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Boyce, Ronald  
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Bingell, Dayl H.

Winslow
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Respectfully submitted,

The Rev Canon David Pettengill

Necrologist
Adult Education Program Group
2017 Annual Report

The Adult Education Program Group worked on a series of projects during 2017 with the goal of providing educational experiences for the adults of the congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona.

*Writing to Wake the Soul: Opening the Sacred Conversation Within* (a book by Karen Hering) was offered as a workshop at three different locations across the diocese by the Rev Gil Stafford.

"*Ignatian Spirituality and Imaginative Practice,*" was offered at two locations in the diocese by the Rev Julie O’Brien and the Rev Gil Stafford.

A two-day retreat, entitled “The Spirituality of Activism” was offered by the Rev Anne Ellsworth. The purpose of the retreat was to offer a safe place to learn and practice skills for nonviolent engagement where social justice activism is rooted. To make this sustainable over time, this retreat uses the model of concrete community-based organization of salons. Salons are groups of like-minded people who traditionally met in a home to discuss their shared interest. This retreat uses a specific model of salons devised by the facilitator to allow for the active participation of all participants with an eye toward sustainability, accountability, and positive action, so that participants can organize and sustain their own salons or “action-groups” after the retreat.

Education for Ministry (EFM) is being offered in several congregations across the diocese as well *The Art of Engaging Holy Scripture.* Both are effective educational curriculums for adults.

The 2018 goal for the Adult Education Program Group is to increase its number of members and their active participation.

Respectfully submitted by the Rev Cn Gil Stafford
The Committee has two foci;

1. It will continue encourage congregations and Committees to participate in Anti-Racism Training
2. Organize a Forum to address Social injustice based on White Privilege and White Supremacy

This fall a letter will be sent to every parish, Committee and Commission inviting them to set a date for Anti-Racism Training. We ideally do the training beginning on a Friday through Saturday afternoon. The training includes videos, experiential exercises, personal inventories, definitions and discussions. We provide a safe and nonjudgmental environment for participants to share feelings and concerns.

On November 4th at Trinity Cathedral, we will be sponsoring a Forum entitled **Voices from the Margin; A Jesus Movement Response to Oppression.** The Forum is being planned by representatives of many groups who have experienced Oppression because of White Privilege and White Supremacy.

More specific information will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Conley, Chair
Due to the dissolution of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women we have received a large amount of information and records to be archived at the Diocesan Office. The ECW has become Women’s Ministries and each church has their own group of women that wish to be involved with ministries within their church. Most of the ECW records will be kept here to be organized and stored for future reference. Many thanks go out to all of those involved in many years of service to the church and the various ministries that have helped so many over the years.

I am here to help the churches when they need historical information for upcoming celebrations or for books or pamphlets. Previous histories of churches that have been sent to the Diocese are really helpful in keeping good records.

I have received several detailed articles regarding St. Paul’s in Tombstone due to their celebration of 135 years of continuous service in the fall of 2017.

Since last year I have submitted the following articles for TIDBITS FROM THE ARCHIVES in the Arizona Episcopalian.

- **Summer - 2016**  Article regarding St. Paul’s, Winslow
- **Fall - 2016**  “A Tiny Treasure” regarding St. Paul’s, Tombstone
- **Winter - 2017**  “An Ending and a Beginning” regarding St. John’s Episcopal-Lutheran, Williams and Christ Church, Jerome
- **Spring - 2017**  “A Mystery Solved” regarding St. Andrew’s, Glendale
- **Summer - 2017**  Article regarding Grace Church, Lake Havasu City

We continue with the sorting and organizing of important records and deciding when it is appropriate discard them or keep them indefinitely. As there is only so much room in our basement we occasionally have to send some of them "off-site" to Iron Mountain for permanent storage.

Faithfully submitted,
Sharon K. Graves
Archivist/Historiographer
Arizona Episcopal Cursillo is a lay-led diocesan ministry that began in the mid-1970s, when Arizona Roman Catholics agreed to share the Cursillo movement and method with Episcopalians. While giving the outward appearance of dormancy as a Diocesan ministry for several years, Cursillistas continued to meet in weekly group reunions throughout the diocese to share our spiritual lives, Christian study and intentional Christian action. Under the guidance of Bishop Kirk Smith and Canon Timothy Dombeck, Arizona Episcopal Cursillo established a pastoral plan, formed an administrative committee and resumed holding three day weekends in 2006. In 2017 and into the future, Cursillo is a mature, vibrant diocesan ministry supported by lay persons and clergy throughout the Diocese of Arizona. This past summer the 118th Cursillo weekend was held at the Chapel Rock Church Conference Center in Prescott. Nineteen participants from several churches in the diocese experienced the Cursillo weekend that was led by lay leader, Janet Kaiser, and spiritual director, the Rev. Julie O’Brien.

Between Cursillo weekends, the ministry is guided by the Arizona Episcopal Cursillo Secretariat, an elected body made up of members from several Diocesan congregations in northern, southern and central Arizona. During the year, the Secretariat manages the ministry’s finances, including raising enough money to fully pay for the next three day weekend; plans Cursillo events, including regional Ultreyas (reunions of the group reunions); emails frequent newsletters to scores of Arizona Cursillistas; prays for and sends palanca (prayer support) to Episcopal or Anglican Cursillo weekends around the world; and plans for the next three day Cursillo weekend. That planning includes selecting the lay leader for that weekend. For the foreseeable future Cursillo weekends will be held during July at the Chapel Rock Church Conference Center in Prescott.

Through October 2016 the Diocese of Arizona was represented at the national level by Carol Williams of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church. Carol served as president of National Episcopal Cursillo. Carol will return to the 2017 National Episcopal Cursillo Convention in Oklahoma City this October. Two other Arizona Cursillistas will also attend the convention.

Going forward, Arizona Cursillistas will continue to meet in weekly group reunions and periodic Ultreyas, sharing our spiritual lives (piety), Christian study and action as we strive to reach our aspirational goal to “make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ”.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Albo, Secretariat President
Arizona Episcopal Cursillo
Chapel Rock Report to Convention 2017

Chapel Rock is currently in its 86th year of continuous ministry and service. 2017 has brought growth to our various programs, improvements to the buildings in the form of addressing some deferred maintenance and we continue to work the landscape to be more inviting. Chapel Rock has a fresh, inviting feel and we are still a destination for rest, renewal and spiritual transformation.

The major area of growth has been in our Science Camp Program, The Aspen Creek Outdoor School. For the school year 2015-2016 we served 2300 students, in 2016-2017 that number increased to 2900 and we are projecting 5500 for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a welcome challenge and one that we have been preparing to manage to ensure a quality program is delivered to our clients. While we are fortunate to have this volume of students participate in The Science Camp Program, we also have the opportunity to market directly to them for our summer camp program. One significant step taken was to promote our existing Program Coordinator, Sarah Vincent, who is doing a fabulous job in her third year with Chapel Rock, to the Director of Outdoor Education. In addition, two full time residential Program Coordinators have been added to aide primarily in the year round program department but also to assist facilities, summer camp and our conference groups.

