

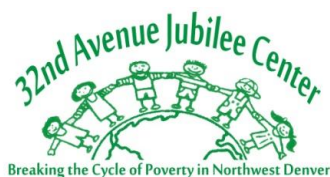


**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN
COLORADO**

2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Report of the 32nd Avenue Jubilee Center to the 129th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado - October 6-8, 2016



Our mission is to break the cycle of poverty that exists for our low income, homeless and marginalized clients by serving them with compassion and seeking justice for all our Northwest Denver neighbors.

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Retired

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General Manager
Youth Enrichment
Program, Manager

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Manager through
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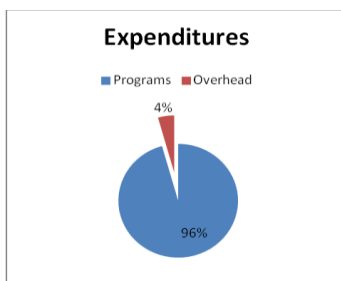
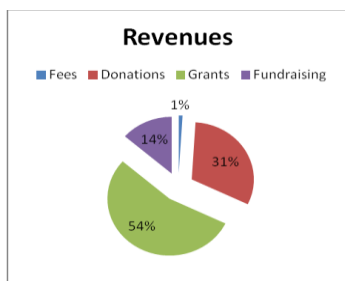
2015 again provided challenges as the Northwest Denver neighborhood continues to gentrify at an uncomprehensible rate. New businesses are moving in, forcing out many smaller established local businesses. Many families are seeking employment outside the area while maintaining connections with their neighborhood schools and community services. We are seeing a significant increase in the number of homeless who come through our doors as well as clients seeing help with rent, utilities, and other basic necessities. Our goals of providing support and finding opportunities to serve those who enter our doors continues. We are fostering a ministry of presence, serving those in need by becoming a community of presence, hope and trust.

A major highlight of 2015 was the culmination of the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) project and the development of a manual: ***ABCD with Your Neighborhood***, which is available on-line to churches, non-profits, and other groups interested in replicating or patterning the work done in Northwest Denver.

A second highlight, a spin-off of the ABCD work is the relationship built with North High School, impacting our Youth Enrichment and Immigration Advocacy programs, allowing the Jubilee Center to be an advocate and voice of compassion and justice to those struggling with poverty.

We give thanks to our many grant-makers, church and individual donors, and volunteers for their faithful support to the Jubilee Center! Please know that we are committed to continue serving those in need in North Denver in 2016.

Sincerely,
Jan Pearson, General Manager



Our Financial Story

The 32nd Avenue Jubilee Center receives financial support from many sources in the Denver area and the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado. 2015 revenues were \$90,816 compared to expenditures of \$88,546. Ninety-six cents of every dollar went directly to supporting the people who benefit from the programs and services offered by the 32nd Avenue Jubilee Center.

2015 Highlights

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT: Our youth educators provide a safe, fun place for at-risk children to receive continuing academic support in our After-School Program and Summer Educational Enrichment Kamp (“SEEK”). In 2015, we:

- Had over 1,600 visits from children ranging in age from 6 to 14, most of whom were Hispanic/Latino.
- Provided tutoring and homework assistance for on average 32 students/wk.
- Had 49 youth registered and participate in our SEEK program.

INTAKE, EMERGENCY & REFERRAL ASSISTANCE: Our Intake Desk receives people who are seeking assistance for their basic human needs – shelter, food, supplies, and fuel. In 2015, the center:

- Welcomed 1,031 guests at our intake desk. Of this number, 22% were veterans, 13% new guests, and 21% homeless.
- Provided food assistance to over 450 guests including emergency food bags and hot meals.
- Aided 25 guests with their rent and utility assistance paperwork through agencies including LEAP, Betty Proctor Fund, and the Action Center; funding assistance was valued at over \$6,000.
- Helped 280 guests with basic needs, such as toiletry items, fuel cards, access to phone, fax and copier.

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE: Our healthcare staff provided medical education and basic healthcare screening and assistance for low income residents in need. In 2015, we:

- Issued almost 2,086 bus passes (value \$3,240) so residents could go to their medical/dental appointments.
- Enabled 36 guests to receive medical prescriptions, vision care assistance, i.e. eye exams and eye glasses.

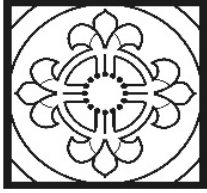
IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY INITIATIVE: A positive impact of the ABCD project has been strengthening relationships with key community leaders especially North High School. The staff and faculty have been instrumental in vetting students who qualify under the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Applicants (DACA) program. When appropriate, the Jubilee Center provides these candidates with financial assistance for their legal fees and application fees to the Department of Homeland Security. The youth/young adults who qualify for deferred action are then able to receive a Social Security card and driver’s license, thus enabling them to obtain gainful employment and continue with their education.

ASSET BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ABCD) PROJECT: The rigorous work of the ABCD team and connections with the community culminated the year-long efforts with the ABCD project, culminating in the production of a manual, *ABCD with Your Neighborhood*, that can be used by churches, non-profits and community organizations to replicate the ABCD process and identify assets in their specific communities, to develop relationships and connections and to engage with the possibilities of social and outreach ministry. Kudos to Lelanda Lee, Linda Brown and Aspen Matthews for guiding the team through this process and producing such a valuable tool!

VOLUNTEERS: We are so grateful for our volunteers and interns – we couldn’t do for others without YOU! Volunteers for our programs served over 1,250 hours, a value of \$28,750! Our programs provided excellent training opportunities for interns from Regis University, Iliff School of Theology, University of Colorado (Colorado Springs) and North High School.

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THE ANGLICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

The Iliff School of Theology/Episcopal Church in Colorado

Report of the Anglican Studies Program to the 129th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Colorado—October 6-8, 2016

The mission of the Anglican Studies Program – The Iliff School of Theology has joined with the Episcopal Church in Colorado to provide a specific component of the Master of Divinity degree designed to satisfy the canonical requirements for Postulants seeking ordination in the Episcopal Church. The Iliff School of Theology also offers a certificate in Anglican Studies for those who wish to pursue graduate theological education as a means of living out their Baptismal covenant, or who seek preparation for special ministries, or for clergy who wish to engage in structured, continuing education.

Executive summary: Since the last report to Convention, the Anglican Studies Program at the Iliff School of Theology continues to thrive.

