleasant, helpful staff provide many people with wonderful books and gifts, thus providing funds to pay for major Altar Guild supplies.

When at least six people asked, and many more people wondered, why that third candle was not lit on Advent III, we can rejoice that the whole congregation supports our endeavors! Your help either before or after any of the services is always welcome and appreciated. Do for our dear Lord what others over thousands of years have done for Him who loves each one of us as if there were just one of us.

With love and prayers,

Terry Cooper

PROPERTY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

Members: Chris Kirmales, Bernard McMullan, David Mulcahy, Ron Zilinski

Projects and Accomplishments in 2005:

- Repair of roofs in Cathedral, narthex & chapel
- Replacement/repair/upgrade of arena lighting in crypt
- Installation of surveillance camera and monitors
- Development and implementation of Sexton/Custodial Manual
- Installation of plaque to complete 9-11 Memorial
- Commissioned new plaques for bishop's chair and dean's stall
- Reviewed and recommended acceptance of fixed price contract for natural gas
- Installed door in associate music director's office
- Installed picture railings throughout Synod Hall for use during ECVA shows
- Organized volunteers to repair and paint side walls of Synod Hall
- Replaced/repainted all external lighting
- Conducted lead test throughout facility
- Encapsulation of lead-based paint on stairs leading to undercroft
- Continued renewal of grounds surrounding cathedral complex
- Renewed play area for Academy pre-school

Projected Tasks in 2006 (In general order of priority):

- Replace roof above main office and hallway
- Repair stained glass windows in Chapel & Synod Hall
- Evaluate re-zoning option for heating throughout cathedral complex
- Replace thermostats
- Replace windows in office area, Guild Room and Academy
- Replace ceiling above chapel narthex
- Repair cathedral garage to serve as appropriate storage area
- Re-pave and re-line parking yard
- Complete renewal of Memorial Garden
- Complete painting of north wall of Synod Hall
- Refinish wainscoting and wood work of Synod Hall
- Repaint baptistry, undercroft stairway, etc.
- Renew Synod Hall floor
- Create additional storage areas throughout cathedral
- Refurbish and return ornate light fixtures to ambulatories of crypt
- Repair and paint undercroft kitchen ceiling
- Re-calibrate undercroft kitchen ovens/evaluate other appliances

Volunteers needed to:

- Paint walls in narthex of chapel and stairway leading to undercroft
[5 volunteers @ 3 hours]
- Replace & paint ceiling (drywall) above foyer of Overbrook Avenue entrance
[2 volunteers @ 4 hours]
- Refinish wainscoting & woodwork of Synod Hall [(5) 3-hour sessions]
- Repair and repaint chapel baptistry [3 hours]
- Paint metal railings and framing of stairs to undercroft [4 hours]
- Refinish stair treads leading to undercroft (approx. 20 60" x 15" treads)

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard McMullan, Chair

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

The Parish Life Commission continues to provide service to the parish community by sponsoring various social events and coordinating other kinds of hospitality.

We had a great dinner dance last April attended by about 120 people. We used some of the proceeds to purchase flatware that we now use for parties. This year, we will hold a Mardi Gras celebration on February 25 with a live band, a delicious dessert buffet and a silent auction with some wonderful items. Our commission has committed to raising \$5,000 beyond our expenses during 2006, and we hope that the silent auction will help us to do that.

We also sponsored a parish picnic early in the fall, at which we also welcomed over 100 people. About 60 of us gathered in December for a welcoming reception for newcomers. And we had the great pleasure of hosting a reception for our beloved Dean when she was installed in that position by the Bishop.

Every Sunday we provide refreshments for everyone who attends services, and we are very grateful for the generosity of everyone who brings food, sets up and cleans up every week. We also have greeters welcoming everyone on Sunday.

This will be a busy year! In addition to our usual picnic, welcoming reception, and dance, we will be honoring our Dean at a parish party when she retires, and later in the year we will have a reception to welcome our new Dean.