Cox Hall, one of our oldest, largest and most used lodges finally received a much needed new roof. With the financial support and approval of the Diocesan Finance Committee and the Standing Committee we were able to upgrade to a standing seam metal roof that will virtually never need replaced. The material chosen also provided the ability to avoid penetrating the roof the remount the solar array that sits on top of the building as it requires non invasive clips to support the mounts. For the first time in the 18 years I have been at Chapel Rock, Cox Hall made it through a monsoon season without any of the precipitation finding its way into the lodge.

Peter Bergstrom, the former Executive Director of the Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers once said, “Far too many children and teens are disconnected from both nature and caring community. Fewer and fewer are involved with any church, YMCA, Scouts, etc. where they can learn and incorporate positive Christian values. Episcopal camps are one place where children and young people really learn to love God and one another.” This past summer we addressed this issue as our summer camp enrolled 430 total campers. Jesse Villegas, Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Jana Sundin, Canon for Children’s Ministries, in collaboration with our year round staff and a strong summer camp team, delivered a program that encourages participants to engage with one another and encounter Christ.

You are welcome at Chapel Rock. We look forward to serving you, your children and your parish on any level throughout the coming year! Please contact us to book a retreat, schedule a day on the challenge course or go online to register for next year’s summer camp.
2017 REPORT TO THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

CHAPLAINS TO THE RETIRED CLERGY, SPOUSES AND SURVIVING SPOUSES

It is our privilege to serve in this ministry on behalf of Bishop Smith and our Diocese.

This is a ministry to 92 retired clergy, 19 of whom have retired in Arizona from other dioceses and 19 of our own who have retired in other dioceses. In addition there are 101 clergy spouses, 84 of whom are living in Arizona and 43 surviving spouses 25 of whom have retired to Arizona from other dioceses and 11 of our own are living in other dioceses. At this time we have only included those who are receiving Church Pension Group benefits. In the future we hope to identify and include others.

Ours is primarily a personalized greeting card ministry with some phone calls. During the year we will send 266 Birthday cards, 101 Wedding Anniversary cards and sympathy cards.

We are in conversations with Archdeacon Sarah Getts regarding the potential of interested Deacons assisting us in identifying needs of the retired in proximity to their parish assignments.

Working with the CPG staff, we hosted an Enriching Your Retirement seminar in January at St. Barnabas in Scottsdale. All retirees in the diocese were invited.

We attended a Province VIII meeting of Chaplains to the Retired held in Long Beach CA and sponsored by CPG. The primary emphasis was on understanding and ministering to those with dementia. The presenter was The Rev. Colette Bachand-Wood. We highly recommend her book, Do This, Remembering Me.

We appreciate the support Bishop and Mrs. Smith and the Diocesan staff gives to our ministry. A highlight of this support was the dinner that they hosted in Tucson for the retirees in that area.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil+ and Bonnie Carlson
2016-2017 Commission on Ministry Annual Report to Convention

The Commission on Ministry (COM) is made up of priests, deacons, and lay members of our diocese. Members of the COM are appointed by Bishop Kirk Smith and they serve on the commission to assist and advise the Bishop on decisions in discernment and formation for ministry.

The COM works with Parish Discernment Committees to train individual committees. COM members serve as shepherds to people in discernment and formation. COM hosts a yearly Holy Orders Day of Discernment and Information in May and interviews people in discernment throughout the year.

The following are the 2016-2017 milestones:

Bishop Smith ordained Timothy Watt to the Priesthood.

Bishop Smith ordained Ursula Baker and Denise Muller to the Transitional Diaconate.

Bishop Smith ordained Debra Loder, Susan Parker and Rodger Babnew, Jr. to the Vocational Diaconate.

Deacon Ben Rodenbeck continues as a Transitional Deacon in the priesthood process.

Priest Postulants Alison Lee, Denise Muller, Luis Gonzalez, Susana Santibañez, and Tanya Watt were advanced to Candidacy.

Deacon Postulants Patrice Cole, Gary Sawyer and Tara Bartholomew were advanced to Candidacy.

Kelli Joyce, Adrian Tubbs, Nelson Mendoza were named Postulants to the Priesthood.

Pam Bell, Patrice Al-Shatti and Cody Bro were named Postulants to the Vocational Diaconate.

David Carlisle transferred from the Diocese of Utah and has been named a Postulant to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Arizona.

Sincerely,

Janet Beason, Ed.D.
COM Secretary
Over the last year, the Council for Native American Ministries has met quarterly around the diocese. Our goal is to meet at various locations around the diocese so that congregations may visit Native Ministry sites and begin to understand the diversity in our diocese (churches, missions, congregations and cultures).

The first of these meetings following Convention was held at All Saints in Safford to coincide with the distribution of food boxes on the Bylas Apache Indian Reservation for the holidays. The Council had proposed that we make the Bylas ministry the focus of our diocesan ministry for the 2016/2017 year. By doing this we would be able to bring attention to a ministry that has been in place for more than 20 years. It would also provide an opportunity for the coordinators of this ministry to expand their support and impact.

The occasion of the meeting in December was a great success. Many congregations from around the diocese provided food, blankets, clothing and a Van was also donated. We proved that we can make a big difference when we all work together for a common cause.

In February the meeting moved to the Old Pascua village in Tucson, AZ. The group visited the museum and were given an opportunity to learn about this settlement because it is not a reservation but is populated by the Pascua Yaqui people who migrated to this area before Arizona was a state and before the border between Mexico and the US separated its people by countries and state borders. This village has had a long history with the Episcopal Church going back to the 1940’s. It is the home of our Canon for Native American Ministry. Currently, Old Pascua has a Partnership relationship with St. Matthew’s in Tucson and is working towards re-establishing its connection with St. Philips in the Hills.

The Council for Native American Ministry has requested that our next meeting be a Retreat rather than a meeting. Members of the Council are seeking a deeper connection to the gifts of Native American spirituality and would like to spend time determining the vision, mission and ministry for the Diocese of Arizona. The retreat is scheduled for Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12 at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, AZ. The spiritual portion of the retreat will be led by Mona Polacca (Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers and member of the UN Rights of Indigenous People – protection of Religious Rights). The Rev. Brad Hauff, TEC Missioner for Native American Ministry will also be attending.

The Council for Native American Ministry has proposed a Resolution to Convention seeking to set the agenda for Native Ministry in the diocese. The resolution “Remembrance, Recognition, Reconciliation and Relationship” provides a framework for our mission and ministry.

There has been a continued and intentional process for further defining and developing the Companion Diocese relationship with the Area Mission of Navajoland. The Rt. Rev. David Bailey and The Rev. Canon Debbie Royals have had many opportunities to be co-leaders/presenters in the diocese and will continue this practice.
Cruzando Fronteras Program Group Annual Report
2017

At the 2016 Diocesan Convention, the Border, Immigration, and Migration Program Group introduced a resolution to change the name of the program group to Cruzando Fronteras (crossing frontiers or borders). As passed by the Convention, it was resolved that by 2021 each congregation in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona may participate, through financial support and/or parishioner involvement, in one or more of the Five Points of Cruzando Fronteras Ministries: 1) Prayer and relational action with those involved in global mission along the Arizona/Sonora corridor; 2) Humanitarian advocacy for migrants, refugees, detainees, and all who live in Las Fronteras; 3) Promotion of comprehensive immigration reform; 4) Expanded church relationships with Lutheran and Anglican communities in Mexico, Latin America and globally; and 5) Latino/Hispanic congregational development in the region; and be it further resolved that The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona request each parish to report their activities to The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona through an online survey prepared by Cruzando Fronteras Ministries and distributed by the Diocesan Canon for Communication, prior to each Convention; describing the their involvement of their congregations during the previous year as well as their ongoing commitment to Cruzando Fronteras.

