

JUSTICE AND JUBILEE DEPARTMENT

To the 180th Annual convention of the Diocese of Kentucky:

The Justice and Jubilee Department functions in the diocese through four basic divisions, Peace and Justice, Jubilee Ministry, United Thank Offering (UTO), and Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). Each division has strong ties with the wider Episcopal Church. All make the direct and dynamic link between our theology and living out our Biblical call to those in need. The divisions are interrelated, particularly through the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), a common thread by which we can reach out and live the good news of the Gospel to God's needy people of this world. The MDGs include:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education for children
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Create a global partnership for development

The 2007 leadership of the Justice and Jubilee Department came from across the diocese. Suzanne Warner, St. Andrew's, Louisville, was department chair and Diocesan Jubilee Officer; the Rev. Dr. Rose Bogal-Allbritten, Four-Rivers' Ministry Deacon, was Co-Chair of the Jubilee Ministry Division; Mary Abrams, St. James', Pee Wee Valley, was chair of the Peace and Justice Division; Kim Farmer and Beth Jones, Trinity Church, Fulton, coordinated the United Thank Offering (UTO); the Rev. Jim Trimble, St. Matthew's, Louisville, headed up Emergency Relief and Development (ERD). In addition, Janet Irwin, editor emeritus of the Episcopal News and ongoing staff writer, was communications officer; Louise Shawkat, St. Matthew's, Louisville, managed our web page.

A diocesan leadership conference was held at All Saints' Conference Center the weekend of May 9/10, 2007, with practical workshops for developing outreach/jubilee ministries. Topics included starting health ministries, legal issues for non-profits, Thrift Shops that fund ministry, how to write a grant, how to become a "One" congregation, creating a culture of peace, involving youth in peace and justice issues, planning and funding mission trips, and how to become involved in supporting the MDGs and ERD efforts.

Support was provided for our diocesan delegates to the National Conference for Young Adult Ministries in September in San Francisco where the focus was on the Millennium Development Goals and on working with local communities and churches.

In conjunction with the diocese, the Justice and Jubilee Department developed our web

pages as a means to spread the news about the opportunities to participate in the four programs within the department. Individuals can contact the diocesan office or check the diocesan web page for information about how they and our individual church communities can be part of ministry both within and beyond our own diocese.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne M. Warner
Chair, Department for Justice and Jubilee

PEACE AND JUSTICE DIVISION

The focus of the Peace and Justice Division this year was the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Although our numbers were small, we were very active and accomplished a lot. We had two goals.

1. Raise the awareness of the MDGs in our Diocese
2. Increase the number of congregations joining the ONE campaign.

Our accomplishments:

- * Led a workshop on the MDGs at the 2007 Diocese of Kentucky Convention
- * Gave the MDGs presentation at the Bishops Ember Day retreat for Clergy in March
- * Conducted two sessions at the Department's Spring Leadership Conference
 - Non Violence
 - ONE campaign
- * Made twelve visits to congregation to give the MDGs presentation
- * Participated in the MDGs fund raising event at Grace Church, Paducah
- * Partnered with Interfaith Paths to Peace for the Heschel/Merton Peace Pilgrimage and Non-Violence training
 - * Represented the Diocese at the Interfaith Service in Bardstown: A Teaching Moment" About Peace and Justice in the World's Great Religions

The division invites others who are interested in these issues and in supporting our efforts to raise awareness in our Diocese to join us. Contact Mary Abrams at meabrams@bellsouth.net for more information on how you can help.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. Abrams
Chair, Peace and Justice Division

JUBILEE MINISTRY DIVISION.

Jubilee Centers in the Diocese include Aaron McNeil Community Center, Hopkinsville; St. George's Community Center, Louisville; Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Louisville; Christ Church Cathedral Jubilee Center, Louisville; Prodigal Ministries, Louisville; Green River Ministry,

Campbellsville; and Home of the Innocents, Louisville. For individual Center reports, see “Ministries of Service” in the Journal. All Jubilee Centers in Kentucky have been called on to stretch their programs, budgets, and staff to help larger numbers of people in need. Many of our churches in the diocese provided support to one or more of the Centers, and some are supported in part by diocesan funds. Urban Spirit, a ministry in the Portland area of Louisville whose goal is to teach people about what it’s like to live in urban poverty, is in the process of becoming our newest Jubilee Center.

Equally important, many churches have recognized Jubilee ministry within their own outreach ministry and shared program ideas with other churches through the spring leadership conference and otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne M. Warner
Diocesan Jubilee Officer

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) works with Anglican and Episcopal partners to provide relief/emergency assistance, such as food, water, and shelter, in times of disaster. ERD rebuilds devastated communities after the immediate crisis is over; addresses the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals through food security and primary health programs; and offers long-term solutions to help people sustain safer, healthier, and more productive lives.

Internationally, over the past year, ERD has assisted flooded communities in South Dakota, Cuba, Mexico, El Salvador, Uganda, Ghana, Nepal, China, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and many parts of Africa; bridge collapse victims in Minnesota; victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy; the refugee crisis on the Thai/Burmese border; and victims of Hurricanes Noel, Dean, and Felix.

A big push for ERD and its addressing of the Millennium Development Goals is the Nets for Life campaign, where a \$12 treated net can prevent malaria for one person for five years.

Individuals and congregations in the Diocese of Kentucky have given over \$29,000 to support the mission and ministry of Episcopal Relief and Development. In April, the Rev. Moray Peoples attended a meeting of diocesan and provincial coordinators of ERD in New Orleans to learn how to better promote, understand, and explain ERD’s ministry of the whole church for the whole world. In this diocese, a network of church representatives is working to spread the word about the work of ERD and to encourage right and good stewardship to support its vision, especially around the Millennium Development Goals.

Respectfully submitted,
(The Rev.) Jim Trimble
Diocesan ERD Coordinator

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The United Thank Offering (UTO) Division is a living link to national church history. The United Thank Offering started in 1889 as a way to give prayers of thanks for blessings received. God's touch is acknowledged, thanks given, and an offering placed in a "Blue Box" which can be obtained through our churches. Although UTO is not primarily a fund-raising agent of the Episcopal Church, every penny of our UTO offering supports grants for ministries at home and abroad. Twice a year churches are asked to have an "Ingathering" to collect our funds of thanks.

In 2007, Prodigal Ministries, located in the Louisville area, received a grant from UTO for \$20,000 to help construct an addition to McCauley House, their women's transitional house. Prodigal Ministries is a Jubilee Center in the diocese that provides faith-based prison aftercare ministry helping ex-offenders avoid prison return.

Churches in the Diocese of Kentucky responded as reflected below:

CONGREGATIONS, 2007	ASCENSION	ALL SAINTS	TOTAL
Bowling Green, Christ Church	515.58		515.58
Fulton, Trinity	152.84	101.55	254.39
Hopkinsville, Grace Louisville -	265.50		265.50
Messiah-Trinity	86.36		86.36
Resurrection	113.55	74.99	188.54
St. Andrew's	165.60		165.60
St. Mark's	813.50	945.00	1758.50
St. Paul's	930.48	446.65	1377.13
St. Thomas'	370.68	778.46	1149.14
Madisonville, St. Mary's	285.93	298.63	584.56
Murray, St. John's	214.00	405.00	619.00
Owensboro, Trinity		539.49	539.49
OFFERING TOTALS	3,232.84	4,270.95	7,503.79
GRAND TOTAL - 2007			

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Jones and Kim Smith
Diocesan UTO Coordinators