

Official Acts – Bishop vonRosenberg - 2006

Addresses/Classes Taught	27
Baptisms	16
Blessing of Marriage	1
Burials	1
Confirmations	317
Consents	23
Consultations	1939
<i>Aspirants</i>	31
<i>Clergy</i>	1041
<i>Lay</i>	821
<i>Postulants/Candidates</i>	46
Godly Judgments	30
Holy Eucharist	71
Letters Dimissory Given	5
Letters Dimissory Received	6
Licenses	535
<i>Worship Eucharistic Ministers</i>	308
<i>Worship Eucharistic Visitors</i>	135
<i>Worship Readers</i>	92
Licenses to Officiate	5
Meetings	316
<i>Diocesan</i>	100
<i>Vestry</i>	23
<i>Parish</i>	50
<i>Provincial/National</i>	68
<i>Staff</i>	51
<i>Other</i>	24
Official Visits	49
<i>Bishop Sanders</i>	6
Ordinations	8
<i>Bishops</i>	0
<i>Deacons</i>	6
<i>Priests</i>	2
Other Services	66
Received (from ELCA, Roman Catholic, etc.).....	43
Sermons	45

Bishop's Discretionary Fund 2006

Receipts

Church Offerings	9,819.50
Gifts/Contributions	1,783.00
Total.....	\$11,602.50

Disbursements

Clergy Assistance	\$1,250.00
Contributions/Donations	3,700.00
Convention	0
Dues	218.00
General Convention	951.32
Meetings/Conferences	2,067.70
Publications/Subscriptions	628.26
Seminarian Assistance	
Total	\$8,815.28

Nonparochial Clergy Report

Name	Morning &/or Evening Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Sermons Preached	Baptisms	Presented for Confirmation	Marriages	Burials	Other
Charles Edward Adams	15							
Stephen Askew	208	18	16					
C. Alex Barron	5	47	33				5	3
Carson Fraser		6	2	1			3	
Barbara Anne Harper			6					2
Thomas M. Hutson		2	3				2	4
Wendie S. Jekabsons		33	34	1			1	
Richard D. Landis							1	
Patrick C. Larkin	6	14	14					
William David Leech	1	8	9	3				
Margaret C. Marshall		10	5					
Ellis Mayfield		15	7	1		2	1	5
Craig Morgan	1	39	41			1	1	1
H. King Oehmig		46	50	2	5	2	2	
C. Edward Osborne	1	4	12					
A. Robert Rizner,		26	5					4
James L. Sanders		50	30	1		1		2
Bishop William E. Sanders		19	17		11	1	5	
Willard S. Squire, Jr.		25	26	1			1	
Walt Thomas	365	68	46				2	81
Hallie D. Warren		1	1					
James L. Wilbanks, Sr.	2	12	3				1	2
John Wilson	6	3	9	1				

Reports to Convention 2007

Appalachian Ministry Resource Team

2006 AMRT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Parishes in Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Johnson City delivered back-to-school supplies and Christmas and Easter gifts to Campbell County families.
- A Chattanooga parish sponsored a summer trip from Campbell County to Washington D.C. for 24 middle and senior high students.
- Members of the AMRT conducted a Summer Creative Arts Camp for 32 children in Jellico. The team also sponsored a three-day “Appalachian Kids Camp” at Grace Point for 23 rising third- through sixth-graders. Partial funding came from donations received at recent diocesan conventions.
- Jubilee Centers located in Campbell County, the Mountain Community Parent Resource Center and the Mountain Women’s Exchange, received diapers and support for day care.
- Local outreach included the “Books in the Home” program for children in Chattanooga, a summer crafts program and school year tutoring for children in Rugby, and ceramic heaters for families in Mountain City.

ON APRIL 12, 2008, AMRT WILL SPONSOR AN APPALACHIAN HERITAGE DAY AT GRACE POINT CAMP. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

IN 2007, THE AMRT WILL:

- Sponsor a pilgrimage with Bishop vonRosenberg to Campbell County on Thursday, May 3
- Sponsor a Summer Creative Arts Camp in Jellico
- Sponsor the Appalachian Kids Camp at Grace Point, July 24 – 26
- Publish a survey of parish outreach ministries
- Compile and publish an Appalachian Ministries Resource List
- Disseminate a picture disk which illustrates dramatically both the richness and poverty of Appalachia

CONNECTING PEOPLE ACROSS APPALACHIA

The 21-member Appalachian Ministries Resource Team (AMRT) connects individuals and congregations with existing social service agencies within the mountain counties of Tennessee and showcases the outreach ministries of parishes within their local communities. The AMRT both provides and illuminates opportunities for attainment of Millennium Development Goal No. 1: “To eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.” In so doing we minister not only to those in need but also to those offering skills as volunteers, allowing them to grow into the vision that Christ has for each of us.