We would be glad for help from anyone who enjoys a good time, either for an occasional event or for year-round work with our commission. There aren't many of us, and we'd love some help!

The Parish Life Commission: Ellen Wry (Chair), Brann Wry, Patrice D'Angelo, Joe D'Angelo, Sudie Bogard-Williams, Dennie Higgins, Patti Castellón, Ellen White.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Wry
Parish Life Commission Chair

OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM COMMISSION

The Commission has worked with the Crisis Ministry to distribute their newsletter, and aided Ellen Wry and many others to provide support for Hurricane Katrina evacuees in the Trenton Area. The food pantry provided 100 hams for families at Easter donated by Wegman's market, and provided over 110 complete turkey dinners at Thanksgiving. Through the coat drive, we have and are continuing to provide coats for needy persons to keep warm for the winter.

Joe D'Angelo continues to collect textbooks in order to re-stock the library of the University of Liberia, and a request for prayer books, hymnals and bibles has been added to the drive. We are planning to hold a fundraiser on March 23 to raise money to ship them, to aid as many souls as possible in Liberia.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip G. Lewis
Outreach and Evangelism Co-chair

TRINITY CATHEDRAL FOOD PANTRY

Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry, an arm of Trinity Cathedral Outreach Ministry, had a successful service year in 2005. The Food Pantry ran according to the 2005 schedule presented at the Trinity 2004 annual meeting. The Food Pantry distributed food on 28 occasions from 9AM-10AM every other Saturday.

In December 2005, Terry Kiely, R.D., M.P.H. of the Mercer Street Friends Food Cooperative (MSFFC) inspected the Food Pantry storage and records. The Food Pantry passed. There will be another inspection of the site and files in 2007.

Our church family donated much food, time and money. Our loyal family played a huge role in our Turkey Day, November 19, 2005. During the Fall Food Drive parishioners donated over 600 items of food (Attachment) and \$1,100 in cash. Over twenty volunteers served the pantry on Nov. 19, 2005.

The Food Pantry received most commodities from MSFFC at little or no cost. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides food at no cost to people who meet their guidelines. These guidelines are directly related to income. The Food Pantry used these same guidelines to qualify recipients.

Here are the Qualifier Codes:

1. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) welfare
2. Food Stamp Program (FSP)
3. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability
4. Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
5. MEDICAID
6. Income Eligible
7. Disaster

Through the MSFFC the Food Pantry received a \$1,000 grant. Ewing ShopRite through its "Partners in Caring Program" awarded the grant. This represented a decrease in funding. In 2004 the Food Pantry received \$1,500 and in 2003-\$2000 from the same source. MSFFC worked to increase funding and awareness through various events. Here briefly are some of the events held throughout 2005.

January 10, 2005: SURVEY on PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD for the NJ Hunger Prevention and Nutritional Assistance Program Act

March 9, 2005: QUESTIONNAIRE from America's Second Harvest (food assistance in the USA)

March 15, 2005: ANNUAL MEETING of MERCER COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES

June 4-7, 2005: ONE TABLE, MANY VOICES - Four Day conference on hunger and poverty held in Washington, DC.

Nov. 14, 2005: THROW A LINE TO THE HUNGRY - requested help for a Press event to be held at NJ STATE HOUSE 12/1/05

Dec. 20, 2005: RENEWED FUNDING under NJ Hunger Prevention and Nutritional Assistance Program Act

Every month in 2005 MSFFC sent informative mailings. These communications included nutritional messages, recipes, informative literature (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Food Stamps, School Lunch Programs, 2005 Poverty Guidelines, etc.) and health news.

During 2005 the Pantry served a total of 1,662 adults and 792 children. The greatest number 386 served occurred in March followed by 317 served in November.

The blessing of donated food during the Sunday worship service was instituted during 2005. Donated food is collected after the collection plate. The food basket is presented at the altar after the alms basin. The blessing of the food is a visible sign of God's love and presence in this ministry.

