

## Bishop Committee Reports July 2016

### VICAR'S REPORT – Bill Fulton

**Groundbreaking and Picnic:** Our groundbreaking ceremony was full of light, joy, and energy and I think everyone was lifted up by it. My thanks to all who helped make the day a success.

**Start of Sunday School and fall programs:** The Wednesday evening program will start up again next week, September 14, and Sunday School will resume Sunday, September 18. The choir will start singing at the 10:00 Eucharist on Sunday, September 18.

**Convention October 21-22 – delegate needed:** Carolyn Sorrell has asked to be relieved of her duties as Convention Delegate, so we need to find another female delegate. This will involve attending Convention October 21-22 at the SeaTac Hilton, and a preparatory meeting on Saturday, October 1 in Tacoma.

**2018 Sabbatical:** My Letter of Agreement with the parish specifies that every five years I am to have a sabbatical. In my eight plus years I haven't asked for one because we've been focused on getting the new church built. However, it seems to me that we'll need a breath of fresh air and fresh thinking after the building is completed. So I'm proposing that we apply for a Lilly Grant for 2018 to fund this sabbatical. This grant specifies renewal activities for both the clergy and for the congregation. I'm encouraged because the Rev. Gail Wheatley, Rector of St. Andrew's, Port Angeles, received a very generous Lilly Grant two years ago. I've attached a short description of the program (typist note: this attachment is inserted at the end of the consolidated reports). Applications are due April 1, 2017.

**Child Care:** One of our child care providers has quit so I'm looking for a replacement. Kirstin Lamont, who has been very faithful, recommended a friend who is 16 years old. I contacted the Canon to the Ordinary who said we may hire a 16 year old as long as she is under the supervision of an adult such as Kirstin. We probably need another Safeguarding God's Children class.

**New members:** I'm pleased to see that we have some new faces in church: Declan Jarry and David Wilkerson; Jausch and Amanda Stout and their son Collin; and Sarah and T.J. Argilo and their son Xander. I hope you'll have a chance to welcome them and introduce yourself as a BC member.

**New computer:** My thanks to Rich Rogers who purchased and installed a new treasurer's computer and a new Quickbooks program and got them up and running. We're still sorting out glitches like networking.

**Joan Willoughby:** My thanks to Loretta Mcginley and Gail Ferguson for helping Joan find service to help with her basic life needs as she becomes less able to care for herself.

**Fr. Dick Scott:** My thanks to Fr. Dick for his willingness to cover for me while I was on vacation August 15-21. Dick and I have agreed that he will be helping out with pastoral care and leading worship from time to time.

**Catechesis of Good Shepherd demonstration:** Along with several others, I attended a demonstration by Myra Battin, teacher of The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Paul's, Bremerton. This program, like Godly Play, is a new approach to children's Christian education that is a fascinating way forward.

**Wedding Customary:** I was approached by a woman asking to use our church for her wedding. I pulled out our current Wedding Customary but realized that we will need to re-write it for the new church (When I called back, the woman said she'd already found another venue for her wedding).

### BISHOP'S WARDEN – Penny Whitney

No report.

### PEOPLE'S WARDEN – Charles Smith

We have had several families visit St. Antony's recently. I had the privilege of meeting with two of them. The Argio family has visited three times now, including the last two Sundays. They have been church shopping and mentioned that they have liked St. Antony's the best. The Stout family has visited twice now, the last two

Sundays. They have informed our parish secretary, Linda that they would like to be members of St. Antony's. Both families have youth who also like St. Antony's.

#### **FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP – Jim Foley**

No report.

#### **BUILDING COMMITTEE – John Stockwell**

No report.

#### **FAITH FORMATION – Charles Smith**

**Vicar Bible Study:** continues to meet

**Book Studies:** none at this time

**Sunday school:** The discernment group postponed its August meeting to allow its sub-committees more time to gather information. Meetings will resume in September. The discernment group's purpose is to discuss program options for 2017-18 and beyond. The current Sunday school year will begin September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS will be offered in the evening of Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and mid-day Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. The closing will be at 11:45 AM on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. New Fellowship is leading VBS this year. We need to identify people to help.

**J2A (Journey to Adulthood):** Nothing to report.

**Centering Prayer:** Continues to meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

**Nursery:** Nothing to report.

**Wednesday night program:** Resumes September 14th.

**Spiritual Direction:** Nothing to report

**Discernment:** Two separate groups are meeting. One is discerning about what St. Antony's Sunday school will look like in the future (see above). The other is a discernment group for ordination.

**Little Sisters of St. Clare:** Nothing to report

**Come and See:** Charles Smith and Maggie Scott have been invited to serve on the team for the Fall Cursillo (now called Come and See). The weekend will be Friday (evening), October 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Kairos:** The Kairos Monroe 59 team begins its team meetings and preparations for the fall weekend Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>. The weekend will be Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**EfM:** Education for Ministry (EfM) has begun its 2016-17 program year. St. Antony's and St. Paul's, Bremerton are working together to offer this program. Please see Kathy Little for more information.

#### **ST. ANTONY'S YOUTH – Charles Smith**

The youth group did not request a youth Sunday in October (the next month with five Sundays) because the youth group commissioner will be away (staffing Cursillo) and the Senior High School youth (Benjamin and Aina) are busy working on their draft for this year's Christmas Pageant.

