

The Diocesan Millennium Development Goals Task Force

Year End Report – 2012 to the 229th Annual Diocesan Convention

In many ways this year embodied the heart and soul of the MDG Task Force. We led the way and inspired others to be leaders and prophetic voices in their parishes and communities. Practically every church in the Diocese took part in the Diocesan-wide **NetsforLife Campaign**. Each parish took on the campaign in a way that was appropriate for them; many with a passion and creativity that brought new life into their parish.

In the far reaches of Africa malaria will no longer be such a haunting threat to the health and well being of many. The MDG Task Force members, the parish representatives and Nets representatives took on this campaign like true disciples, going out into their parishes their towns and the Diocese, preaching and teaching about what it means to love one another, particularly those in the greatest need. Our ambitious \$120,000 goal has been exceeded!!!

But that was not all. We launched an **MDG Matching Grant Program** to encourage parishes to develop global partnerships that help address the MDGs. More than twenty applications for grant funds were accepted. The next application deadline for funding is April 15, 2013.

We also opened up our hearts to God's call and to one another by co-sponsoring **The Make a Difference in the World Conference** in January, by sponsoring a one day retreat entitled **Centering Ourselves in Jesus' Wisdom to Heal a Hurting World** in July and by leading the Diocesan Fall **Youth retreat entitled Act Out Against Malaria** in November.

The Diocesan MDG Task Force was represented at the **Episcopal Relief & Development's Annual Network Coordinator's meeting in Texas** and the **Ecumenical Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C.** The Task Force Chairperson was the keynote speaker at the **Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) breakfast** at the Diocesan Convention and the Task Force had an **MDG/NetsforLife Table** at the annual ECW meeting. We also initiated a **monthly MDG e-mail newsletter**, a **blogspot**, and a **Facebook page**.

The Task Force members, parish representatives and NetsforLife representatives inspired all of us to help make the Kingdom of Heaven come a little closer this year. Thank you to everyone in the Diocese who has embraced so many projects and programs to help "Heal a hurting World." The Spirit of God is truly alive in the Diocese!

MDG Task Force Members Include: The Rev. Lisa Caton; Millie Barry, St. John's Somerville; Jeannette Bond, Holy Innocent's Beach Haven; Louis Cavaliere, Grace Church Merchantville; The Rev. Frank Crumbaugh, Holy Innocent's Beach Haven, Donna Freidel, St. Thomas' Glassboro; Aline Haines, Trinity Princeton; Chris Hempel, St. John's Elizabeth; William Hoffman, St. John's, Somerville; Janine Kleber, Holy Innocent's Beach Haven; Jan Logan, All Saints' Princeton; Fran McCrory, Grace Church Merchantville; Kathy O'Hagan, Church of St. Mark's and All Saints' Galloway; Helen Orlando, St. Peter's Medford; Sayah Anne Richardson, Trinity Cathedral Trenton; Pat Sayles, St. Luke's Ewing; Trisha Thorne, Trinity Princeton; Steve Voorhees, All Saints' Princeton; and Ann Zultner, Trinity Church Princeton.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Task Force contact mdgtaskforcenj@gmail.com.