This year has been a transitional year as program group members met to develop programs to support this move to action. Members met on December 23, 2016 and February 25, 2017; we will meet again on August 26, 2017.

A steering committee was formed in June to provide more clarity and guidance to our work between the larger gatherings. Members of this committee include Fr. Ernie Galaz, Pastor Miguel Gomez (ELCA), Suzanne Hesh, Fr. Allen Breckenridge, Rodger Babnew, Pastor Sarah Isakson, Rev’d Nancy Meister, and the convener.

Fr. Galaz worked with the Diocese to prepare a website; we are developing pages to link to relevant organizations and reference materials. This website will be previewed at the August 26 meeting. Pastor Isakson is developing the online survey mentioned in the resolution to be completed by each parish prior to each diocesan convention.

As of the last steering group meeting on July 21, the group had approximately $18,000 from ELCA & the Diocese.

Rev’d Leah Sandwell-Weiss
Deacon, St Philip’s in the Hills Episcopal Church
Convener, Border, Immigration & Migration Program Group
DEACONS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT TO CONVENTION 2017

The Deacons Council is a working advisory group for the Bishop and Archdeacon in all areas related to the “health and well-being” of the vocational diaconate and deacon formation.

The work of the council since October 2016:

● Monitor the formation progress of Deacons-in-Formation (Vocational):
  ❖ June 2017 - five deacons [2 Transitional and 3 Vocational] were ordained.
  ❖ April 2017 - three postulants named as candidates.
  ❖ March 2017 - three aspirants named as postulants.

● Council members in action with DFA and Key Diaconal Activities:
  ✓ Council welcomed Janet Beason (Lay), Rob Groover (Lay), Rev Deacon Linda Hutson and Rev Nordon Winger
  ✓ Deacons John Kapp & Jon Skaug and Luisa Bonillas (Lay) retired from serving on the council
  ✓ New - Deacons Class 2016 to attend Best Skills Program 2017-18 as part of 2 year post ordination education requirement.
  ✓ New - Feb 2017 Deacon Assembly participated for the first time in the annual All Clergy gathering at Chapel Rock
  ✓ New - Orientation for candidates and clergy of host & home parish for internships
  ✓ Sarah Getts & Robin Hollis attended AED Conference for Archdeacons & Directors of Formation Atlanta GA March 2017
  ✓ Regional Deacon Groups; North, Central & South met every 3-4 months.
  ✓ Deacon Community Service Day – Bridging Arizona, Mesa July 15th, 2017

    o The Purpose of Deacons Council is to empower and give voice to the deacon community in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona
    o Six guiding principles; Seek input, listen and learn; Provide transformative educational opportunities; Nurture and deepen robust relationships; Give voice and visibility to diaconal leadership in the world; Develop and clarify the role of the Deacons Council; Visioning for the future.
  ✓ Archdeacon & Director DFA to attend AED Conference February 2018 Atlanta and a group deacons to attend Province VIII Deacon Assembly Nov 2017 Reno NV

DEACONS COUNCIL MEMBERS
Bishop Kirk Smith, Cathy Stafford (Lay), Deacon Chuck Milhoan (Central), Deacon Dorothy Saucedo (Central), Janet Beason (Lay), Deacon Kimball Arnold (North), Deacon Linda Hutson (South), Rev Martin Vasquez (Priest), Rev Norden Winger (Priest), Pamela Clark (Lay), Rob Groover (Lay), Deacon Robin Hollis (Director DFA), Archdeacon Sarah Getts

Report submitted by Sarah Getts - Archdeacon Episcopal Diocese of Arizona August 18th 2017
There have been a number of disbursements during the year from the Bishop’s Closet, the diocesan altar guild’s primary ministry. This year Closet has served parishes and clergy in our diocese, Navajoland, Sudan, and Sierra Leone. My thanks to the many individuals and parishes that contribute liturgical items to the Closet and thus enable this ministry’s service.

Francey Potter, an altar guild member from All Saints in Phoenix, again created hand-made red stoles for the deacons ordained in June. These stoles have been an ordination gift for many years from DAG to every deacon ordained in this diocese. We are most grateful for her interest, creativity and dedication.

DAG is also extremely grateful to Suzanne Bauman, a communicant of Good Shepherd of the Hills, Cave Creek, who made a number of purificators and lavabo towels that were distributed to two parishes needing altar linens.

Activities in which I participated during the year were:

- Set up and “manned” the DAG exhibition at diocesan convention and organized the altar guild services provided for the convention Eucharist;

- Maintained an informational email network among the diocese’s altar guilds and clergy;

- Operated the Bishop’s Closet and kept a current inventory of its contents which was periodically distributed around the diocese;

- Although no longer a member of the board, I continue to be a proof reader for NAGA’s quarterly newsletter, the Epistle, and as an occasional contributor.

It continues to be a privilege to work with Bishop Smith, the Diocesan House staff, and the clergy and altar guilds of the Diocese of Arizona. I am especially indebted to the Bishop and his staff for providing a space for the Closet’s inventory, and for their most gracious support of the Closet ministry.

Faithfully submitted,
Constance B. Castillo, Directress
In its tenth year of operation, the Program Group on Disability Concerns of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona has a steering committee of ten members. Seven members have a disability themselves. Several members have a person in their family who has a disability. Some members have worked professionally or serve as volunteers working with people with disabilities in the community. Four members are lay persons; six are ordained.

The group continues to be guided by the vision statement affirmed by the Diocese of Arizona in its 2008 diocesan convention:

_The universal call to holiness leads us to recognize that the Body of Christ is not whole when some members are not invited to full participation; therefore we envision that every person with disabilities will experience full inclusion in the parishes, missions, church properties and programs of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona._

Highlights of this year’s activities in which one or more members participated:

- Responding individually or with a team of requests from congregations for help on such matters as assistive listening devices (e.g., audio loops, infra-red systems) and starting a parish disability concerns group.
- Developing and conducting disability awareness sessions at various Episcopal churches in the diocese.
- Adding materials to the diocesan office mini-library on accessibility and other disability concerns.
- Staffing an exhibit table at diocesan convention with disability-related materials.
- Updating each member’s “Response Kit” developed in the first year for replying to information inquiries from congregations.
- Maintaining contact with our informal partners [e.g., Pam Baldwin of Joni and Friends, staff responsible for disability concerns in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, 
- Established a disability concerns group at All Saints of the Desert, Sun City.
- Established a disability concerns group on mental illness at St. Phillips in the Hills, Tucson.
- Continued the Accessibility Mini-Grant Program, sending each church an “invitation and application,” publicizing the program, reviewing applications, selecting a churches to receive an accessibility mini-grant, and announcing and making the awards at diocesan convention.
- Preparing for new ways to reach out to the churches in Arizona through Disability Awareness workshops with different ministries, certain areas of the State and certain churches. The workshops will assist churches in inviting full participation to every member of the parishes, mission or church properties and programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Leanne Murrillo CTRS, Convener
Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EfM) program provides lay people with the education to help carry out that ministry. It is a four-year course of study that covers the Old and New Testaments, Church History, Theology and Ethics.

