

Diocesan Altar Guild Report to the 224th Annual Diocesan Convention

The Diocesan Altar Guild provides support for those serving on parish altar guilds. Our purpose is to connect altar guild members for sharing information and education. Those who serve on parish altar guilds or guilds of sacristans in the Diocese of New Jersey are considered members of the Diocesan altar Guild. Altar guild members “dress” the altar and place all the vessels and other items where they can be used in the liturgy and special seasonal celebrations. We also care for the vestments, hangings and flowers and keep worship areas clean. The altar guilds within each convocation also make vestments to sell or provide to missions, institutions and parishes in need of assistance both within and beyond the diocese, some of which can be seen at our exhibit at this convention. Our education resources include various book and manuals also available at the exhibit.

The Diocesan Altar Guild Board meets twice a year to discuss procedures, problems and to keep up to date on what is new. It is also a time of fellowship and sharing with other altar guild members. We are still looking for someone to represent Atlantic, Burlington, Northern or Watchung Convocations on the board. Come join this group of wonderful, dedicated volunteers.

The annual meeting was held on October 9, 2007 at Trinity Cathedral beginning with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Cuncell, assisted by the Reverend Arthur P. Powell, DAG Chaplain. The homilist was the Reverend Petrina Pyatt who reminded us that we are all “Children of God”. A series workshops were conducted on the care of altar linens, floral arranging, vessel maintenance and embroidery.

Five vestment sets were sent to Nigeria this year as well as four sets to Reverend D. Auer (formerly of this Diocese) in North Carolina. A request from the Reverend K. Aldrich (formerly of this Diocese) for a white stole was fulfilled and two white cremation/funeral sets for departed clergy were completed and on hand for special needs requests. If anyone in congregations enjoys doing needlework or sewing, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanci Miller, Directress

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RESOLUTION FOR 2008 CONVENTION

Whereas, St. John’s-by-the-Sea, Avalon, celebrates the centennial of its organization in 1908;

Be it therefore resolved that the 224th Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey, assembled in Wildwood, tenders congratulations to the clergy and congregation, wishing them God’s blessing in the years ahead.