Bishop and Council Highlights for 2006

Each of these Bishop and Council meetings included reports from Bishop vonRosenberg, the chancellor, treasurer, campus ministries, Grace Point, Ministry Development, youth ministry, communication, deployment and other committees. The status of the budget is submitted for approval and discussion at each meeting. The following actions were taken at Bishop and Council meetings during 2006.

March 24 & 25

- A motion was passed to move the Z.C. Patten Fund into the Mission Growth Fund to save on administrative cost.
- A motion was passed to allow St. Paul's, Kingsport to pay interest only on their loan for 2006 and start principal payments again in 2007.
- A motion was passed to begin the second tree house at Grace Point.
- A motion was passed to lease the house at ETSU.

May 19

- A motion was passed to use the proceeds from the sale of the Northshore property for Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center.
- The following Opportunity Fund recommendations were approved

Church Expansion

St. Paul, Seymour	\$ 6,000.00 – grant
Christ, Chattanooga	\$24,000.00 – grant
	\$16,000.00 – loan

Social Ministry Grants

Cumberland Adult Reading Council	\$ 1,500.00
<i>Tutoring for adults in basic literacy skills so that they will be accepted in pre-GED program</i>	
Briceville Public Library	\$ 2,500.00
<i>Provide reading lamps, tables, computer desks, and rug</i>	
The Steps House, Inc.	\$ 3,000.00
<i>Provide housing and recovery to homeless males over 18 who suffer from Homelessness and addiction</i>	
Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Knoxville	\$10,296.00
<i>Provide a part-time van driver who would transport families in the morning from the host congregation to the day center and back in the evening.</i>	
Good Neighbors	\$ 5,000.00
<i>Provide a part-time program coordinator to manage the volunteers and oversee the day to day operations.</i>	

August 18

- A motion was passed to approve the distribution of Millennium Development Funds as proposed by the Budget and Finance Committee as follows:

Global Mission for National Church Level ERD	\$ 2,000.00
Children's Medical Mission in Haiti Nutrition Program	\$ 4,000.00
Birthing Center for Women	\$ 2,000.00
Haitian School	\$ 1,000.00

Episcopal Seminary in Haiti **\$ 2,600.00**

- A motion was passed to move restricted funds of \$64,000 from the Grow in Mission Campaign to the Opportunity Fund, to use towards payment on the balance of the Grace Point director's house; as proposed by the Budget and Finance Committee.
- St. Thomas, Knoxville, gave five percent (\$6,098) of the proceeds from the sale of their rectory to the diocese in appreciation for its supportiveness and assistance to St. Thomas over several difficult years. A motion was passed to place the funds into the diocesan operating fund for the present year.
- A motion was passed to allow St. Matthew's, Dayton make \$150.00 monthly payments on their debt to the Opportunity Fund for the remainder of this calendar year.

October 20

- A motion was passed to retain the same formula in 2007 that was used to compute the annual voluntary asking of congregations that has been used in the previous year.
- A motion was passed to approve the distribution of Millennium Development Funds as proposed by the Budget and Finance Committee as follows:

Church Expansion

St. Paul, Seymour **\$ 1,000.00**
(with Mission Growth Fund allocating \$5,000.00)

Thankful Memorial, Chattanooga **\$10,000.00**

Social Ministry Grants

A Secret Safe Place for Newborns **\$ 7,500.00**

Fund to raise awareness of the TN law allowing mothers to abandon newborn babies at certain government locations without fearing legal ramifications.

St. Barnabas **\$ 5,000.00**

Upgrade one nursing home room as part of a major capital fund drive to build a new home next to Siskin Rehabilitation Hospital and completely remodel both the existing apartments and nursing home in downtown Chattanooga.

Of One Accord Ministry **\$ 7,500.00**

Improve kitchen and storage areas

Trinity Health Center **\$12,000.00**

Provide dental care to indigent adults.

December 15

- The proposed budget for 2007 was accepted by Council.

Respectfully submitted by Laura L. Nichols

Ministry Development – Rick Govan

Exciting things that are happening within our diocese pertaining to ministry development:

- The spring diocesan Partners in Ministry Conference will be on Saturday, April 21 at St. John's Cathedral. The conference will be co-hosted by the Cathedral and the diocesan Office of Ministry Development. We will have as its speakers, noted authors and theologians, the Rev. John and Caroline Westerhoff from the Diocese of Atlanta. Our theme for this conference will be "Living Into Our Baptism," and the Westerhoffs will explore with us the significance of our baptism in our daily lives.

- Mechanisms and procedures are now in place to provide for training and formation of some new, canonical licensed ministries that are available to us. We have 13 parishioners across our diocese who have begun conversations and/or specific preparation to become licensed preachers or pastoral care leaders within their parish.