Also new to the Food Pantry this year is the volunteer service of Alan Dybvig and Matthew Milliner from All Saints in Princeton. These two gentlemen generally pick up food from the MSFFC warehouse every other Thursday. Ms. Jane Allen of All Saints coordinated this effort. Joe Dance was also faithful in picking up food from the warehouse. In addition, Sudie Bogard-Williams volunteered to be of service in this area if needed.

A great THANK YOU to all those who supported and volunteered in all aspects of the Food Pantry Ministry. The list is very long of those who well deserve thanks. The Food Pantry further acknowledged the support of the staff and students of the Academy. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Food Pantry anticipates greater service in the year 2006. The schedule for 2006 with a list by month of suggested food items is attached.

ALL PRAISE, HONOR, and GLORY to HIM who sustains and nourishes us. May He continue to help us grow in grace and strength as we minister those who call upon us for help.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet E. Thompson, Food Pantry Director

DONATIONS TO 2005 TRINITY FOOD DRIVE

APPLE JUICE	3		LEMON BARS	1
BEANS	6		MASHED POTATOES	1
BEEF STEW	1		MEATBALLS	1
BODY FOR LIFE SHAKES		16	MIXED VEGGIES	3
BROWN SUGAR	1		OIL	2
BROWNIE MIX	1		OLIVES	1
CANNED MILK	1		PASTA	7
CANDY SNACK BARS		85	PEACHES	12
CARROTS	4		POTATOES	2
CHILLI	1		PEANUT BUTTER	8
COFFEE	1		PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS	72
CORN	32		PUDDING	24
CORNBREAD MIX	2		PUMPKIN	2
CRANBERRY SAUCE		72	RELISH	1
FRUIT COCKTAIL	2		SALAD DRESSING	1
GRAVY	1		SNACK BARS	85
GREEN BEANS	25		SOUP	51
GREENS	2		SPAGHETTI SAUCE	7
HOT SAUCE	1		STUFFING	6
JELLY	5		SWEET PEAS	2
KUDOS SNACK BARS		24	TUNA FISH	16
			YAMS	11

TRINITY CATHEDRAL FOOD PANTRY

MONTHLY FOOD DONATION CATEGORIES

AND

2006 SCHEDULE

THE FOOD PANTRY 2006 SCHEDULE	REQUESTED MONTHLY FOOD 2006
SATURDAYS 9AM – 10AM	
JANUARY 14, 28	Hot Drinks-Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, etc.
FEBRUARY 11, 25	Hot/Cold Cereal
MARCH 11, 25	Canned Protein-Chili, Hash, Tuna, etc.
APRIL 8, 22	Canned Tomato Products
MAY 6, 20	Rice/Potatoes- Bag or Box
JUNE 3, 17	Powdered or Canned Milk
JULY 1, 15, 29	Canned Fruit, Jello, Pudding
AUGUST 12, 26	Canned Vegetables
SEPTEMBER 9, 23	Pasta and Sauces
OCTOBER 7, 21	Peanut Butter/Cooking Oil
NOVEMBER 4, 18*	Canned Meats-Frozen Turkeys
DECEMBER 2, 16, 30	Stews – Soups

*TURKEY DAY

FOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 1, 2006 to NOVEMBER 18, 2006.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL ACADEMY

Educational Programs Offered

- **Abbott Preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds funded jointly by the New Jersey Departments of Education and Human Services**
 - One classroom of 15 students for each age group, for a total of 30 children
 - Operates 245 days per year, from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm
 - Offers high quality educational program for 6 hours per day on 182 days per year
 - Staff includes:
 - Full-time director and administrative assistant
 - Two certified teachers
 - Two teaching assistants
 - Family service worker
 - Additional assistant for food service
 - Part-time bookkeeper