1. On-line course offerings

Fulfilling the goal announced during the 2012 seminar offered at the Diocesan Convention on October 5th, “Godly-Connections@Iliff: Anglican Studies On-line,” we are now delivering our full complement of Anglican Studies courses online, in a two year rotation.

In the 2015 autumn quarter, IST 3031, “Integrative Colloquium in Anglican Studies: The Bible in the Life of the Church” came online. In the 2016 winter quarter, a new course, IST 2145, “Anglicanism in Africa” joined the roster. IST 2351, “Anglican Devotional Life: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Practice,” rounded out the slate.

2. Students

As a result of our move to on-line offerings, the Anglican Studies Program at Iliff has been attracting a greater number of students, drawn from a wider geographical area and from other denominations and religious traditions. The average number of students enrolled in our courses has grown to 10. For the autumn 2016 quarter, “English Reformations” (IST 3045) has 21 students enrolled. Students who have enrolled in our courses over the past year live in Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania. United Methodist students, especially, have found our courses attractive and helpful.

3. Graduates

During Iliff's commencement on June 2, 2016 at Saint Andrew's United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch, six students were awarded the M.Div. degree with a concentration and certificate in Anglican Studies: Vanessa Zelmarie Bailey, Allison Marie Bollegar, Anthony Wayne Inman, Tory Elizabeth Moir, Dawn Elizabeth Shepler, and William Blair Stanton. This group constituted 12% of the Master of Divinity degrees awarded this year at Iliff.

Four of the six (Bailey, Bollegar, Moir and Stanton) received their degrees "with distinction."

At the Honors Convocation on May 25, 2016, prior to the commencement exercises, Tory Elizabeth Moir was recognized as "Masters Student of the Year," Iliff's most distinguished student award. By a vote of the full-time Iliff faculty, this award honors a graduating student for scholarship, leadership and service within the life of the school, and for promise for future service to society.

4. Student Scholarships

Amy Lythgoe has been awarded the Wallace B. and Jean Dalby Clift Anglican Studies Scholarship to support her final year of studies in the Program at Iliff.

5. New faculty

Two new members were invited to join the Anglican Studies faculty for the 2015-2016 academic year. Both taught on-line offerings:

5.1 Erin Nourse, Ph.D. (University of Virginia), taught "Anglicanism in Africa" in the 2016 winter quarter.

5.2 The Reverend Austin Leininger, Ph.D. (The Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley), taught "Anglican Spirituality: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Practice" in the 2016 spring term. In winter 2017, he will teach Anglican Liturgy.

and

5.3 Anthony (Tony) Alumkal, Ph.D. (Princeton), Associate Professor of the Sociology of Religion, a full-time faculty member at Iliff, was confirmed in the Episcopal Church. He is a communicant at Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in Denver.

6. Ordinations

Bishop O'Neill ordained Amy Lythgoe (Saint Ambrose, Boulder), a rising senior student in the Anglican Studies Program, to the sacred order of Deacons on Saturday, June 18, 2016, at Saint John's Cathedral. Gregory Robbins, director of the Anglican Studies Program at Iliff, was one of her presenters. Also ordained Deacon (transitional) was Therese Colburn (Saint John's Cathedral), who completed the M.Div. in the Anglican Studies Program at Iliff. William Stanton (Intercession, Thornton) and Alwen Bledsoe (Saint Barnabas, Denver), both M.Div. graduates of the Anglican Studies Program at Iliff, were ordained to the sacred order of Priests.

7. Community building/formation

- 7.1 Journey Days Gatherings – Several students in the Anglican Studies Program are enrolled in Iliff's M.Div. "Journey" Program. Students in that degree track normally take 2/3 of their course work on-line or in a hybrid format. During the 5th week of every quarter and during the summer months, they "journey" to Iliff for a long weekend of study, formation and fellowship. To enhance that experience for Anglican Studies students, the director and faculty members host house Masses and dinner in their homes each quarter.
- 7.2 Community Worship – The Anglican Studies Program was invited to lead Community Worship in the Anglican tradition for Wednesday, April 3rd (the Third Week of Eastertide). The Reverend Becky Jones, Diocesan Jubilee officer and curate at St. Thomas' Church (Denver) celebrated and preached. The newly-ordained Bill Stanton served as Deacon of the Mass. Thomas Strickland, organist and music director at St. Luke's (Denver) accompanied the service.

8. Workshops

During the 2015-16 academic year, the Anglican Studies Program, in conjunction with the Office of Leadership Development and Formation, offered two panel discussions/workshops that focused on the implications of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*:

- 8.1 The first, "Everything is Connected: Engaging *Laudato Si'*," was held at the Iliff School of Theology on September 21st, and was open to the public.
- 8.2 The second, "This Fragile Earth, Our Island Home: Engaging Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*," was one of the seminars offered in Colorado Springs at the Diocesan Convention on Friday, October 2nd.

Both offerings attracted over 80 participants each.

9. News of the Director

In addition to his work as director of the Anglican Studies Program at Iliff, Gregory Robbins continued to chair the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Denver, where he is also associate professor of the history of Christianity and its Scriptures. Robbins:

- 9.1 Was appointed by the Bishop to serve on the Board of Examining Chaplains at the 2015 Diocesan Convention;
- 9.2 In his role as Canon Theologian, preached three sermons at Saint John's Cathedral (September, January and August);
- 9.3 Offered adult education classes at Trinity United Methodist Church, Denver Eclectics, Christ Church United Methodist, the Academy of Lifelong Learning, and pre-concert lectures for Saint Martin's Chamber Choir;
- 9.4 Served on the board of directors of Saint Elizabeth's School;
- 9.5 Moderated a working group at the 2016 Annual Fellows Meeting of the Society for Values in Higher Education, July 13-17, at Oberlin College, entitled, "The Politics of Dissent: Satire, Sarcasm and Spit in Civil Society";

- 9.6 Delivered a paper at the 2016 North American Patristics Conference, May 26-28, in Chicago, entitled, “Catholic Epistles and the Catholic Epistles: Eusebius and the Destiny of a Genre”;
- 9.7 Delivered a paper at the 2016 Annual Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature/American Schools of Oriental Research, April 1-2, in Denver, entitled: “Late Style: Woody Allen at 80”;
- 9.8 Contributed “Endings, Beginnings and Advent Hope” to Faith, The Episcopal Church in Colorado (blog). December 17, 2015. http://faith.episcopal.co/advent_hope/
- 9.9 Published an academic journal article: "'Aftertones of Infinity': Biblical and Darwinian Evocations in Terrence Malick's 'The Tree of Life' and 'To the Wonder,'" *The Journal of Religion and Film*, 20, no. 1 (University of Nebraska Press, 2016): Article 17. <http://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/jrf/vol20/iss1/17/>

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Allen Robbins, Ph.D.
Director



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Report of Brigit's Village to the 129th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado October 6-8, 2016

MISSION:
To establish a welcoming and
reasonably-priced senior housing
community in Colorado's Carbon Valley





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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Brigit's Village (BV) began as an outreach initiative of St. Brigit Episcopal Church in Frederick, Colorado. Established as a separate nonprofit in 2014, Brigit's Village embodies a vision to utilize the church's property in service to its surrounding neighbors. The project addresses the desperate need for senior housing while documenting a model of outreach and broad-based funding for other faith communities.