A group consists of six to twelve participants and a trained mentor who meet weekly over the course of a nine-month academic year. They study, explore, worship and pray together.

There were 18 EfM groups with a total of 144 students meeting in various parishes in Arizona this past year.

The following have finished their 4 years of study in the past year:
Nancy Barton Carrie Harlan Barbara Popejoy
David Bolger John Harlen Darrell Priddy
Ruth Brown Mary Harthun Gail Reed
John Burger Susan Hodge-Parker Sandra Rode
Susan Burger Janet Kells Rhonda Rugg
Amy Clague John Lund Jerree Scheitlin
Jack Colaric Alice McArther Julie Stewart
Amy Cormode Wendy Marshall Patricia Stewart
Dianne Diaz Nadine Martin Deborah Tinajero
Charles Echols Stephan Maddox Mary Waszczak
Judith Echold Jill McCollum Thomas Weller
Janice Finney Judy Mohraz John Woeller
Patricia Gavin Donna Nervik Caroline Wolstenholme
Hans Gunderson Steven Parker Katherine Young
Terence Hance

A training event for mentors was held in Scottsdale in July 2017. 19 mentors and co-mentors were certified to lead groups. Trainings are tentatively set for Tucson during Epiphany and Scottsdale in July. Check the Diocesan website for dates and registration materials.

Contact the Rev. Bruce White, 3738 N. Old Sabino Canyon Rd., Tucson AZ 85715; 520-296-0791; rector@stalbansaz.org for more information.

Respectfully Submitted
The Rev. Bruce A. White
Diocesan Coordinator for EfM
Finance Committee Report
to
The 57th Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona


Members of the Finance Committee are: Mrs. Deanna Chew (Insurance)(Church of the Nativity); Mr. Matthew K. Chew (St Stephen’s, Phoenix) Mr. Jack Colaric (Treasurer) (St Stephen’s, Phoenix); Mr. Clarke Greger (Chancellor) (St. Barnabas, Scottsdale); Mrs. Andrea Peabody (Church of the Nativity, Scottsdale) Mr. Mike Powell (Investment Chair) (Church of the Good Shepherd, Cave Creek); The Rt Rev Kirk S Smith (Bishop); The Rev Canon Megan Traquair (Canon to the Ordinary) Cathy Black (diocesan staff) (Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix); and Vicki Hohnbaum (diocesan staff) (St. John the Baptist, Glendale).

The Finance Committee took the following actions:

- Hired Wallace Please + Dreher for the audit of the 2016 financial records of the Diocese, Trinity Cathedral and Chapel Rock
- Fund B Loan to St Mark’s, Mesa

The Finance Committee made the following recommendations to Standing Committee:

- Fund B loan to St John’s, Bisbee for Parish hall repairs
- Recommended to Standing Committee the use of $50,000 from the Capital Acquisition Fund to pay for the Cox Hall roof repair
- Recommended to Standing Committee approve the Revised Letter of Intent from Richmond American Homes for purchase of 20 vacant acres for Church of the Apostle, Oro Valley
- Recommended to Standing Committee approve up to a $300,000 loan for construction for St Matthew’s, Chandler
- Recommended the CSC report for St Andrew’s, Glendale be accepted as presented
- Recommended the CSC report Church of the Epiphany, Tempe be accepted as presented

The Investment Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Finance Committee, met 3 times since the last convention to review and make recommendations to the Finance Committee regarding investments. The members of the Investment Committee are: Mr. Brian Belanger (St Stephen’s, Phoenix); Mr. Jack Colaric (Treasurer) (St Stephen’s, Phoenix); The Rev Timothy Dombek (Church of the Advent), Mr. Harold Dorenbecher (All Saints’, Phoenix); Mr. Larry Erickson (St Barnabas, Scottsdale), The Rev Scott Jones (Resurrection, Gilbert), Ms. Janet Kaiser (St Stephen’s, Phoenix), Mr. Mike Powell (Chair) (Good Shepherd, Cave Creek); The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith (Bishop) ex-officio; The Rev Megan Traquair (Canon to the Ordinary) ex-officio.

Faithfully submitted on behalf of the committee by Jack A Colaric, Treasurer and chair.
Hispanic Ministry Report – September 2017

The vision is to have an episcopal church that can attract Hispanic families through the tools that many of us already know, inviting, welcoming and connecting. All the congregations who are involved in latino Ministry, had been working on this visión, but our Hispanic Community have been facing many challenges and issues, one of them is;

Immigration: Leviticus 19:34
Thousands of our families suffer for not having the opportunity to regulate their immigration status, many of them received guidance on how to protect their families and themselves. They were trained on their rights as immigrants and created an emergency plan in case one of the parents is arrested or deported.

The good news is that our latino families are part of the economy, they contribute in many ways, and they always are looking for new ways to educate their children, because education is a priority in the family.

What Hispanic Episcopal congregations had been doing?
Creating space for a strong leadership and serve in better ways our Community.
Evaluating and studying congregations that in the future could work in a bilingual context.
Providing materials to promote episcopal formation to the hispanic families.

What the Hispanic family can offer when they join the Episcopal Church?
The most of the Latino value is the family. When they join th Episcopal the Church they bring the entire family and friends. With their presence and support they will enrich our church with their cultural customs and traditions; in other words you will experience a colorful worship.

We believe that our Community every year are envolved in new initiatives, for example; learning English as a second language, opening the Church’s doors for a food bank in their neighborhood, feeding the homeless and assisting the immigrants children.

We identify their desires and needs, an every year they participate in family camp, retreats and other gatherings to strenght their relationship with God and the Church.

The hispanic and bilingual clergy, lay ministers and facilitators are an important group in this Ministry, we are looking forward to expand our network and keep connected all those who are playing an important rule in this endeavor.

We are togehter in this misión.

The Rev. Martir Vasquez
Canon for Hispanic Ministries
Episcopal Diocese of Arizona
2017 Mission Share Rebate Report to the 57th Diocesan Convention

Benson, St Raphael in the Valley
- Catholic Social Services-Senior Meals $554.27

Casa Grande, St Peter’s
- Pinal County Interfaith - Community Organizing

Chandler, St Matthew’s
- Outreach Ministries at SMEC - At St. Matthew’s, we use the Diocesan Mission Share Rebate as a direct source of supplemental funding for our vibrant and diverse Outreach ministries. Our Outreach Committee, formed of members of our Vestry and interested parishioners, allocates both human and financial resources to a variety of projects throughout the year.

