

**Report to the 223<sup>rd</sup> Diocese of New Jersey Convention  
Planned Giving Committee**

We are off and running to re-vitalize the Planned Giving Committee.

Our first step was a meeting in November to review the work of the Committee to date with the help of the Canon to the Ordinary, we stated our mission this way:

*The Planned Giving Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey trains and deploys advisors to vestries and congregations on the benefits, organizational requirements, and Episcopal Church resources for planned giving. Our goal is to grow financial resources available through planned giving for the mission and ministry of the Church in the Diocese of New Jersey.*

This is who we want to be for our Diocese. We want to significantly increase the stories from around the Diocese about how planned giving programs have brought additional resources to the mission and ministry of our congregations and the Diocese as a whole.

Lee Powers sent email questionnaires to previous attendees to diocesan workshops on planned giving and through replies we gathered names of congregations who remain interested in establishing programs and persons who have been at work on putting into practice planned giving.

In December at the Wardens and Financial Officers Day in Trenton, Mr. Charles Watson, Committee Member and Ms. Natalie Guthrie of the Episcopal Church Foundation Office of Planned Giving gave a joint presentation on resources available to our Diocese to implement planned giving programs.

A February 2007 meeting of the Committee will focus on recruiting and training a cadre of Planned Giving Consultants to make visits to congregations and spread the success stories of putting planned giving to work in yielding additional resources for mission and ministry. We hope to announce the availability of these consultants for visits to your congregation during 2007.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Reverend Dean Henry, Chairman