REPORT

Brigit's Village, in partnership with Thistle Communities, is developing 50 units of ADA adaptable affordable senior housing in Frederick, which includes community space with a commercial kitchen. The agency, with the help of an Americorps VISTA worker, is in the process of raising the capital funding to construct the building. Brigit's Village has acquired detailed drawings and AutoCAD renderings of the proposed building and a soil survey of the plot. These have been submitted to contractors to obtain solid estimates of the construction costs.

Meanwhile, quality materials have been developed to provide information about the project to community members and funders. The AmeriCorps VISTA member is dedicated to capacity building. She has been working on grant applications, marketing folders, public relations, and corresponding with a web designer. The new web design will feature testimonial videos, architectural renderings, FAQs, and an easy way for potential residents to add themselves to the growing



interest list (which already exceeds the capacity of the proposed building). As Brigit's Village continues to take big steps to cultivate a vibrant and welcoming community, we would like to thank the Diocese for believing in our mission and for being a part of the team to make our vision a reality.



The Center at Cathedral Ridge - Report for Diocesan Convention, 2016

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to Him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

There are many ways to describe Cathedral Ridge: innovative, transformative, creative Christian formation, embodying excellence in hospitality, a place of belonging, a place where people come together, a place of stewardship, a place apart. It is a place where God's power works in and through everyone who visits.

2016 Program Year

Since we opened for business in 2011, people from over 80% of our congregations have had the opportunity to visit Cathedral Ridge. During 2016 program year we will host over 100 groups and 2,300 individuals. The number of groups represents a 9% increase over 2015, continuing our string of growth every year since the center opened.

Along with *Cathedral Camp* and *Explore*, this summer saw the addition of *Cosmos Camp* and a full cohort (three groups) of the *Colorado Youth Leadership Initiative*. *Colorado Youth Leadership Initiative* participants returned to St. Paul's School, Petit-Trou de Nippes, Haiti, as well as a transformative pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

Episcopal Partnerships

For the third year we hosted the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas' youth summer program, *Camp Quarterman*. This diocesan partnership continues to be transformational for the youth of both our dioceses. we will open up registration for *Camp Quarterman* to youth from our diocese.

Adult Formation Programs

Our vision, mission, and ministry is being realized with adults as well. From ministries of extraordinary grace such as *Stroke Survivor's Camp*, to the international *Tibetan Cranial*, OC Missionaries, to clergy retreats for the Archdiocese of Denver, we have continued to look for new and creative ways to offer this place apart for formation and renewal for adults. This year *Episcopal Service Corp*, Resort Conference, *Church Development Institute*, Lay Pastoral Leaders, Standing Committee, Partnership Vicars, Congregational and Leadership Development, Ordination Retreat, Holy Orders Retreat, and Bishops Advisory Council on Ministry Retreat.

In addition we hosted two exciting and transformative programs; an Advent Quiet Retreat and Lenten Quiet Retreat. Both programs were very well received and this October we will add a third, *Celtic Spirituality for the 21st Century* featuring last years convention keynote speaker Dr. Greg Garrett.

Facilities and Services

In February of 2015 we began the process of upgrading all our mattresses and linens. Lupine Lodge has been upgraded and the other sleeping areas on campus will be addressed in 2016. Water, HVAC, and new paint for Lupine Lodge and Astor Lodge are a part of our continuing efforts to beautify and enhance the guest experience. Currently under construction is Phase II of our new Challenge Course. Phase I completed in 2014 has continued to enhance retreat experiences making expansion necessary this fall. Contact Cathedral Ridge to see how your church and group might benefit from using this course.

Steward of Cathedral Ridge

In January of 2016 the Board of Directors welcomed Mr. Christopher Dunston as our Steward. This position (replacing the Operations Manager) was created to emphasize the holistic approach to hospitality, relationship building, and care for the natural environment that we hope Cathedral Ridge embodies.

Board Reorganization

As the Center at Cathedral Ridge moves into a new phase of development and self-sufficiency, the Board of Directors role naturally changes as well. At a Board Retreat in November of 2015 a reorganization of the board began that is intended to focus us on the big picture strategic vision for the center.

Challenges for the Future

With success comes the challenge of growth. Today the Center at Cathedral Ridge facilities cannot keep pace with the demand for our program needs. We must build, enhance, and upgrade our campus in order to meet current needs and expand our outreach. To that end our capital campaign *From Generation to Generation* is on its way to reaching our \$5 million for Phase I; we look forward to building a year-round youth campus, improved adult lodging and meeting spaces, as well as a new pavilion, roads, remodeled dining hall and infrastructure improvements.

Our vision is challenging, but God grows our faith and trust by challenging us with opportunities that stretch us beyond what we think is possible. As disciples of Jesus, we are strengthened and given hope because we know, *“that the One who calls us is faithful, and He will do it.” 1 Thessalonians 5:24*

Cathedral Ridge is a place apart—a place where God’s Kingdom on earth is experienced through discovery, collaboration, challenge, and community; a place which provides both a sanctuary and a stimulating environment in which lives are transformed in relationship with God and one another; a place that values faithful stewardship of all God’s magnificent creation. Cathedral Ridge is a place to encounter innovative Christian spiritual formation for all ages, excellence in hospitality, and peace amidst a turbulent world.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley
Chair, Cathedral Ridge Board of Directors



2015-2016

Annual Report

COLORADO EPISCOPAL SERVICE CORPS

Colorado ESC: Growing Strong

Colorado ESC enters the 2016-2017 program year strong. Colorado ESC has grown its reach with our new website and expanded social media engagement. While many other programs have struggled with recruitment and low enrollment, our program is full with 5 interns in each house. We have added 3 new agency partners this year: Lutheran Family Services, Northern Colorado Center for Independence, and Tread of Pioneers.



