

Report of the Oasis Task Force to the 223rd Annual Diocesan Convention

Since convention 2006, Oasis has engaged in a variety of ministries:

Eucharistic liturgies in various locations, reaching out to the LGBTI community

October liturgy of commissioning the Oasis Task Force, presided over by Bishop Councill, followed by a coffee house with live music from the LGBTI community

Attendance at Town Meetings of "Garden State Equality", advocating for the civil rights of the LGBTI community

Presence at the State House in Trenton to support marriage equality/civil union legislation

Marched in the Gay Pride Parade in NYC

Marched and staffed an Oasis information and support table at the Gay Pride Day in Asbury Park

Began planning for a web link for information/contacts/support from Oasis to the LGBTI community

Began planning for education/outreach program

Maintained link with Oasis/Newark and Integrity NJ

Respectfully submitted,
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