This past year, we are proud to expand and maintain new initiatives that change the lives of people in this community and around the world. Most notably, a literacy effort in conjunction with our long-standing partner and daughter organization, Matthew’s Crossing Food Bank. We have distributed well over 15,000 books through the former and successfully resettled a family of refugees from Myanmar via the latter.

In addition, we continue with the commitments we have long held, to Helen’s Hope Chest, to Hartford Elementary School, to Habitat for Humanity, and the many diverse and hands-on outreach initiatives sponsored by our Youth Group. All of these efforts are directly supported by the Diocesan Rebate and we are grateful for the opportunity to be Christ’s hands and heart in the Chandler community.

Lake Havasu City, Grace Church
- Homeless Mission Support - To maximize the effectiveness of the Mission Share Rebates, Grace Church has focused missional support to the homeless in our community. Many of the homeless in Lake Havasu are in need of a hand up to get into housing. It is almost impossible for a homeless person, even if he or she is working, to obtain housing given the high costs of rent, security deposits and other incidentals. This funding dilemma can be quite the Catch 22 situation for many in this community. Though judicious use of the Mission Share Rebates, coupled with support of other funding and local apartment complexes in our area, we have assisted five people to obtain housing and get back on their feet. We are hoping to join our efforts with the United Methodist Church in Lake Havasu to continue to develop further partnership relationships and to increase opportunities for those who are homeless and caught the housing Catch 22 cycle.

Nogales, St Andrew’s
- St. Andrew’s Ministries - St. Andrew’s hosts many community groups on its campus, the largest of which is the monthly St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic. Other groups include St. Andrew’s Preschool and Childcare, Alcoholics Anonymous, Boy Scouts of America, Santa Cruz Training Programs, Santa Cruz Emergency Response Team, Child and Family Resources, Catholic Community services and many others. Some of these
groups, such as the clinic and preschool, use the church as their permanent home. Others hold meetings and training here. We also host a number of state and national groups who make educational and missional trips to the border, including ECLA Summer Youth Gathering, Diocese of Massachusetts Youth, and Gonzaga University Justice in January trip. Our request for contributions from our partners in ministry is minimal. Our mission share rebate assists us in maintaining our facility for the various groups. In 2016 we also made cash contributions of over $1500 to several local social service agencies that do not directly benefit from our hospitality, including - Kino Border Initiative, Hogar de Paz y Esperanza, Nogales Community Food Bank, and Edify our Families.

Phoenix, St Stephen’s
- St. Stephen’s Food Bank - In 2016 our food bank distributed 1812 food boxes, feeding 5837 individuals, including 658 children (0-5). In partnership with the Desert Botanical Community Garden we distributed over 1318 pounds of produce. We have an ongoing partnership with St. Mary’s Food Bank and receive a monthly delivery of 120-240 food boxes and around 5000lbs. of bread and baked goods from SMFB. Additionally, we distributed 100 Thanksgiving meal boxes and 150 Christmas gift cards and provided a pancake breakfast.

Phoenix, St Mary’s
- Santa Maria Episcopal Church - The mission share rebate was used to defray some of the costs of hosting the Santa Maria congregation.
- Rainbow Festival, PFLAG - Some of the money was also used for outreach to the LGBT community at the Rainbow Festival and PFLAG.

Phoenix, Iglesia Episcopal de San Pablo
- Helping the poor in Mexico - In relationship with the Misioneras Guadalupanas of Cristo Rey of León Guanajuato we were going to help a poor family in their daily needs. Once we talked about this the Sisters of this community expressed their own need of help since they felt left alone. They were a community of very old sisters and not much help to them since they could not carry the work in parishes they use to do. We in San Pablo decided to help them to cover their basic needs. Since we have done this The Superior of the order paid attention to them and started to make some changes. Three sisters are left in the community and they have benefitted with the help San Pablo has provided. New plans to change the members of the community are underway.

Prescott, St Luke’s
- Vacation Bible School - We used $800 of our Mission Share in order to support and expand our newly revived one-week June VBS. We were able to welcome more than 40 children, 2/3 of them came from the community.
- Communication - We used $1,400 of our Mission Share in order to be present and better known in the community, through targeted ads, and partnership with the Prescott Chamber of Commerce. We are now the first, and only church, present in the Chamber’s map that is available for visitors and newcomers in the area.
• Kenya Partnership - $1,600 of our Mission Share were used toward our Kenya partnership with Amagoro Junior Academy, and Bishop Zake. $600 was used to fly Bishop Zake to Phoenix. $1,000 was given to support the project to rebuild classrooms that were not usable anymore.

• Arizona Sewing Program - We used $400 of our Mission Share in order to support a new Non-for profit organization created by some of St Luke’s members. The goal of this organization is to train women in sewing, in order to earn an income.

We thanks the diocese for the 2016 Mission Share, it helps us in various ways to be more present in the community in order to serve Christ and to make Christ known.

Sun City, All Saints of the Desert
• Borderlands Food Bank “POWWOW” http://www.borderlandsfoodbank.org/produce-on-wheels/ The Borderlands P.O.W.W.O.W. program operates during our produce season, typically November through August. Every week, usually on Saturdays, P.O.W.W.O.W. host sites are held in cities around Arizona. These sites are hosted by community organizations (churches, civic organizations, schools and universities.) Visit any of our P.O.W.W.O.W. sites and leave with up to 60 lbs of fresh produce, all just for a contribution of $10. Find a P.O.W.W.O.W. site close to you.

All of the produce distributed at each our weekly markets was initially rescued by us, Borderlands. This produce comes directly from the warehouses of produce distributors, with a majority of it having been processed for the landfill simply because the distributors were unable to market it. Every season, this rescued produce, distributed through our P.O.W.W.O.W. program accounts for over 4 million healthy meal supplements!

All of Borderlands programs are made available to not only community members but also registered non-profit organizations. Our P.O.W.W.O.W. After Hours program works with area non-profit organizations who, once registered with Borderlands, are able to pick-up up to 10 boxes of each variety of remaining produce. P.O.W.W.O.W. After Hours is only open at the completion of each of our weekly sites (after our supporters have had a chance to shop.

Tempe, Church of the Epiphany
• Casa of Arizona – Provides legal help volunteers to be with children as they are going through the court system to decide on foster care

• Feed My Starving Children – Provide nutritious meals for children who are hungry

Tucson, Church of St Matthew
• Assistance to local public schools - Since last year’s Convention, we have used our Mission Share rebate to help students at two different public schools: Gridley Middle School and Gale Elementary. At Gridley Middle School, the monies we donated went to purchasing book bags and school supplies for students from families who are
financially challenged. Gridley has many students whose parent or parents have low incomes. At Gale Elementary, the monies went to purchasing art supplies for the students. Due to no funding for art supplies, the teachers have had to use what they could find available and purchase with their own money any art supplies. Our gift allowed the students to have better supplies and the teachers free from using their own monies for basic supplies.

**Tucson, Grace St Paul’s**
- Saint Joseph’s Pantry – helps combat hunger in Tucson by distributing food boxes from the Community Food Bank along with our “Bread for the Pantry” program. On average, Joseph’s Pantry feeds 250 people per week. Grace St. Paul’s also provides additional food bags in between food boxes. The extra food bags are provided by our parishioners. We also provide dog and cat food from our Dog & Cat Food Drives.