The third program year of the Colorado Episcopal Service Corps was a full one, with both successes and challenges. St Columba House began its third year with five interns, and Centennial House its second year with three. Although only half of our interns graduated from the program successfully this year, those that did demonstrated exemplary personal growth and strong community relationships. We saw results from an increased emphasis on mental health and intern support. We successfully forged one community between the two houses. Colorado ESC continues to grow, with new agency partners and a full program for 2016-2017.

IMPACT:

Eight interns worked at nine partner agencies:

- Work Options for Women - workoptions.org
- Women's Bean Project - womensbeanproject.com
- 32nd Ave Jubilee Center - jubilee32.org
- St Clare's Ministries - coloradodiocese.org/st-clares-ministries/
- Urban Peak - urbanpeak.org
- Yampatika - yampatika.org
- LiftUp of Routt County - liftuprc.org
- Boys and Girls Club of Northwestern Colorado - bgcnwc.org



NEW THIS YEAR:

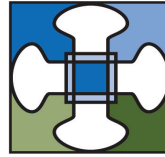
Urban Peak of Denver was a new agency partner this year, a successful relationship which will continue next year.

Iliff Intern Tory Moir joined the team, a first for Colorado ESC, as the Program Coordinator, aiding the Executive Director in administrative tasks and serving on the formation teams for both

Centennial House and St Columba House. Colorado ESC also has a new website:

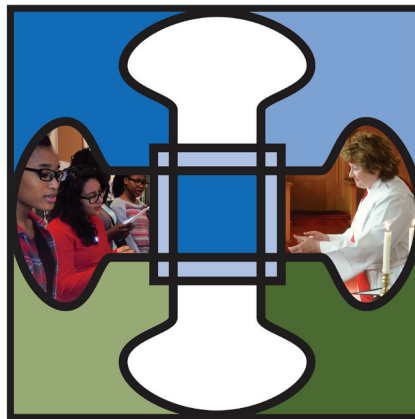
www.coloradoesc.org and a new blog: coloradoescblog.wordpress.com

COLORADO EPISCOPAL FOUNDATION



Report of the Colorado Episcopal Foundation to the 129th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado October 6-8, 2016

The Mission of the Colorado Episcopal Foundation (CEF) is to maximize the long-term financial resources of congregations and individuals in the Diocese of Colorado in order to build church capacity for mission and ministry. This is done through programs and initiatives which address personal finance, congregational finance, corporate finance based on the underlying theology of stewardship.



OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Investment Management

- Manages short and long-term funds: Limited Maturity Income Fund, Bond Fund, Equity Fund and Money Market Account.

Congregational Loans (Internal)

- Alternative to bank loan, lower rates.

Stock Gift Transactions

- Annual or special pledge, tax advantages.

Gift Annuity Administration

- Fixed Income, gift to congregation, tax advantages.

Property Advisory Committee

- Advise Standing Committee and congregations on best use of real property assets.

Stewardship

- Resources, presentations, workshops, materials.

Families & Money

- Utilizes the Money Sanity Solutions™ curriculum.
- Provides resources and support to congregations to empower parishioners to develop healthy financial habits.

Planned Giving

- Provides assistance to individuals and congregations on gift planning strategies.

Legacy Society

- Assist congregations in creating Legacy Societies to encourage planned gifts for future ministry.

MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

We are pleased to share with you this annual summary of Foundation activities. Now in our 32nd year of service, our mission supports Episcopal congregations and institutions to be financially stable so that vital ministries can be sustained. With a strategic focus which incorporates a long term perspective, we adapt and adjust our programs and services to the ever changing needs of The Episcopal Church in Colorado.

Highlights of 2015 include:

- Managed \$27.1 million in investments
- Handled \$1,577,000 in stock gifts to benefit congregations across Colorado.
- Hosted a state wide Stewardship Day, led by The Rev. Canon Charles LaFond with the Director of Communications at St. John's Cathedral, Mike Orr. Thirty-two congregations and ninety-two individuals participated in the workshop, which offered resources and materials on annual pledge campaign design and delivery
- Negotiated the sale of a Land Bank parcel in Colorado Springs
- Produced a 4.5 minute video on legacy giving titled "An Invitation to Create the Future" in collaboration with Iliff School of Theology and the Rocky Mountain Methodist Foundation, featuring Bishop O'Neill and other lay leaders
- Designed and delivered specialized stewardship training for the Northwest region
- Delivered fourteen individualized presentations involving participants from over twenty-four churches
- Delivered specialized annual pledge campaign processes and stewardship Sunday homilies for three congregations
- Promoted care for creation stewardship materials based on the encyclical from Pope Francis entitled Laudato 'Si
- Continued to partner with Brigit's Village, a new diocesan institution in Frederick, CO, to develop strategies to raise funds for an affordable senior housing project.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous gift of time and expertise provided by the men and women who serve as trustees, committee volunteers, and staff. Their knowledge and expertise provide important benefits to The Episcopal Church in Colorado. You are invited to access the programs and services described in this report and to share this information with senior wardens, treasurers, and stewardship leaders in your congregation.

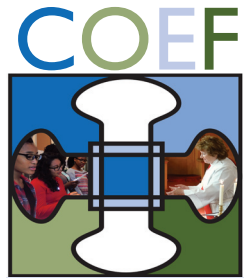
Faithfully,



Anita Sanborn
President



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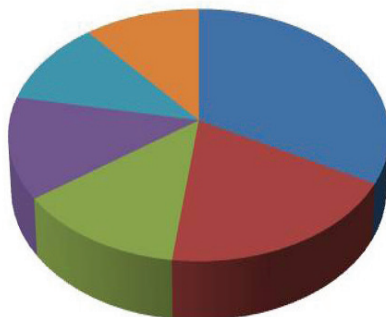
Building
Church
Capacity
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2015 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Condensed Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2015

Dollar amounts rounded to the nearest \$100
Unrestricted



- Financial
- Diocese
- Stewardship
- Ministry
- Planned Giving
- Administration

Cash	\$198,000
Loans Receivable	\$91,600
Investments	\$5,175,100
Property & Equipment	\$155,800
Land Owned	\$1,240,900
Other	\$18,400
Total Assets	\$6,879,800
Liabilities	(46,500)
Net Assets	\$6,833,300

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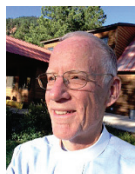
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**Report of the Commission on Ministry (COM) to the 129th Annual Convention of the
Diocese of Colorado October 6-8, 2016**

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The Rev. Mary Kate Rejouis, Ex-officio	Chair, Board of Examining Chaplains

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to equip the body of Christ for faithful ministry, and to advise the Bishop in the implementation of Title III of the Canons.

