

Commission on Ministry With the Disabled
Report to the 229th Annual Diocesan Convention

The Diocese of New Jersey Commission on Ministry With the Disabled, affectionately known as Oysters and Pearls, a Ministry of Irritation, sponsored the annual Come to the Table service at Trinity Cathedral in November of 2012. Our keynote speaker was Bill Gaventa, Jr., a leader in work with disabled persons and head of the Boggs Center in New Brunswick. Each year this service has lifted up and celebrated the abilities and service of the differently abled members of our churches.

We awarded a grant to a deacon candidate for study of ASL (American Sign Language). Her ministry focus is deafness in our diocese.

We awarded a grant to Trinity Cathedral to enable them to hire signers for special services such as Easter at the Cathedral.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Devlin. Chairperson
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