We will be holding a youth group meeting in the near future to set our calendar for the rest of 2016 and part of 2017. At the same meeting we will be setting the practice schedule for the Christmas Pageant. There will be more to come once the program draft is a little more firm. We are tentatively looking to continue tradition of having the Christmas Pageant on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent but we have not made that scheduling request to the Worship, Liturgy and Music commission yet.

## **WELCOME COMMITTEE – Beth Rohlfing**

No report.

## **ENVIRONMENT – Beth Rohlfing**

No report.

## **OUTREACH – Liz Haney**

No report.

## **PARISH LIFE – Loretta McGinley**

I will be out of town, and unable to attend the 8 September BC Meeting.

Please send me names of parishioners who are ill, recovering or recently bereaved and I will send a card on behalf of the BC.

The August groundbreaking/annual picnic shared with NFC was a memorable and successful event. Many thanks to all the people who stepped forward to help with planning, setup and cleanup of the event.

It had been previously suggested to plan a small 'Octoberfest' at the church vs. on the new property (due to anticipated project construction). I opted to forego planning a September Octoberfest due to the too-short timeframe from the annual picnic, and propose that we begin planning early in 2017 for a fundraiser event on our new property next September. An outdoor Octoberfest could be a family event, open to the public and include an arts display.

The October-December LEV schedule is in the works, and will be forwarded to Linda for the October Glad Tidings.

I would like to form a pastoral care committee. This small group of interested parishioners could provide support to church members with a variety of needs. e.g. care calls, meals, information about community resources. I will write an article about it for the October Glad Tidings, and next month will make an invitation to participate at both services.

## **WORSHIP/LITURGY/MUSIC – Mark Westin**

No report.

## **COMMUNICATIONS – Bill Demmon**

- 1). I am still collecting any church admin, management, training, etc processes and guidelines to create a central location where we can store these items, in preparation for updating them for the move to the new church. Please send to me any you have.
- 2). The photo board in the Narthex is missing some of our folks' photos. I'll be working on getting the list of those missing and will get their photos posted.
- 3). I see where we'll be needing another Safeguarding God's Children training session, primarily for the child care personnel. Let's talk at the next BC meeting about a good time for that training and also use that training opportunity to bring all of our certifications in this area up-to-date. The SGC training material and videos comes from D-House, and therefore requires some administration effort to prepare the location and handouts.
- 4). Travel and events:
  - a) BC meetings: I will be on travel and out of the area for the October BC meeting (Oct 13th), but should be in town for the November BC meeting (Nov 10th).
  - b) Diocese of Olympia Convention: I will be in the area and plan to attend both the preparatory regional meeting (Sat, Oct 1st), and the convention on the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of October.

## Lilly Grant for Clergy Renewal (Sabbatical)

A short explanation

### Program Purpose

The Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program at Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) seeks to strengthen Christian congregations by providing opportunities for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of renewal and reflection.

Renewal periods are not vacations, but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for regaining the enthusiasm and creativity for ministry, for discovering what will make the pastor's heart sing.

Pastors serve a variety of roles in their privileged position at the center of congregational life: preacher, teacher, spiritual guide, pastoral visitor, friend, confidant. The responsibilities are continual, and the pace and demands of parish life can be relentless, often leaving even the most dedicated pastors recognizing the need to replenish their own spiritual reservoirs to regain energy and strength for their ministry.

Life-giving experiences — strengthening relationships, renewing a sense of call, meeting and serving the neighbor in a new way, finding joy and purpose in a simplified life, traveling to new lands and unfamiliar territories, creating opportunities where members of the congregation can exercise their gifts for ministry — are common themes of these renewal times. Profound discoveries that pastors and their congregations describe as “life-changing events” occur as they participate in this program.

The Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program at Christian Theological Seminary will provide grants of up to \$50,000 each directly to congregations for the support of a renewal program for their pastor. The costs associated with family members who accompany a pastor may be included in the amount requested for the pastor. Up to \$15,000 of the grant may be used to help the congregation fulfill pastoral duties during the pastor's absence and/or to support activities that enable the congregation as a whole to be renewed in its ministry.

The pastor and congregation will work together to design the renewal program. Both will agree on 1) the length of the program, 2) the pastor's activities during the program, 3) congregational renewal activities that will take place during the pastor's absence, and 4) how the pastor and congregation will share their experiences and insights with one another when the renewal leave is completed.

The congregation will submit the proposal to Christian Theological Seminary. Clergy renewal programs may take many forms. No specific model is prescribed. Possible programs may include an uninterrupted period for reading and writing, directed research at a theological school, a study trip to religious sites or travel for other purposes in the United States or elsewhere in the world, quiet time for rest and prayer, special visits with family and friends. The possibilities are many. The best proposals combine several of these elements in a balanced and sensible way. We have learned from previous grantees that the ideal renewal program is an uninterrupted time of three to four months.

A congregation must continue the pastor's salary and benefits during the renewal leave.

The pastor and an authorized congregational leader need to certify the pastor's intent to remain in the congregation at least one year after completing the program.

The recipients in the National Clergy Renewal Program will be notified in late August 2017.

A renewal leave funded by a grant in the clergy renewal program may begin no sooner than January 1, 2018, and must be completed by December 31, 2019.

An impartial panel will review the applications. Proposals will be evaluated in terms of the renewal program's feasibility, coherence, creativity and potential benefits to the congregation and pastor. The size of the request will not be a determining factor unless—in the best judgment of the panel—the amount requested is inadequate or unrealistic to fulfill the renewal program described in the proposal.

For the full description of the program, go to <http://cpx.cts.edu/docs/default-source/crp-documents/2016-crp-national-rfp.pdf>