Executive Summary:

The Commission on Ministry has three areas of responsibility:

Equipping for discernment to lay or ordained ministries:

- We organize an annual discernment event to explore formation opportunities
- We provide the *Called To Lead* discernment manual to assist seekers and congregations
- We equip for the training of congregational discernment teams
- We support the Bishop's office however needed regarding licensing for lay ministries

In 2016 the Commission continued to develop the annual Day of Discernment to equip seekers, sponsoring clergy and congregational discernment teams with the vision and tools for identifying faithful leadership in the church. Key presentations were recorded on video and made available on the diocesan website. We are also listening to sacred stories from our more racially diverse congregations, discerning how the Spirit is leading the church to grow in reconciling ministries.

Overseeing ordination processes:

- We partner with the Board of Examining Chaplains to ensure faithful formation
- We assist the Bishop's office in facilitating the Holy Orders retreat
- We advise the Bishop on creative and effective strategies to meet canonical requirements

In 2016 the Commission completed a multi-year effort to redesign the diaconal formation process. A new vision for a robust diaconate will equip new deacons with tools for education, advocacy, and community organizing to effect systemic change in their communities.

Supporting church professionals:

- We provide annual clergy and lay compensation guidelines
- We pursue affordable and accessible continuing education opportunities
- We encourage annual reporting of continuing education requirements for clergy

In 2016, the Commission proposed an increase of the Colorado clergy compensation standard to correlate with the latest national median data available. The standard also includes benefits so congregations are aware of the full cost. We developed a compensation booklet to assist vestries with accurate information for clergy compensation. We continue gathering data on lay employee to provide comparative tools.

The Commission is very excited to partner with the Office of Faith Formation to provide regular continuing education opportunities for clergy and lay. From half-day workshops addressing timely topics to multi-day retreats and conferences to deepen our learning, the website and diocesan digest will provide up to date learning opportunities for all at low to no-cost.

**Report of St. Benedict Health and Healing Ministry
To the 129th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado
October 6-8, 2016**

**Respectfully submitted:
Rev. Sally Bowersox, Executive Director**

***Behold, I will bring to them health and healing;
I will let my people see peace.
Jeremiah 33:6***

Our **mission**: St. Benedict Health and Healing Ministry is an oasis of care, offering an environment of hospitality as we respond to the real human need for physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.

Our **vision**: We envision a community where suffering is alleviated, where holistic health and healing are available to all.

St. Benedict Health and Healing Ministry provides no cost basic health care to medically underserved and underinsured adults in Boulder County. 14% of the population in Boulder County is below the poverty level (Boulder County Trends Report 2015). This equates to over 43,380 individuals. According to the National Journal January 2016: Every day a half-million people are without a stable place to stay, up to 3.5 million experience this at some point during the year. Those without a home die decades younger, typically in their 60s. The sick and vulnerable become homeless and the homeless become sicker and more vulnerable.

Executive Summary

2015 has been another exciting and inspirational year for St. Benedict Health and Healing Ministry (SBHHM). Our dedicated group of volunteer health care professionals, translators and other volunteers has grown and changed over time. People continue to be deeply moved and connected in the service they offer to the thousands of adults in Boulder County who are medically underserved. In the words of one volunteer, “working with SBHHM is my life blood, it gives my life purpose and nurtures me deeply.” Many of our volunteers have been with us for over 10 years! Although we witness numerous situations of personal tragedy, trauma and destitution at our clinics, we are deeply moved by the profound humility and gratitude of the patients we serve and the teamwork amongst our health care professionals.

Despite the political and economic landscapes, the need for health care services amongst the population SBHHM serves remains high. Many of our patients, for a multitude of reasons, resist the health care system. Sometimes it’s just too overwhelming for them to participate in. Others are plagued by their mental and physical disabilities.

New developments in 2015-16 include creating relationship with Boulder Housing Partners and beginning alternating monthly free clinics at their Canyon Pointe and Walnut Place locations. Since this is residential housing, we’ve been able to follow up with

patients over the year and provided 65 nurse visits in 2015. In addition, a formal partnership with Dental Aid began in June 2015. Through our Medical Financial Assistance Program, SBHHM is able to pay for all or a portion of qualifying patient's dental treatment plans.

Over the year we expanded our outreach in Longmont by continuing our Free Clinic every Thursday at the OUR Center. In addition, our new partnership with Longmont Community Health Network led us to hire two paramedic volunteers who work with our nurses at clinic providing much needed community health care liaison and transportation. In the fall of 2016 we look forward to our new office space at the OUR Center in Longmont and increasing our free clinics, services and bilingual health care education.

Our Don Burt Community Care Program continues to grow. In 2015 we served over 3,200 individuals! Volunteers in this program hand out much needed OTC (over the counter) medications and basic health care supplies to folks staying at the Emergency Warming Centers and other BOHO (Boulder Overflow for Homeless Outreach) programs in Boulder.

In 2015:

- ✓ Over 35 volunteer Health Care professionals, Spanish translators and other volunteers provided greater than 9300 Health Care services to guests via 13 Free Clinics per month and the Don Burt Community Care Program!
- ✓ Over 45 key volunteers provided over 3000 hours of volunteer time equating to \$104,556 Value of Volunteer Service Time!

SBHHM is enthused and excited to be a critical link on the health care continuum for Boulder County, a point of access to health care and a safety net for those who would otherwise fall through the cracks in the health care system.

Board of Directors and home parishes:

Mr. Bill Ashworth, Bishop's Representative. St. John's Episcopal Church, Boulder
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St. Clare's Ministries

Report to the 129th Annual Convention of the
Diocese of Colorado—October 6-8, 2016



**Supper available 1 day a week, Tuesdays,
52 weeks a year – meals served – 6,454**

**Number of volunteers who reported to work,
many being there every month 1,134**



Number of volunteer hours 2,749



**Value of volunteer hours at \$25.52 an hour
\$ 70,157**



**Clothing Room open 1 day a week,
Tuesdays, 52 weeks a year was
refurbished in 2015.**



2015 Programs and Services

Our Mission: St. Clare's Ministries offers short-term respite from the harsh realities of homelessness, poverty, and the separation we feel from God and each other. With God's help, St. Clare's is an open, welcoming, and diverse community that provides physical and spiritual nourishment, clothing, and other support to our guests and volunteers in need.