- **Elementary school program for Kindergarten through 6th grade**
 - Grades organized into five classrooms:
 - Kindergarten
 - Combined First/Second Grade
 - Third Grade
 - Fourth Grade
 - Combined Fifth/Sixth Grade
 - Offers educational instruction for 6 hours per day on 182 days per year
 - 2005 – 2006 enrollment totals 42 children
 - Staff includes:
 - Full-time administrative assistant (principal resigned in November due to family health emergencies)
 - Five full-time regular classroom teachers
 - Five special subject instructors
 - Part-time bookkeeper

- **TASP (Trenton After School Program) for Kindergarten through 6th grade:**
 - Nationally Accredited After School Program which runs Monday through Friday from 3 PM to 6 PM in various parts of the Cathedral complex.
 - Offers a combination of academic support and enrichment activities, field trips, and summer program.
 - Services 70 children, more than half from the Academy and the remainder from other Trenton Public Elementary Schools.
 - Fully funded by Nassau Presbyterian and Trinity Princeton churches
 - Executive Director of the program, Tina Blackledge is assisted by several paid staff and volunteers from the churches who support it.

Curriculum and Instruction

- **Preschool**
 - In 2005-2006 implemented Creative Curriculum, a research-based multi-disciplinary approach to early childhood education
 - In 2005-2006 began Music for Little People Curriculum with Mrs. Ford
 - Has consistently received very high ratings on the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS)

- **Elementary School**
 - In 2005-2006 adopted new school-wide curriculum
 - Special subjects include:
 - Art instruction by professional illustrator and artist, Ruth Council
 - Music instruction by professional performer, Deborah Ford
 - Ethics instruction and weekly Chapel services
 - Physical education instruction
 - Instruction in Spanish language (through videotapes in K-2, instruction by native Spanish speaker in grades 3-6, Maria Newman)
 - Continued participation in federal Reading First initiative for grades K-3
 - School-wide themes and projects for 2005-2006:
 - Freedom and Justice (including study of the Constitution)
 - Health and the Human Body
 - Diverse Heritages (Hispanic and African-American)
 - The Desert Habitat
 - Space Science
 - Urban Rangers: Healthy Soil
 - School Garden
 - Special educational and enrichment activities
 - Literacy events
 - *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* (upper-grade book study)
 - Curious George (primary-grade book study)
 - Poetry Day/Langston Hughes Birthday (February 1st)
 - National Reading Day/Dr. Seuss Birthday (March 2nd)
 - Social studies events: Constitution Day (September 16th)
 - Science events
 - Health Fair in November
 - Science Fair in March
 - Earth Day
 - Community service
 - Katrina Book Bag drive
 - Thanksgiving Food Drive for Cathedral Food Pantry
 - UNICEF change collection
 - Halloween “goodie bags” for Mercer St. Friends & Mt. Carmel Guild
 - Math-a-thon for St. Jude’s Hospital for Children

- Partnerships
 - Isles (Urban Rangers and School Garden)
 - Lawrenceville School (tutoring, classroom volunteers, enrichment activities on their campus)
 - The Trent House (multi-media 4th Grade project “If You Lived at the Time of William Trent...”)

Finances and Fundraising

- Program costs
 - Preschool: Total budget \$361,702. Approximately, \$12,000/child
 - Elementary School: Total budget \$332,827. Approximately, \$8,000/child
- Revenue sources
 - Preschool: State Funded through Department of Human Service and Trenton Board of Education
 - Elementary School: Tuition and fund raising. Tuition is \$3950 plus registration and supplies fee (approximately \$250)

Special Appreciation to...

- Deborah Ford, music and ethics instructor
- Ruth Councell, art instructor
- Maria Newman, Spanish language instructor and publicity coordinator
- Patrice D’Angelo, bookkeeping services
- Cathedral Altar Guild, donation of items for sale
- Deacon Frey, weekly tutor
- Roxanne Pintella, parent fundraising coordinator
- Ms. Bell, parent volunteer in lunchroom

How can you help?

