

## **DIOCESAN MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDG) TASK FORCE**

### **Report on Activities and Accomplishments in 2011 and Plans for 2012**

#### **Activities in 2011:**

- Presented 4 “Living into the MDG’s” Workshops. One each in Somerville, Atlantic, Monmouth and Camden Convocations. Average attendees: 20.
- Presented Resolution to Convention in March to make May 13<sup>th</sup>, MDG/ERD Sunday throughout the Diocese. Resolution Approved.
- Task Force and Parish Representatives promoted MDG/ERD Sunday.
- Promoted “Gifts for Life” Catalog during Advent and Lent.
- Sponsored a visit by Rob Radtke, President of Episcopal Relief & Development, to be guest preacher at Trinity, Princeton. Honored Rob with a luncheon at ETS after Services attended by 45 from throughout the Diocese.
- Hosted July 16<sup>th</sup>, an all day Parish Representative Training Workshop. 35 attendees. Board member of Episcopal Relief & Development made a presentation.
- Parish Representatives undertook various, wonderful educational and action initiatives during Lent and throughout the year.
- Participated with Lifelong Christian Formation Committee, Jubilee Ministry and Youth Ministry in planning “Make a Difference in the World” Conference for January 21, 2012 to be held at Trenton Cathedral.

#### **Major Accomplishments in 2011:**

- MDG/ERD presence on Diocesan website.
- “MDG News” first edition Newsletter published in June.
- Online Workspace established listing all Task Force Resources.
- Diocesan MDG Task Force and Episcopal Relief & Development Parish Representative Handbook prepared and distributed.
- Monthly Bulletin Blurbs on specific MDG issues.
- Churches with MDG Parish Representatives increased by over 50% from 2010 to 38.
- Diocesan Council accepted recommendation to allocate .7% of budget to Episcopal Relief & Development.
- \$567.25 was raised by Episcopal Church Women to support work of Task Force

#### **Plans for 2012:**

- Formulate, Launch, and Implement Diocesan Nets For Life Campaign: major year long initiative.
- Promote and Facilitate “Make a Difference in the World” Conference.
- Develop advocacy goals and objectives going forward. 2 TF members to attend Ecumenical Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC March 23<sup>rd</sup>-26.
- Increase number and degree of parish representative engagement.
- Develop and make available liturgical resources re: MDGs. Guest preaching.
- Work with ERD on disaster relief within Diocese.
- Create matching grant program for parishes using Diocese’s .7% MDG contribution.

Respectfully Submitted by the Rev. Lisa Caton on behalf of the Diocesan MDG Task Force