St. Clare's Ministries Report, 2016 Contact Information For Volunteering and Donations:

St. Clare's Ministries
126 West 2nd Ave.
Denver CO 80223
Telephone: (303) 772-8781
URL: stclaresministries.dioco.org

This ministry has evolved over the past 20 years from handing out sandwiches in the Parish Hall to serving a full meal, preceded by a church service. In the fall of 2009, the ministry incorporated as a nonprofit under Colorado State Statutes. Many Episcopal parishes in Colorado support the ministry financially. St Clare's is a Jubilee Ministry and Diocesan Institution.

Volunteer remarks:

While Denver's economy has improved in the past year, the number of people struggling with food insecurity remains challenging. St Clare's is blessed to be guided in service by volunteer Board of Directors and to be provided with very tasty meals by the excellent cooks who come each week to prepare the food. Guests at St Clare's receive nourishment for the body and for the soul through worship and companionship. Without this wonderful service, many would go to bed at night, hungry in body and spirit. It is truly a gift to be able to serve at St Clare's.

Supporting Churches

Calvary, Golden
Christ Church, Castle Rock
Christ the King, Arvada
Diocese of Colorado Staff, Denver
Good Shepherd, Centennial
Holy Comforter, Broomfield
St. Barnabas, Denver
St. Elizabeth's, Brighton
St. Barnabas, Denver
St. John's Cathedral, Denver
St. Joseph, Lakewood
St. Luke's, Denver
St. Martine in the Field, Aurora
St. Peter and St. Mary, Denver
St. Philip and St. James, Denver
St. Stephens, Aurora
St. Thomas, Denver
St. Timothy, Centennial
Transfiguration, Evergreen



2016 Board of Directors

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The Rev. Pam Stewart, Diocesan Representative

Mark Molello, Christ the King, Arvada
Jan Dunn, St. Luke's, Denver
Barbara Nickell, Christ's Church, Castle Rock
The Rev. William Kindel, St. Elizabeth, Brighton
Joe Hajny, St. Joseph, Lakewood

2015 Operating Results

Revenue and Support	
Individual contribution	\$3,957
Churches	\$6,780
Grants	\$6,865
Fund Raising	\$12,767
Other Income	<u>\$349</u>
Total Revenue	\$30,718
Costs and Expenditures	
Groceries	\$7,203
Other direct expenses	\$13,669
Indirect expenses	<u>\$2,352</u>
Total Expenses:	\$23,224
 Change in Net Assets:	 \$7,493



**REPORT OF SAINT FRANCIS CENTER TO THE
129TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF COLORADO—OCTOBER 6-8, 2016.**

*The mission of St. Francis Center is to reveal God's love for humanity by providing
a safe place for people who are homeless in Metro Denver
to meet their basic needs for day-to-day survival
while offering them assistance to transition out of homelessness.*

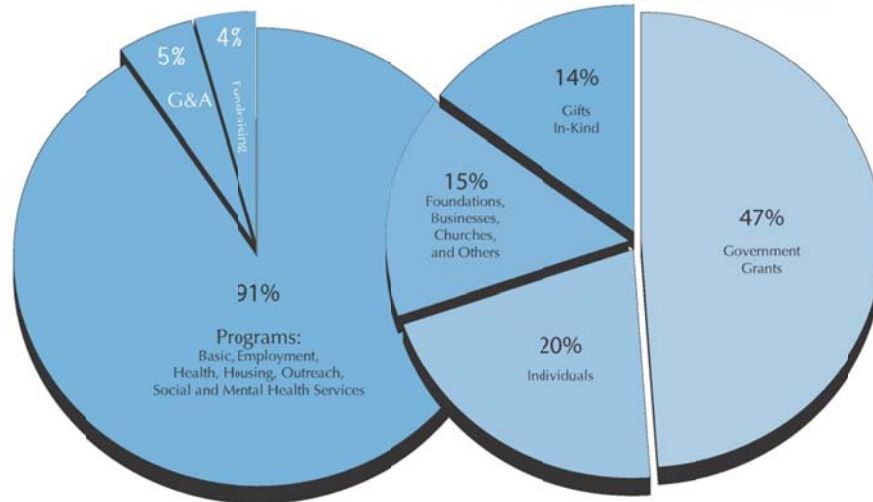
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There were many ways we kept hope alive for those we served in 2015. One important way was being awarded \$9.5 million worth of tax credits, which will assist SFC in building a 50-unit apartment building providing supportive housing for people who have lived on the streets. When construction finishes in the fall of 2017, we will open the Saint Francis Apartments at Cathedral Square, near the corner of 14th and Washington, completing paths of hope on journeys home. Another way SFC inspired hope in 2015, was through expanding our office of Mental Health Services, in order to attend to the ever-increasing number of people who are facing mental health challenges. These guests are some of our most vulnerable clients and sometimes the most desperate for some shred of hope. The care SFC offers this group of people through our staff and volunteers can be the thread of hope that holds them together each day. With your support, in 2016, we will continue to pursue our goal of caring for those who are most vulnerable and in need of hope. We are sincerely grateful for your partnering with us!

2015 FUNDRAISING AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES



Goal 1: To provide emergency services to adults who are homeless.

Projected Outcomes:

- Our day shelter will serve more than 700 different men and women a day, with close to 10,000 different people accessing shelter throughout the year.
- The St. Francis Center outreach team will have 11,500 encounters with homeless men and women, and connected many with shelter and emergency services.

Actual Outcomes:

- We provided shelter to 10,639 different guests, serving a daily average of 811 different people.
- Our outreach team had 15,968 encounters with homeless individuals in downtown Denver, helping hundreds access shelter, healthcare and emergency services.

Goal 2: To provide stabilizing services that help men and women end their homelessness.

Projected Outcomes:

- More than 1,200 men and women will receive employment services.
- The health clinic will provide high quality healthcare services to more than 1,100 different guests.
- More than 1,500 different men and women will receive help accessing resources such as birth certificates, bus tickets, transportation, and information/referrals through our Social Services staff.
- More than 90,000 units of clothing would be distributed.

Actual Outcomes:

- Employment Services served 1,805 different individuals and helped place people in 398 full-time jobs.
- The health clinic served 987 different guests, who visited the clinic 2,295 times.
- Social Services staff served 2,426 different individuals and provided 5,440 different services.
- Guests visited the clothing room 17,812 times, resulting in approximately 89,416 units of clothing being distributed.