- Social Services – builds relationships with people in crisis as they seek food, shelter, transportation, employment, and other basic needs. We empower people to navigate an array of community services by referring them to local agencies and churches we partner with to: Obtain identification documents, Find Medical Care, Connect with mental health services

- Grief Ministry – Grace St. Paul’s Grief Ministry provides a place of solace, like a best friend, where you can fully express your feelings of loss or how lonely you feel and where people will listen. This is available to the Tucson community. In addition to the Good Grief Group, individual grief support is offered on a 1:1 basis.

- SPA Day – This program occurs quarterly and offers anyone in the community to come and get their hair cut, makeovers, manicures, and pedicures. This community event is advertised through our membership in the Tucson Pima Coalition to end homelessness and to domestic violence shelters and mental health agencies. Sometimes more than 300 people will attend to experience this beautiful healing retreat environment.

**Tucson, St Alban’s**
- Grace St Paul’s - The outreach committee heard from Deacon Nancy about providing monthly bus passes and their inability cover the cost. $4000 was given in June.

**Tucson, St Michael & All Angels**
- Media Outreach and Spanish language media - In late 2016, we commissioned a parishioner (a professional translator) to translate the new rector announcement and the funeral services booklet into Spanish, to increase our connection with Spanish-speaking parishioners.

In December, 2016, we hosted the Holiday International Bazaar, featuring many local and international groups, and spent a modest amount on promotion of this. Also in December, we renewed the email on our web hosting. We are using this email address as the contact point for our new, bi-weekly e-Newsletter, produced using a free Mail chimp subscription.
In 2017, we renewed other web hosting services. We also bought a digital recorder and sound-edited software to make higher-quality recordings of sermons to post online. In addition, we purchased software and a music license to facilitate making videos in-house to post online.

As in 2016, we purchased advertising in the local paper for Easter services, this time in cooperation with other Tucson parishes.

Looking ahead, the Rector and Communications Director are about to embark on a major overhaul of the website, and will be looking for further opportunities for outreach and evangelism.
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Casa Grande, St Peter’s
- Pinal County Interfaith - Father Kenn Katona sits on the board of Pinal County Interfaith. Members of Saint Peter’s also participate, meetings hosted by St. Peters.

Chandler, St Matthew’s
- St. Andrew’s Tucson - Over the last two years we partnered with Good Shepherd of the Hills in Cave Creek and Church of the Nativity in Scottsdale to conduct a mutually successful, jointly-led stewardship program. In 2017, we are continuing the same successful initiative with a partnership with St. Andrew’s, Tucson.

These partnerships are a great success, improving the stewardship results and financial health of both congregations and we hope and expect a similar outcome in 2017 as we continue with a proven and effective program of financial discipline, community engagement and biblically-grounded stewardship.

Lake Havasu City, Grace Church
- Arizona Kith and Kin - Grace continued partnering with the Arizona Kith and Kin program during the spring of 2017. Arizona Kith and Kin has also used Grace Facilities for ad hoc classes in support of parents. The Arizona Kith and Kin program provides parents and extended families with education and training in childhood and youth development processes. This educational program covers early childhood development and growth patterns as well as provides information on CPR and safe installation of child safety seats. This is a program for new parents as well as for extended family members who may be suddenly thrust in the role of primary care providers for underage children and youth.

- Mission Mexico, Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico - Mission México is located in Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico, and is a registered charity in Mexico. Children are referred to the mission by the Government Welfare Department and the mission provides a loving and stable home for them for as long as they need it. Grace works with Mission Mexico through donations. Grace members in the past have traveled to Mission Mexico to provide capable craftsman for installation of water purification systems and construction of the altar and benches for worship in the past. We have also provided financial support to help some of the children who have needed medical care where financial support has fallen short.

We are evaluating this partnership to determine how we either expand our efforts to support Mission Mexico or determine whether our efforts should focus on other directions.

Nogales, St Andrew’s
- St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic - We continue our long mutual-ministry with the St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic which offers free medical care to needy Mexican children with severe health issues. The Clinic is a separate organization. St. Andrew’s provides the space in which to meet the first Thursday of each month, except July. Many parishioners are involved in various aspects of the organization from setup and tear
down, to medical care, to fundraising and governance. A short prayer service is offered before lunch, using petitions from clients and volunteers offered throughout the morning.

Phoenix, St Mary’s
- Saint Mary’s Manor
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Santa Maria Church

Phoenix, St Stephen’s
- Epiphany on the Desert, Gila Bend - Dissolved upon closure of Epiphany. No other partnerships have been established since.

Prescott, St Luke’s
- Amagoro Junior Academy, Kenya - We have developed a partnership with Bishop Zake and Amagoro Junior Academy, a Christian school founded by Bishop Zake from the Anglican Church of Kenya. We had the joy to receive bishop ZAKE for the second time on March 2016. He shared with the congregation the work being done at the school, and how our support is helping the school and the students. We pray keep them in our prayers of the people, and hope that our relationship is going to grow. Bishop Zake would be delighted to welcome a delegation from St Luke’s in a near future.

Sun City, All Saints of the Desert
- United State Veterans Initiative - Feeding 150 Veterans on a monthly basis. Meals are prepared in our kitchen by many volunteers and brought and served to all of the 150 Veterans at United States Veterans initiative a non-profit 501 3 corporation.
- Borderlands Food Bank "POWWOW" http://www.borderlandsfoodbank.org/produce-on-wheels/ The Borderlands P.O.W.W.O.W. program operates during our produce season, typically November through August. Every week, usually on Saturdays, P.O.W.W.O.W. host sites are held in cities around Arizona. These sites are hosted by community organizations (churches, civic organizations, schools and universities.) Visit any of our P.O.W.W.O.W. sites and leave with up to 60 lbs of fresh produce, all just for a contribution of $10. Find a P.O.W.W.O.W. site close to you.

All of the produce distributed at each our weekly markets was initially rescued by us, Borderlands. This produce comes directly from the warehouses of produce distributors, with a majority of it having been processed for the landfill simply because the distributors were unable to market it. Every season, this rescued produce, distributed through our P.O.W.W.O.W. program accounts for over 4 million healthy meal supplements!

All of Borderlands programs are made available to not only community members but also registered non-profit organizations. Our P.O.W.W.O.W. After Hours program works with area non-profit organizations who, once registered with Borderlands, are able to pick-up up to 10 boxes of each variety of remaining produce. P.O.W.W.O.W. After Hours is only open at the completion of each of our weekly sites (after our supporters have had a chance to shop.
Tempe, St James the Apostle
- St. Anthony on the Desert - Our focus is on partnership in the areas of outreach, special events, and fundraisers. We plan to extend our partnership and interactions with St. Anthony’s youth as well. We also share best practices concerning community life, outreach, Christian formation, and liturgy.

Currently our members are connecting with St. Anthony’s members for sewing, crafts, and prayer shawl ministries. Deacon Grant Gilfeather provides information about the St. Andrew’s Clinic in Nogales for St James to collect needed items.

