

**Front Range Region  
Delegates Meeting  
St. Stephen's  
March 8, 2008**

The Rev. Mike Houlik opened the meeting in prayer.

**Regional Business**

Reports on the 2007 regional grant awards were given by the following people:

*Canterbury Colorado – The Rev. Dustin Berg*

Canterbury Colorado students used a \$1,500 regional grant to hold bi-weekly Taize services in the Student Union on campus. Grant funds were used for supplies, flyers and internet advertising.

*Our Merciful Savior – The Rev. Chris Johnson*

A \$1,000 grant awarded to OMS was used to purchase storage racks to provide safe and mobile storage for chairs.

*St. Benedict's Health & Healing Ministry – The Rev. Sally Bowersox*

\$2,500 awarded to St. Benedicts was used to expand the number of clinics from 2 to 4 per month, and to increase the scope of services provided.

Reports of ongoing support of Regional ministries & congregational development

*32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Jubilee Center – Rich Archuleta, Executive Director*

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Jubilee Center is located in an elite neighborhood, but has a 'shadow community' of immigrants who have no access to health services, and who also need help with transportation costs, education, and a food bank. The Jubilee Center provides this help and is developing a webpage to solicit more volunteers and to advertise the services that are available to the community.

*Our Merciful Savior – The Rev. Chris Johnson*

OMS offers a safe place for immigrants who are afraid of being put into a detention center. They offer Thursday evening workshops to teach about immigrants rights and reform. Some OMS volunteers serve as advocates for people in detention proceedings.

*The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection – The Rev. Mike Houlik & Dr. Nancey Bookstein*

When this growing community found their facility was inadequate for their mission, they found a creative solution by moving into Holy Comforter's former sanctuary and fellowship space. They share some programs with Holy Comforter, i.e. Sunday School, youth groups and adult formation. Nancey thanked the region for their support and promised that they will begin to give back to the region this year.

*St. Alban's – John Windsor, Sr. Warden*

St. Alban's is using regional support to hire a full time priest, which they believe will help the congregation grow as the City of Windsor is growing. They have added a contemporary service to their traditional service and attendance has increased from 65 to 90 in a church that seats a maximum of 100 people. They are hoping to buy an existing church facility in Windsor that would provide more space for worship and programs. A piece of land owned by the church is expected to help pay for the new facility.

*The Mission Shaped Church – The Rev. Steve Wengrovius*

Steve is part of the Mission Strategy Committee, which plans to bring before regional meetings fresh expressions of a mission-shaped church – new ways to help people encounter the risen Christ in today's culture. As an example of this, Steve mentioned The Rev. Martha Roger's article in the Episcopalian about confirmation classes held by email and over the internet. He also spoke of the blessings that have resulted from community dinners offered by St. Martha's to help connect parishioners and the people in St. Martha's neighborhood. He said the dinners have changed their outlook from being focused on the church's limitations to eagerly anticipating new possibilities.

**Communication**

Mike Houlik referred the delegates to the Opportunity Sheet, which lists many upcoming regional events, such as the Administrative Professionals Luncheon on May 1, Regional confirmation on May 3, and the Clergy/Spouse/Friend Dinner on May 23.

Other opportunities mentioned by delegates are a January spiritual direction retreat which will feature Richard Rohr as the presenter; September concerts by Fran McKendree in Boulder and Vail, with an opportunity for another church to host the musician during the week; several workshops for couples offered by Peter & Julia Munson; the Daughters of the King annual gathering May 2-4, featuring Peggy Godfrey; and Mental Music concerts offered by St. Aidan's on April 4 & 11.

**Sharing Resources**

*Financial Report & Budget – Harvey Frank*

Pledges to the region for 2008 total \$153,963, up from \$135,000 last year. The Region will distribute \$123,665 of this amount to support regional ministries and churches. All those requesting regional funds are asked to submit a written request to Judy Maguire by March 31 and to make a presentation to the Executive Committee at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at Our Merciful Savior. Mike Houlik asked the delegates if they were comfortable allowing the Executive Committee to decide how to allocate

the funds without coming back to the delegates for a vote. The delegates voiced their support of the Executive Committee's future decisions.

### **Diocesan News & Missioner Report**

#### *Standing Committee Report – Lelanda Lee & The Rev. John Wengrovius*

Lelanda gave an overview of the Standing Committee from the perspective of a new representative, stating that it was the governing board of the diocese and serves as the counsel of advice to the bishop. John stated that the Standing Committee is transitioning from a focus on maintenance to mission. They realize that they are making decisions that affect the lives of congregations and seek to do so as brothers and sisters, while keeping the mission and vision of the diocese in mind. They are working to determine where decisions should be made – at the diocesan, regional or local level, and to change procedures when necessary.

#### *Mission Plant Update – The Rev. Mike Houlik*

A combined task force from St. Stephen's and St. Mary Magdalene recommended exploring a mission plant in Frederick, Colorado. 184 people participated in a service held on a potential church site in Frederick. A steering committee has been formed and is putting together a proposal for the Standing Committee seeking special congregation status. If approved by the Standing Committee 30-40 people are expected to form the new mission, with plans to double the congregation in 2008. Felicia SmithGraybeal is interested in serving as vicar of the mission.

Mike Houlik thanked the delegates for coming and closed the meeting in prayer.

**The next Front Range Region delegates meeting will be held on September 20, 2008 from 9:00 – 11:00 am.**