- By attending Academy sponsored events: Founder’s Day is coming up on Wednesday March 15th!
- By word-of-mouth publicity to encourage young parents to visit the school. This is our most successful means of recruitment.
- Financially, by funding our scholarship fund . . . many of you may have received a letter asking for your help in November. Many have responded. To those who have not, it is not too late. Your gifts, large and small are needed and appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgia Koenig
Academy Board member

CATHEDRAL CAREGIVERS

Our homebound elderly and disabled are very much a part of our community because they are united with us through several ministries: our clergy and lay folk who visit and take them communion, our Sunday visitors who take communion to the residents of Mercer County Geriatric Center (oh, the stories of love and sharing they can tell!), and our Cathedral Caregivers who shop, provide transportation, and other assistance to them. In addition are what I call the Peacemakers in our congregation, who remember birthdays, anniversaries, as well as times of sadness when sharing gives life and comfort.

In 2005 we especially give thanks for the ministries of Father John Powell and our Seminarian Nancy Dilliplane, as well as our Dean Diane. Being the visible presence of God in the hard times was especially evident when Sudie Bogard-Williams took Doris Gobel to the hospital. There, she enjoyed a birthday party provided by the Isbills and Sudie. That last Sunday morning, Ellen Wry tried to visit her and brought us news that she was slipping away, and the choir and the whole congregation prayed for her easy passage. And it was so.

Tom Brooks, Barbara Kervi, Florine Hunt, Sue Remmers, Sudie Bogard-Williams, Susanne Isbill, Frank and Patti Castellón, Ellen and Brann Wry, Cathy Soles, and Terry Cooper give of themselves to others in many and varied ways. There are others; are you one? Do you have stories of love and sharing?

Interfaith Caregivers of Trenton/Faith Alive has given training to many of us to provide careful, practical assistance and keep us up to date with workshops and many types of support information. The staff is a constant source of help in complex problems which arise from human issues with which we are all familiar. The service the Caregivers provide is free and confidential. If you are interested in joining us in this or are in need of the services of this ministry for yourself, please talk to our Dean Diane, or to Mary Ann Isaac at Interfaith Caregivers, Trenton, Inc./Faith Alive, 207 Hillcrest Ave., Trenton, NJ 08618 - (609) 393-9922; or to the undersigned. Relationships develop which become warm and truly caring, full of laughter and sadness, too. Be both a caregiver and care receiver wherever you may be in your life journey.

Shalom,

Terry Cooper, Chair

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The year 2005 saw extensive activity in the area of Adult Education.

Following the Fall 2004 series on Creation Centered Spirituality, the response by participants was so positive that a follow-up three part series was held in January of 2005. Our seminarian intern Nancy Dilliplane assisted in this follow-up program.

Lent 2005 featured a five part series on various aspects of Spirituality led by Dean Diane Nancekivell. The traditional Lenten Soup Suppers preceded these sessions.

The Fall series of 2005 saw the gathering of an enthusiastic group centered on a discussion of the book *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg. This was a six-part study and gave rise to numerous lively discussions.

On December 13 a planning luncheon was held in order to implement the specifics for the Embracing Religious Diversity Forum scheduled for January 2006. Our seminarian intern Lisa Caton formulated the agenda for this meeting.

The Adult Education programs of 2005 were received with enthusiasm. It is our hope that this enthusiasm for quality programs will endure in 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Dot Cellini
Director of Adult Education

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION

While the attendance at Sunday School has been less than hoped for this fall, the children and teens of the parish came together to create the best yet Pageant on Christmas Eve!

Derek Gibson and Nefetari Blasse were our great narrators and, in order of appearance our cast included the good work of: Sierra Hessinger as Mary; Kelly Gibson as Gabriel and the Angel of the Lord; Curtis Newman as Joseph; our newly baptized Chloe Hessinger as Baby Jesus; Malcolm Newman, Robert Nester, Derek Hessinger, Enoch McCrownsey, and Isaac Newman as our wonderful shepherds with their new shepherds crooks (compliments of the Newmans); and Caroline and Barbra Tweh and their cousin Telfi Taylor did double duty as the innkeepers and the multitude of angels giving glory for the birth of our Lord.