St. James partners with St. Anthony’s on Habitat for Humanity Episcopal Coalition home builds serving the community.

St. James extends an invitation to all our special fundraising events, including our annual Music Extravaganza held in October. Our partner church members and musicians are also invited to participate. Likewise, we advertise St. Anthony’s fundraisers.

Tucson, Church of St Matthew
- Old Pascua Yaqui Community - This is our third year with our partnership with Old Pascua Yaqui Community. Each year we have had a collection of book bags and supplies for children within the community who were in need of such supplies. At a festival at the Community, several parishioners participated in assisting with serving food items. Last year at our anniversary celebration, the Dear Dancers from the Community offered the opening blessing of our principal liturgy. For two years, we have had a Posada night at St. Matthew’s with the Pascua Yaqui community participating. Our goal is to continue to strengthen this partnership.

Tucson, St Alban’s
- Imago Dei - We provide back packs and school supplies at the beginning of the school year, some parishioners volunteer as school nurses, teacher’s helpers or mentors. At year end, we put on the baccalaureate. We also help through outreach grants.

Tucson, Grace St Paul’s
- Tucson Pima Coalition to End Homelessness; Emergency Solutions Committee - GSP has been an active partner of this organization and active member of the Emergency Solutions Committee, including hosting several meetings here during the year. Other members include Primavera, Salvation Army, Gospel Rescue Mission, Interfaith Community Services, Sister Jose’s, and the Poverello House. These organizations all serve the homeless and working poor. We interact frequently by receiving referrals from their clients. In our daily Social Service office hours and food pantry/showers, we receive referrals of people to assist. We are the only church member of this group. We cooperated with a survey of the homeless population trying to evaluate why people remain homeless and their view of shelters. We interviewed people who come to us for food and services. We assisted in planning for shelter during the winter months and for sun shelter during the summer as a member of the committee. This committee updates
and publishes the Need Help brochure of services in the community and The Guidelines on Getting Out for people coming out of prison. We help review that and also are listed in it.

- **Aveda Institute** - Grace St. Paul’s started providing free Spa Days on a small scale a few years ago as a special community-centered service on Maundy Thursday. We invited the Aveda Institute to partner with us. That event was such an astounding success, Aveda asked if wanted to do it more than once a year, and it has continually grown. This year we will continue the spa day before Thanksgiving and the holiday season. Aveda trainers and students provide free haircuts, manicures, and full makeovers. The community event is advertised through our membership in the Tucson Pima Coalition to End Homelessness and to domestic violence shelters, and mental health agencies. GSP volunteers provide foot washing and salt scrubs with Chinese foot reflexology massage treatments. The parish hall is transformed into a beautiful healing retreat environment with candles, water features, relaxing music, spa water, and provides delicious treats. Lunch was donated by Sweet Tomatoes. The men, women, and children, many of whom face myriad challenges daily are pampered and listened to. GSP’s Healing Touch practitioners offer Healing Touch. Various ministries provide hope and resources and clients receive careful touch and receive intimate kindness. Stylists and volunteers likewise receive the gift of giving something that is unlike anything they typically do, and many have said that it has changed their lives. It’s about extending the spirit of Maundy Thursday out into the community feeding their spirits and affirming their self-worth.

**Tucson, St Michael & All Angels**

- Primavera Foundation, Casa Maria Catholic Worker, and the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). In each case, we prepare or host a meal or meals on a regular basis in cooperation with these organizations. We are also member congregation of Interfaith Community Services

- Pima County Interfaith Council as a member congregation this summer

**Williams, St John’s Episcopal-Lutheran Church**

- Local churches - Since we are small and not everyone can go to Flagstaff to partner with an Episcopal or Lutheran congregation, we decided to get involved with the churches in our community. Many of us attend the first Friday dinners at the Catholic Church. We are encouraging our members to attend the once monthly community worship on Sunday evenings. We are going to be put on the list for next year so that we will sponsor a Sunday evening service at our church. Each Thanksgiving we participate in the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Young Life camp. Most of the local churches participate. Each church is given a food to prepare. We also help set up, serve, or clean up the day of. We in turn invite all to our yearly Advent concerts.
Prison Ministry Program – Annual Report 2017

Statement of Purpose: “To charge the Diocese of Arizona to minister to prisoners and their families (during and post incarceration), advocate for changes to the current prison system, and to mutually share God’s forgiving love.”

The Diocesan Prison Ministry program hosted an Open Space Workshop at the 2016 Diocesan Convention that was attended by 14 persons. Three of the people attending the workshop have joined the Diocesan Prison Ministry Team bringing the number of members to 11. A resolution to establish September as Prison Awareness Month for the Diocese was proposed by the team at the 2016 convention and was passed.

The team meets monthly via teleconference call. In March of this year, the team submitted a formal letter to Governor Doug Ducey expressing concerns regarding the high rate of incarceration in Arizona and lack of re-entry programs. The team offered to assist the Governor’s office in its’ pursuit of reducing recidivism in AZ.

The team developed a presentation entitled “The Cross of Incarceration” and members of the team were invited to deliver the presentation to 3 churches within the Diocese (All Saints – Phoenix; St. Matthew’s – Tucson; and St. John the Baptist – Glendale). The team has also been invited to lead a workshop at the 2017 Diocesan Convention focusing on “The Imprisoned.”

St. Peter’s Episcopal Church continues to expand worship services at Perryville Women’s Prison and several members of the Diocesan Prison Ministry team also assist with that ministry. A mentoring program is now offered and has been well received by the inmates. The Convener invited clergy from the Diocese to attend services at Perryville and 3 clergy were able to do so in 2017 (Fr. John Christopher, Fr. Martir Vasquez, and Fr. Bruce Jackson). In addition, Rev. Becca Stevens has accepted an invitation to attend a service at Perryville in September.

A survey has been prepared and sent to all clergy-in-charge to identify prison-related ministries within our Diocese. The results of the survey will help the Diocesan Prison Ministry team connect with those churches that have established prison ministries and assist those who are interested in creating a prison-related ministry and/or providing a welcoming environment for releasees who wish to join an Episcopal church. Press releases for secular and non-secular print media have been prepared regarding Prison Awareness Month and submitted to the Diocesan Communications team.

Members of the Diocesan Prison Ministry team are involved in various prison ministries including Kairos, prison reform advocacy, prison worship services, penpal programs, and prisoner visitation programs. In 2018, the team will continue to work toward reducing recidivism and facilitating successful re-entry for releasees. The team is also working with Jana Sundin, Jesse Villegas, and Kelly Wood to offer a camp for children of incarcerated parents at Chapel Rock beginning the summer of 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Kim Crecca, Convener, Diocesan Prison Ministry Program
"We Choose Recovery," is the AZ chapter of Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church, which is the larger group of the national church. Herein, they will be called WCR and RMEC for the purpose of this report. WCR had a steady and successful year since last convention. Education and getting our capabilities out to all the churches is the key. There was a well-attended breakout session at the Convention regarding how the 12-steps work. We were featured in an E-pistle which also spread the word.