First-semester classes in the Chattanooga area are being led by Professor Rebecca Wright from Sewanee's School of Theology, and classes for the Knoxville and Upper East Tennessee area are being led by the Rev. David Garrett, rector of Annunciation in Newport and chair of our diocese's Board of Examining Chaplains.

- An increasing number of parishes within our diocese are placing importance on ministry development of the laity. We are making progress within our diocese with this conviction, but it is a slow process. Each year an increasing number of our parishes are becoming intentional with their efforts to empower and mobilize the laity for ministry. Parishes are beginning to take a closer look at their systems structure to determine possible and probable roadblocks and impediments for effective alignment of ministry resources.

My experience and observations is that, to do this requires a true and passionate commitment from the clergy staff, vestry and lay leaders of the parish. Further, it requires a deliberate process of discernment of individual gifts for ministry, as well individual and community discernment of a sense of calling of the ministry of all the baptized.

And while our church is making notable progress in this very important area, this transition to enhanced emphasis of empowered and substantive lay ministry does not necessarily come easy for many of the laity or the clergy. We are so steeped in the tradition of priest-centered parish life and hierarchical leadership models.

Many within our church are convinced, however, and I share this conviction, that the future effectiveness of our church will fall increasingly to the shoulders of its members. And with an intentional and deliberate commitment to the ministry of all the baptized, congregational vitality can be enhanced, with more and more focus on mission, instead of maintenance and "status quo."

Certainly, baptismal ministry - ministry of the laity - holds up one of the primary reasons, if not the primary reason, for our church's existence.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Govan
Diocesan Ministry Development Facilitator

Standing Committee Report – The Rev. George Choyce

Official Actions of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of East Tennessee since last Diocesan Convention (February 2006 through February 2007)

The Standing Committee has several canonical responsibilities:

- We are to consider whether to consent to the request of a diocese to elect a bishop, a bishop coadjutor, or a bishop suffragan. And we are to consider, once an election has occurred, whether to consent to the consecration of the person elected.

During the year we consented to a number of dioceses to hold an election and consented to all but one of the bishop-elects, that being the Diocese of South Carolina.

- We are to consider whether to consent to requests within our diocese to alienate property.

We gave permission for St. Martin of Tours in Chattanooga to expand their present facilities, for St. Thomas in Knoxville to sell their rectory, and for St. Luke in Knoxville to purchase property from the City of Knoxville to open a neighborhood mission center.

- We are to consider requests of persons who wish to become candidates for ordination in our diocese; then we consider them again as they ask to be approved for ordination to the diaconate and, yet again, as they ask for approval to be ordained priest.

We gave approval for ordination to the “transitional” diaconate of Chris Cairns, Bailey Norman, Joe Minarik and Michele Bolt, and approval of Amy Morehous and Lani Hubbard to the “permanent” diaconate.

- We are to offer consultation and advice on any matters to the bishop as and when appropriate.

We consulted with the bishop, during the course of the year, about the work of the Standing Committee and about some pastoral concerns, including the inhibition of the Rev. Chris Cairns.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. George L. Choyce, President

Retired Clergy & Surviving Spouses Ministry – The Rev. Al Minor, Chaplain

In 1996 the Church Pension Fund began a program of chaplaincy to the retired clergy and their surviving spouses. I was asked by Bishop Tharp to do this ministry in the Diocese of East Tennessee, and Bishop vonRosenberg kindly asked me to continue in this

assignment. This is intended to be a shared ministry of the chaplain with his spouse, and my own wife, Carroll Minor, has given much to the work of hospitality and support.

At the last count we have in this diocese about 65 households (constantly changing) within the diocese consisting of about 90 persons. These are our clergy who have retired from within this diocese and those who have moved into this diocese from other places. We also have about 20 households (also constantly changing) of those from this diocese now living in other places.

The general pattern of my own work was to represent the bishop in pastoral contact with the retired. I have tried to keep in touch by phone, through visitations, being present at the times of deaths, and in establishing luncheon gatherings with the bishop.

In 2003 the Church Pension Fund asked me to become the Province IV Coordinator for this work. It was my task to encourage the development of this ministry throughout the diocese of Province IV, and to gather the chaplains of the province into a conference each year for information, training, and mutual support. The participation in this program was increased by 33 percent during this time, thanks to the fine help and influence of others.

Understandably, needing help within this task in this diocese, the bishop asked the Rev. Perry Scruggs to share in this work, tending to the retired in the Chattanooga area. This has benefited the diocese considerably.

This is not a ministry which will grow smaller. The numbers of the retired clergy are now at least equal to the numbers of the “active” clergy, and, as you know, many retired clergy continue to serve the church in a variety of very active ways, making continuing and immense contributions to the work of the Church.