Goal 3: To support men and women after they transition out of homelessness, helping them to continue to remain housed and meet goals for self-sufficiency.

Projected Outcomes:

- St. Francis Center will provide resources and referrals to 500 different people to find or retain housing.
- Case managers will provide intensive support to residents in 82 units of housing.
- 90% of those receiving case management support will remain housed.

Actual Outcomes:

- St. Francis Center provided housing resources and referrals to 712 different individuals.
- Case Managers provided intensive support to residents in 69 units of housing.
- 91% of those who received case management support across all SFC housing programs stayed either in supportive housing or moved on to other permanent housing arrangements.
- Wellness Office (Mental Health Care) served 559 patients over 1,563 visits.

The shelter continues to help hundreds of people every day with emergency services and with support to transition out of homelessness. Grant funds helped allow us to keep a full schedule of hours and program services available to meet what continues to be a growing need in the Denver Metro area. Funds also helped us continue to be a key collaborative partner with the Women's Homeless Initiative to provide access and transportation to overnight shelter for women at area churches.

St. Francis Center continues to maximize resources by seeking partnerships with outside groups and having those groups provide services on-site. On-site partnerships include:

On-Site Partner	Service
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH)	Stout Street Clinic services operate at SFC. CCH also provides benefits team at SFC
Mental Health America of Colorado	Provides on-site mental health counseling resources at St. Francis Center
Veterans Administration	Provides on-site services for veterans at SFC
Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen	Provides a meal twice a week for guests
Denver Department of Human Services	Provides on-site benefits acquisition services to guests

In addition, we work with many community partners beyond the shelter walls. The Downtown Denver Partnership provides funding for street outreach, and Denver County's workforce center system provides access to job listings. We partner with the Women's Homeless Initiative to provide transportation to and from local churches for overnight overflow shelter for women. We coordinate services with all area shelters through formal meetings and ongoing contacts. SFC also provides leadership to the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative and Denver's Road Home to coordinate with other agencies and reduce the number of people who are homeless in Denver.

LESSONS LEARNED

The most significant lesson is that unfortunately, our numbers continue to grow. In particular, over the last several years, the number of women coming to our shelter has increased to approximately 23% of our overall population last year, up from about 15% in 2010. As a result, part of our capital improvements included providing more access to shower facilities for women, and transportation to overnight overflow shelter for women happens every day, including the four days of the year the shelter is closed. We have fully implemented a rapid-entry, card-based entry system to check-in all guests to the day shelter. We are currently utilizing this technology to decrease the amount of time it takes to check people in as well as lower the cost of counting and tracking guests who visit our shelter.

Additionally, we have found that having someone trained to help facilitate treatment of some of our guests' mental health needs provides not only beneficial support to our guests, but also to our staff. Our registered psychotherapist, who started with us in 2012, has helped several hundred guests each year navigate treatment options throughout the community and provided crisis management on-site. She has also offered staff trainings which facilitate more compassionate and beneficial treatment of guests who suffer from mental illness. As a result, we have begun to look for partnerships around the community to expand our mental health wellness program by hopefully hiring more staff to facilitate treatment for even more of our guests.

The economy continues to be a high impact factor on our ministry. As mentioned in the previous question, our Basic Services department is seeing volume which continues to increase and show no signs of contracting. With the cost of housing in Denver reaching historic highs, many who work low-paying jobs or who rely on public assistance are unable to find an affordable place to live. In an effort to help provide housing options for people we serve, we are partnering with other groups within the community to build and case manage another permanent supportive housing program similar to Cornerstone, called St. Francis Apartments at Cathedral Square. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2016.

Future plans include being a major partner in the construction and operation of St. Francis Apartments at Cathedral Square, a new permanent supportive housing project scheduled to begin construction in 2016. We continue to participate in a community-wide project to provide rapid entry access and client data sharing between service providers. Information sharing reduces the burden of clients/guests accessing services at multiple provider points. Finally, we are working with the Burnes Center on Poverty and Homelessness to develop an evaluation plan which measures outcomes, client satisfaction, and the impact of our services, in order that we might be able to both provide evaluation data to our funders and appropriately assess the effectiveness of our programming.

St. Francis Center provides leadership and is actively involved in two community coalitions, Metro Denver Homeless Initiative and Denver Commission to End Homelessness, and shares information about its outcomes and lessons learned in these public forums. We publish an annual report to communicate our outcomes to our supporters. We publish a periodic newsletter and use social media channels inform donors and the community of advocacy issues and advance the work of our mission. We will continue collaboration as identified above and remain open to future partnerships, with specific attention directed towards underserved populations including women, individuals with mental illness, and individuals with mental and physical disabilities.

**REPORT OF ST. RAPHAEL'S PLACE
TO THE 129TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF COLORADO—OCTOBER 6-8, 2016.**

The vision of St. Raphael's Place is to extend the family home as a Christian community where children will be loved, nurtured and encouraged to learn through play.

The mission of St. Raphael's Place is to

- minister to families with young children;
- nurture the whole child as a gift from God;
- nurture lasting relationships between St. Raphael's Episcopal Church and children's families as a means of Christian support;
- provide St. Raphael's Episcopal Church opportunities to strengthen its partnership with the local community; and
- be a resource for St. Raphael's Episcopal Church's congregational growth.

The Board and Staff Members are all parishioners of St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, Security.

President	The Rev. Christopher A. Johnson, D. Min.
Vice President	Sheri McGrew
Secretary	Irene Kornelly
Treasurer	Ella Nuss
Board Member	Kathleen Gribble
Program Director	Debbie Johnson
Lead Teacher	Kim Tacey

Executive Summary

2016 has been a year dedicated to getting construction documents through the county approval process to assure compliance with state and local guidelines for preschool age child care. The state license application for child care has been submitted, along with necessary El Paso County Health Department forms. Total Fund raising 2014 through June 2016 has been very successful with a total of \$42,832 exceeding initial pledges of \$25,000! The Colorado Episcopal Foundation acting as an institutional partner in this project has renegotiated its loan repayment schedule to accommodate the delays associated with the rezoning process and approval of construction documents.

The Report Follows

While 2015 was dedicated to the rezoning of our property from Residential to Commercial Community classification, 2016 has been largely dedicated to the process of gaining construction permits necessary for the completion of the property renovation so it would comply with State and local building codes for child care. This included the formal process for submittal and approval of a Site Development Plan and building renovation architectural/engineering construction plans. Exterior Landscaping and Site Development is underway.