The final tableau was inspiring and included the favorite stuffed animals that the children brought in to be included near the manger. Thanks to Tammy Gibson, Paula Hessinger, and Maria Newman for their help with the Pageant.

During the school year **the children of Trinity Cathedral from three to twelve years of age meet in the Undercroft or the adjoining Baggott Room (just down the steps from the Chapel and the Altar Guild Shop) each Sunday between 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM. Children are welcome to join us at ANY TIME during that period** to color and do the activities in the weekly children's bulletins. We use these materials to talk about the old and new testament lessons of the day and what the lessons mean to us as children of the Lord. We also talk about the seasons of the Church and the associated changes that we see in the church and in the vestments the celebrant wears during the service. We use a variety of materials to create arts and crafts projects associated with our faith and the lessons. I am the usual teacher, with Tammy Gibson the alternate teacher.

During the same time-period on Sunday, Phil Lewis meets in the Guild Room with the Junior/Senior High School youth group to discuss our faith as it is reflected in current media.

We hope more children of the parish will join us on a more consistent basis. **Please bring your children, your grandchildren, and their friends to join in our Sunday community!**

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Nester
Youth Christian Education Chair

TRINITY CATHEDRAL ALTAR GUILD SHOP

The Trinity Cathedral Altar Guild Shop is pleased to report increased support for Cathedral activities in 2005. Our active volunteers were Georgia Koenig, Florine Hunt, Regina Zilinski, Sue Ciavolino, Denise Higgins, Pam Holden, Cathy Soles and Karen Russo. Special thanks to Maria Newman for her help in streamlining our now more complex accounting and bank reconciliation functions.

We continued our emphasis on being open for all Diocesan functions and revenue from Diocesan events continues to be the strongest growth factor for the shop. In January 2005 we added the ability to take credit card payments which was greatly appreciated by customers, though a bit of a learning curve for volunteers. Revenue for 2003 & 2004 included major events (Bishop's Consecration and visit from Bishop Tutu) which did not repeat this year.

Our inventory at the end of 2005 prepares us for a strong year in 2006 to serve our loyal and new customers. Our plans for 2006 continue to include getting better access to inventory and recruitment of additional volunteers. We are not able to support the continuing growth in Diocesan functions with current volunteers and continue to lose long time helpers due to moves and family concerns.

The on-going support of Cathedral liturgical needs is, as always, our top priority. The shop contributed an all time high of \$4,213 in direct cash contributions for 2005 liturgical needs, including new vestments for the acolytes, support for the Liturgy & Music Commission and a Cathedral gift honoring the Dean upon her installation.

Comparative Financial Report 2003/2004/2005

	CY2003	CY2004**	CY 2005
Total Receipts	\$23928	\$29057	\$22985
Expenses:			
Inventory	15761	21843	16653
NJ Sales Tax Paid	930	1171	1329
Shop Expenses	870	736	1093
Total Expenses	\$17561	\$23750	\$19075
Net Proceeds for Year	6367	5307	3910
Cathedral Projects*	\$3393	\$1725	\$4213
Ending Bank Balance	\$13,039	\$16,621	\$16,318

*Books and other items given directly to the Cathedral and Academy from shop inventory amounted to an additional \$809 for a total of \$5022 in donations for 2005.

**Figures for 2004 have been adjusted slightly from the last report to include year end corrections made after the Annual Report was submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Zilinski
Altar Guild Shop Volunteer

FLOWER GUILD

The following is an update on the activities of the Flower Guild, including what happened in 2005 and plans for 2006.

For Christmas 2005, we had a great turnout of people to help with the hanging of the greens in the cathedral and Chapel. In a matter of a couple of hours we had both spaces decorated and had a good time doing it. Thank you all for your assistance, and Dean Nancekivell for providing lunch! A special thanks to Sudie Bogard-Williams for helping take down the greens.