A few Recovery Weekends were held, most notably in Green Valley and Oro Valley (the only church to have hosted two in two years.) As Director of the program, separate from this, I met with 29 families to discuss what to do to help family members deal with an addict in their midst. Seventeen individuals who were currently using were also met with. At least 6 went to Rehab. Two full families used our group to get a son and husband, both suffering from the disease, into Rehab. Both have over 1 year of sobriety and they and their families joined Episcopal churches. The son asked to be baptized and the other now serves on a vestry.

As a board member of RMEC, I continue to serve nationally to assist with all churches. I was asked to kick off a state program in Nevada and was singled out by their Bishop for helping get their program up and running. I also lobbied hard for Phoenix to be the site for the 2017 National Gathering to be held the first weekend in October.

Although I have another year on the board, I have been asked to continue on after my first 3-year term has expired. Currently, there are two upcoming Recovery Weekends scheduled with one having the first "Youth Only" presentation. As both the opioid crisis continues and alcoholism is again on the rise, we need to continue and strengthen our efforts to help any and all who suffer from this silent disease.

Fr. John Christopher,

Director of Recovery Ministries
The Second Half of Life Spirituality Ministry
Office of the Bishop – The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona
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The Second Half of Life Spirituality Ministry was introduced by the Office of the Bishop in 2016 followed by a “listening phase” during that first year in which the co-directors visited multiple parishes throughout the diocese to better understand the needs and interests of parishioners transitioning into and living out the second half of life. The ministry began to take on a life of its own during 2017.

This ministry focuses on the spiritual aspects of the journey, not the specific care needs addressed by a pastoral care team. The four groups identified during the listening phase include:

- Those in their 50s and 60s approaching retirement, or in the process of transitioning, to explore “Who will I be when I am no longer who I have been for the past 30-40 years?” (often defined by career/vocation/family) – exploring what parishioners called “re-inventing themselves” and perhaps finding a new ministry in retirement.
- Those in retirement who remain active and are interested in further awakening their spirituality and experiencing their spiritual journey in new ways – including ideas for spiritual engagement in small groups, fellowship events and outreach projects that offer meaning and purpose in their lives. This may include some who are limited by mobility and transportation.
- Those who are less active in residential living communities or in their own homes and who could benefit from additional opportunities to engage with parish life or one-on-one visits that offer deeper conversation and spiritual direction.
- Those who are care givers and family members who could benefit from assistance in coming to grips with the spiritual aspects of end-of-life decisions.

During the spring of 2017, introductory events were presented at St. Matthew’s in Chandler, Trinity Cathedral in Phoenix, St. James in Tempe, St. Michael’s and All Angels in Tucson, and St. Alban’s in Tucson. In the fall of 2017 seven additional parish events will be presented in, Payson, Sierra Vista, Flagstaff, Sun City, Sedona and two in Tucson. The presentation model is generally a Saturday morning event between 9:30 and 11:30 AM, followed by a lunch, if possible, to have additional time for dialogue related to the unique needs and interests of each parish. Invitations have been issued to remaining parishes throughout the diocese offering dates for potential parish presentations during the spring of 2018.

The Reverend Ann Johnson
Co-Director

Linda M. Williams, PhD, CSD
Co-Director
FACT SHEET FY 2016

For 44 years, St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic has provided free, specialized medical care to children living in Mexico who cannot get the care or afford the care they need in their home country. The Clinic is held at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Nogales, Arizona.

St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic is a non-denominational, non-profit organization, with a volunteer professional health care staff. The staff sees approximately 225-250 children the first Thursday of each month except July. Every October, in cooperation with Children’s Surgery International and CIMA Hospital, 50-60 children (on average) have cleft palate/cleft lip surgery in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. This special mission involves volunteers on both sides of the US-Mexico border who work with the medical team to give patients smiles and a much better life.

In 2016, with the help of generous donors and volunteers, St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic provided the following:

- 4,298 Clinic hours by volunteer health care professionals
- 6,127 Clinic hours by other volunteers
- 2,382 patient visits
- 139 first-time patients to The Clinic
- 198 office visits (US and Mexico)
- 191 lab tests (US and Mexico)
- 64 cleft palate/cleft lip surgeries (57 children)
- 8,010 professional health volunteer hours for cleft palate/lip surgeries
- 394 dental visits
- 31 eye doctor/surgeries
- 33 orthopedic surgeries
- 95 pairs of eye glasses dispensed
- 33 round-trip flights and transportation to hospitals for patients
- 61 prostheses
- 188 pairs of corrective shoes and orthotics
- 59 repaired hearing aids
- 55 customized wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers
- 110 donated wheelchairs distributed
- 18 prescriptions, either for cornea transplants or dermatology patients
- 4 iPads and software for augmentative/alternative communication patients
- Also, medicated eye drops; Braille writers; strollers; speech and language equipment; nutritional supplements; physical, occupational, and speech therapy; dermatology and cardiology consultations; and many generous donations of blankets, diapers, and toys.

We are very proud to report to you that 98% of all donations goes to patient care.
Standing Committee
2017 Annual Report

The Standing Committee met six times this year beginning in November 2016 when the newly elected committee members were welcomed.

During the year the committee meetings had full agendas and were very productive. The committee addressed the following resolutions and consents:

- Approved the Housing Resolution for 2017 for Clergy.
- Approved the Grace Church, Lake Havasu – Parker Land Sale
- Approved Clergy Compensation Policy
- Gave consent to the September 20, 2016 House of Bishops lection of The Rev. Carl Walter Wright as Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries.
- Approved St. John’s Bisbee request for expedited loan to prevent collapse of parish hall roof.
- Approved St. Anthony, Scottsdale Refinance Request
- Approved Chapel Rock, Cox Hall Roof Repair
- Approved the October 28, 2016 election of Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows as the Bishop of Indianapolis
- Approved the election of Gretchen Rehberg as Bishop of Spokane
- Approved the Church of the Letter of Intent for Apostle, Oro Valley Land Sale
- Approved consents for elections for the Bishop of North Carolina, Bishop of Los Angeles and Bishop of Puerto Rico.
- Approved the recommendation for Deacon Candidates, Susan Parker, Debra Jayne Loder and Rodger A. Babnew Jr. for ordination.
- Approved Transitional Deacons Tim Watts, Denise Mueller and Ursula Baker for ordination.
- Approved to adopt the new Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy.
- Approved the request by St. Paul’s, Payson to sell their Easy Street property.
- Approved to accept the consent for Bishop election of Jennifer Brook Davidson for the Bishop of West Texas.
- Approved the Church of Apostles, Oro Valley Land Sale Agreement.
- Approved the St. Matthew’s Chandler, Capital Campaign Funding Requests.
- Approved the St. Andrew’s Glendale, CSC Report
- Approved the ordination to the priesthood of The Rev Timothy Watt
- Approved the St. Peter’s Litchfield Park Property request.
- Reviewed and approved the Draft 2018 Financial Statement of Mission
- Reviewed and approved the Proposed 2018 Budget
- Reviewed and approved the Preliminary Order of Business for the 57th Diocesan Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Crosland
Secretary to Convention