I am now resigning this ministry, having served in a number of ways in the past eight years the diocese and the larger church. It has been a rich and rewarding part of our life and ministry together. Unfortunately, Carroll has suffered some physical reverses which require a major portion of my time and attention. My thanks to our bishop for allowing us to have this privilege. It is an appropriate time for me to turn this ministry over to the Rev. Peter Keese, to my great satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Albert N. Minor

Commission on Ministry Report – The Rev. Suzanne Smitherman

The work of the Commission on Ministry is to assist the bishop with the development and affirmation of lay and ordained ministry. We have 15 members, clergy and laity, with geographical representation from throughout the diocese.

Last year the Commission on Ministry met eight times. These meetings included our October discernment retreat. In case you are thinking, “Wait a minute. Don’t they call that BACAM?” And yes we did. In response to changes in the national canons, we no longer call those beginning discernment aspirants, and so we changed the name of our fall weekend from BACAM (Bishop’s Advisory Committee on Aspirants for ordained

Ministry). Now for simplification and in defense against future changes in vocabulary, we are going with calling our fall gathering the Diocesan Discernment Retreat.

The diocese currently has four postulants for the priesthood, three of whom are in their second year of seminary, and one in her last year. We have four postulants for the vocational diaconate who are studying in our diocesan formation program.

In addition to our work of supporting the process of discernment of vocation to holy orders, this Commission on Ministry is dedicated to support the ministries of all the baptized. Rick Govan, our diocesan facilitator for ministry development, is an ex officio member of the Commission on Ministry. We continue to support and work with Rick and others as the diocese develops and honors lay ministries. We support Rick in his continuing fine work to promote and support shared ministry in the diocese.

Every year at this time, the Commission on Ministry asks parish priests and lay members who may be having serious conversations about the discernment process to be aware of the time frame set in preparation for the autumn discernment retreat. Any individual who is considering entering the discernment process and their priest should read the current manual and become especially familiar with the initial steps in the process. Please be mindful that following the bishop's approval, local discernment committees for this year should be formed in February or March so that the aspirant, if recommended for continuation, will have plenty of time to complete the necessary steps by early summer. In other words, or in terms of the Church year, ideally, local discernment committees need to be formed and begin their work before Holy Week, or wait until another year. Should you have any questions about this or need assistance, please contact any member of the Commission. The discernment manuals are found on the diocesan web site. If you need a hard copy of a discernment manual, please ask for that from the diocesan office.

We appreciate all of the support and cooperation that each of you gives the Commission on Ministry. It is a privilege to serve on the Commission on Ministry. We are optimistic about the future of our diocese as we continue to see faithful committed people offer themselves to God's service in all of our ministries. And we thank you for raising up leaders in the ministries of the Church and for supporting them on their journeys.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Suzanne N. Smitherman
Chair of the Commission on Ministry

Stewardship Commission – Mr. Herb Berl & The Rev. Joe Ballard

In 2006, our diocese co-hosted with the Diocese of Alabama a stewardship mentor training program. The training was conducted Aug. 10 and 11 at St. Paul, Chattanooga, by Terry Parsons, the staff officer for Stewardship of TEC. Attending the two-day session from our diocese were: Stephen Askew, Herb Berl, Joe Ballard, Linda Dietrich, Daphne Murdock, Buckley Robbins, John Talbird and Ann Lamb (who took mentor training specifically aimed at planned giving.) On August 12, more than 90 people attended a daylong stewardship training session led by these newly trained stewardship mentors. Since this conference, six parishes in our diocese have asked for

and received assistance with planning their annual giving programs and/or planned giving programs from members of our diocesan Stewardship Commission who took mentor training. We continue to be available to all parishes in the diocese requesting assistance.

Plans are under way for our '07 stewardship event. Scheduled to be held August 25, 2007, at St James, Knoxville, the program will include our keynoter, the Rev. Michael "Corky" Carlyle. The Rev. Charles Gearing will also be joining us that day, conducting a planned giving workshop.

We will be formally adding five new names to our Legacy Society plaque during the diocesan convention this year. Members of the Legacy Society are those who have remembered in their wills their own parish church, the diocese or other Episcopal institutions. The names to be added are: John David DeLozier, Linda A. Dietrich, Rick and Lori Govan, Bobby MacBryan Green, and one anonymous participant. Thank you to these new members of the Legacy Society, and to all who already belong to the Legacy Society.

Finally, thank you to the men and women who are members of the diocesan Stewardship Commission. We appreciate you, and your hard and smart work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Herb Berl and the Rev. Joe Ballard, co-chairs
Diocesan Stewardship Commission for 2006