- † We decided to stay within some budget restraints in 2005 and we are going to try even harder in 2006, as it's a tough time for all right now. As you may have noticed for Christmas, we did cut back and it still looked wonderful.
- † For 2005, our plant sales did not meet expectations. So we had a loss of revenue for the Easter and Christmas seasons; however, this was balanced somewhat by altar flower memorials throughout the year. Your memorials help us to enjoy altar flowers on Sundays and provide seasonal arrangements!

Since there are only one or two regular volunteers for the Flower Guild, we are especially in need of some more help on this commission. No specific floral experience is required! Working with parishioners to purchase and schedule flower memorials is one facet that requires organizational skills, but no work on the flowers. We also need someone who would be willing to work with couples who are planning to be married at the Cathedral.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Prouty, Chair

CAST: THE CATHEDRAL ARTS SERIES AT TRINITY

Co-producers: Deborah Ford and Bernard McMullan
Advisory Committee: Paul Cooper, John Holly, Susan Valentine, Brann Wry

2005 Events and Concerts:

February: Poetry and the Spoken Word
March: **Frank Watson:** Bagpipes & Fife
Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra: Brass and Organ Concert
April: **Marian Zarzeczna,** pianist & **Deborah Ford,** soprano
June: TrinityFest Concert with special guests, **Eric Mintel & Doris Spears**
October: **Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra**
Silent Film: *Dr. Jekyll & Mr Hyde* with live organ accompaniment by **Ralph Ringstead, Jr.**
November: Art of the Chant: **Trinity Cathedral Chanters**
Anchiskhati Ensemble from Tblisi, Republic of Georgia
December: **NoorSaaz & Usul:** Music of Persia and 20th century Iran

2006 Program:

January: **Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra:** *Mozart's 250th Birthday Bash*
February: Gospel Extravaganza featuring: **Mellowaires, Provision and God's Grace**
March: **Mostly Motets:** Renaissance, Baroque and Romantic acappella music
Frank Watson: Celtic Music & Stories
Diaspora Strings: Classical woman's quintet
April: **Mandala:** Tibetan & Gregorian fusion
David Hurd, world-renowned organist in recital
May: **Jazz Vespers** and more: Special guest group
June: **Trinity Fest!:** **Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir** showcase in honor of the Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell
Cinema under the Stars: **Shakespeare's *A Midsummer's Night Dream***
September: Piano Recital: **Louis Lewinsky** (tent)
October: **Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra** (tent)
Cathedral Cinema: **Classic Creature Features & Shorts**
November: Art of the Chant: **Trinity Cathedral Chanters**
December: **Concert in Peace for a World in War**

Finances - 1/1/05 to 12/31/05:

Revenue on Hand:	\$4,254
Generated Revenue:	\$5,265
Expenses	\$5,999
Balance Forward:	\$3,520

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard McMullan

SOCIETY OF MARY

There is a branch or “ward” of this national, Episcopal devotional society at Trinity Cathedral, which is called the “Ward of Our Lady, Queen of All Saints.” Members observe the Church’s feasts of Mary, including the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, and the feast of St. Mary the Virgin. The secretary of our ward also serves on the national Council of the Society of Mary, which meets quarterly. In September, members of our ward joined other members and friends of the society from New Jersey and Pennsylvania for the 25th consecutive annual ecumenical pilgrimage to the national shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. We ask your prayers for our good friend and Pilgrimage Director at the shrine, Fr. Marian Zalecki, O.S.P., who is suffering from cancer. This pilgrimage event was originated by our Trinity Cathedral ward, and in the early years our pilgrims were joined by members and clergy of our neighbor, Blessed Sacrament Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Cooper

Ward Secretary

Member of the Council, American Region, Society of Mary

NECROLOGY FOR 2005

Elizabeth W. Barry

Lois Baskett

Katherine Keely Cooper

Joseph Dixon

Doris R. Goebel

Norman Lawton

Melinda Smith-Sopko

John Speight-Simpkins, Jr.