Additionally, our Child Care licensing application for 15 children has been submitted to the State of Colorado and Health Department forms have been submitted to El Paso County to initiate the formal approval process for our program. Our Lead Teacher has completed necessary college course work for her certification. Safe Guarding God's Children has been completed by the Director and Lead Teacher to assure diocesan compliance. Handbooks for Employees and for Students will be finalized by this convention.

The Sangre de Cristo region of our diocese has generously provided a \$5,000 grant to support the development of our playground. Friends and parishioners of St. Raphael's Church have financially contributed \$42,832 towards this development through June of this year! With great appreciation we thank the Colorado Episcopal Foundation for renegotiating the terms of our loan repayment to allow for the unexpected delays we experienced due to the rezoning process and construction approval.

It is satisfying also for us to celebrate the other ways people have/are contributing to the successful introduction of this child care program. Parishioners have come together on work days to clean up the grounds and demo the structure in preparation for renovation. Parishioners licensed in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Electrical will be providing professional installation of those aspects of our renovation. An area Class A General Contractor (Richardson Construction) is overseeing the total project and paying for the building permits as a gift to the community. Likewise, an area Architect (MacDonald and Associates) is providing architectural design as his gift to the community. Another parishioner is providing materials and his services to professionally install commercial flooring throughout the building. He has made his commercial dumpster available to us for disposal of construction and demolition debris. He will also apply his construction skills to form and pour a new, larger concrete porch serving the entrance of the building as well as a new ramp for the entrance from the building to the playground. An area glass company provided new tempered glass for the front windows at cost and a free tempered window for the office observation access to the principal class room. An area steel worker provided a 16' steel beam that will be used to span a section of the classroom as a gift. A parishioner who has a professional landscaping company will be providing landscaping materials at cost as well as tools and labor needed at a greatly reduced rate. A couple who came seeking solace for a son-in-law who died very unexpectedly has been faithfully helping with framing construction, siding replacement and priming the building. They are not parishioners and live an hour away, yet they are grateful for the comfort they received at a difficult time in their family's lives and travel frequently (often several times a week) to help complete the work we have begun. A member of the local Lions Club has come to assist as an expression of his commitment to the local community and as a partner to this congregation in particular. A professional painter who benefits from the generosity of our Food Pantry will be caulking and painting the building as his gift of gratitude for our regular support of his food needs. And finally, we are thankful to the Samoan Assembly of God community who worships at St. Raphael's for their help with our grounds clean-up. I am sure there are more contributions that I have overlooked!

Report of the Standing Committee to the 129th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Colorado

The Standing Committee (SC) is the legal board of directors for the non-profit corporation called the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado. As such, SC has fiduciary responsibility for the financial and legal health of the Diocese. We represent the five regions of the Diocese with one lay and one clergy representative from each. Our officers are internally elected. The Bishop and senior staff attend and participate in the meetings. Members for the past year were: The Rev. Terry McGugan and Mr. Jim Wolf, Secretary, High Plains Region; The Rev. Leigh Waggoner and Ms. Erin Smith, Southwest Region; The Rev. De Freeman and Mr. Harry Tournay, Sangre de Cristo Region; The Rev. Michael McManus and Mr. Bob Morse, Vice-President; and, The Rev. Scott Turner, President, and Mrs. Carol Hallowed, Northwest Region. Mr. Chuck Thompson, Treasurer; and, The Rt. Rev. Robert O'Neill are ex officio members of SC.

We spend part of each meeting in intentional spiritual formation with our chaplain, The Rev. Michelle Danson. Once a year, we go on retreat to tackle long range visioning and planning with the Bishop. Our regular activities include reviewing diocesan income and spending, approving a draft budget to present to Convention, hearing reports from senior staff, and reports from the regions. This gives us a much fuller picture of the health and activities of the diocese and its constituent parishes, missions, special congregations, and institutions.

Any entity that wishes to be affiliated with the Episcopal Church, e.g. St. Francis Center, Episcopal Service Corps, or St. Claire's Kitchen, must present by-laws consistent with the Canons, have board members approved by the SC, and be accountable to the diocese. The Bishop and SC provide oversight to these Diocesan Institutions.

SC is taking an active part in the Campaign for Cathedral Ridge. The campaign was approved by SC based on the five year business plan for Cathedral Ridge. Each member has pledged to this project and is keenly interested in the opportunities this Camp and Conference Center create for ministry within and outside Colorado.

All matters of property or debt in the Diocese come before SC. The SC must give pre approval to any diocesan entity wishing to sell property or take on indebtedness, the SC must give approval. Many contracts of various sorts are reviewed by the Chancellor and SC before they are signed.

The SC plays a role as Council of Advice to the Bishop. This may be any matter for which the Bishop desires advice. The SC has a role in the larger church as well. Permission to elect bishops and to ordain them to the Episcopate is required from a majority of current Diocesan Bishops

and a majority of the SC's of the Episcopal Church. In the past year the Diocese of Colorado SC gave consent in every case but one. The SC withheld consent from one person elected bishop, because of frequent association with and approval of schismatics.

SC has role in the ordination process. We interview every candidate for ordination as well as give approval for each step prior to ordination. This is done in the role of assisting in the ministry of the Bishop who is the final arbiter of who gets ordained. A member of SC is always present at ordinations as a presenter and witness.

All of these duties were performed with diligence, prayer, thoughtful conversation, and a love of the Church. I commend my colleagues for their sacrifices of time and effort for the greater good. I thank the incredible Meg Stern who is our resource person in the Bishop's office and handles logistics and paperwork disbursement for SC. We have been deeply blessed by the work of Canon Lou Blanchard, and Canon Carl Andrews who provided a great deal of the reporting on Diocesan activity. Their wisdom and guidance in more than one tricky situation demonstrated their excellent skills in ministry. We wish them all God's blessings in retirement.

Ms. Anita Sanborn, President of the Colorado Episcopal Foundation, is a stalwart participant in SC. She represents the Foundation in our discussions on resources for ministry and stewardship training. She is also a consistent advocate for the poor and disenfranchised.

I thank Bishop O'Neill for his superb leadership and steady engagement with the SC for the purpose of spreading the Good News of God's Kingdom in Colorado. May the Light of Christ continue to burn brightly in the Episcopal Church in Colorado.

Presented August 15, 2016

J. Scott Turner

The Rev. J. Scott Turner, President of the Standing Committee