

Stewardship Commission Report to the 229th Annual Diocesan Convention

Diocese of New Jersey Convention – 2013

The Stewardship Commission of the Diocese of New Jersey continues an active schedule. Our members have been called upon to assist numerous congregations, particularly in supporting New Consecration Sunday (NCS) activities. We now have seven churches with one, or more, years of NCS experience, with at least two more scheduled for later this year.

Members have gathered about six times annually to focus on spiritual reflections with stewardship overtones, to review highlights of stewardship activities throughout the diocese and to plan events. The central theme of our work has dealt with transformational stewardship, with the key focus being our need to thank God through cheerful and proportional giving, rather than focusing on the church's need for money to support its budget.

One workshop was held in the spring 2012, with good attendance. The workshop at Convention in 2012 was especially well received, with over 100 attendees. We trust our message of conversion is being profoundly received.

We will be presenting a workshop (Creative Approaches to Stewardship) in April at the Parish Leadership Day.

Our membership, which includes folks listed at the end of this report, is most willing to support individual congregational stewardship teams with speaking engagements, conferences and/or planning. Please call upon us...we want to be of help!

Chuck Perfater, Trinity Cathedral, Chair

David Waite, St. Andrew's, New Providence

The Rev. Dr. Patrick Close, Grace Church,
Haddonfield

The Rev. Joseph Parrish, St. John's, Elizabeth

The Rev. David Snyder, World Vision

Donna Devlin, St. Peter's, Freehold

The Rev. John Thompson-Quartey, St. Mary's, Point
Pleasant Beach

Mark Novalsky, Christ Church, Woodbury

Clara Gregory, Trinity Cathedral, Trenton

The Rev. Dr. Hugh Brown, All Saints Church,
Princeton

The Rev. Paul Van Sant, St. Stephen's, Whiting

Gladys Longmuir, Grace-St. Paul's, Mercerville