

**Front Range Region  
Pre-Convention Delegates Meeting  
Dagwell Hall  
September 20, 2008**

A combined meeting with High Plains Region began with a talk by Dr. Jenny Te Paa, Maori head of an Anglican Seminary in New Zealand; followed by a diocesan budget presentation by Bishop Rob O'Neill. After a short break, Front Range Region delegates moved to Dagwell Hall where, due to time constraints, the regional meeting consisted simply of reports by regionally funded ministries and a report on regional finances.

Mike opened the meeting in prayer. Considering the bishop's presentation of a bare-bones budget and the bishop's stated desire to increase income in order to increase ministry, Mike encouraged everyone to strive towards giving at a level of 10% to the diocese and 5% to the region.

**Our Merciful Savior -- The Rev. Delores Shortridge**

Delores described OMS as the face of Hispanic ministry in an urban church. Their 300 parishioners are both English and Spanish speaking, and typically worship at separate services in their respective native tongues. Most of the Hispanic congregation are first generation immigrants, struggling to make a living. Many have healthcare issues. Despite the difficulties of a church in transition after Chris Johnson's departure, the church is growing.

**The 32nd Avenue Jubilee Center -- Rich Archuleta**

The Center held its largest youth enrichment program last summer -- with 53 kids in the program and others on a waiting list. A YMCA grant of \$11,000 helped fund the program which offered classes in writing, reading, healthy eating, as well as lots of fun. Dr. Mike Ernest helped the Center form a health advisory group to help meet the medical needs of the community. The Center secured funding to buy \$600 per month in bus passes to aid in transportation to health care facilities. Another \$6,000 grant helps with prescription co-pay amounts. They are seeking additional funding partners, but continue to need the region's support.

**Holy Comforter -- Tom Maglaras, Sr. Warden**

The Rev. Rod Moore has served as interim for one year and has been a great help. The cohesive, joy-filled congregation has been working on long range planning, and will continue that work. They have a great facility, but are burdened by a large mortgage. They need the partnership with the region to continue growth, with an aim to regain parish status. A stewardship campaign is planned to help reduce their debt and they hope that a piece of their property can be developed into income-producing commercial property.

**The Church of the Resurrection -- The Rev. Martha Rogers (by written report)**

Martha Rogers thanked the region for their generous financial support which allowed them to maintain a three-quarter time clergy position, hire a musician and a part time secretary. There are a number of active groups in the church participating in various ministries. It was determined that a piece of land owned by the church was not suitable for church use and it is believed the

property will be released for sale in the future. The space they leased in Lafayette proved to be too small, so they moved to Holy Comforter's campus, where they hold services in the chapel and share some of Holy Comforter's programs.

### **Frederick Church Plant -- The Rev. Felicia SmithGraybeal**

A task force recently discerned a call to plant a new Episcopal congregation in the Tri-Cities Area (Firestone, Frederick & Dacona). Studies show that this is the fastest growing area in Colorado. The Colorado Episcopal Foundation purchased a plot of land for the church. St. Mary Magdalene and St. Stephen's are helping to support the mission. Small group meetings are held each week for worship and to continue discernment. The Rev. Felicia SmithGraybeal and Deacon Maureen Beatty both serve the new congregation, which is being built up from a small group. The church recently received the gift of a home and detached garage next to the church property. The garage is of sufficient size to hold meetings and services and is being renovated and rezoned for that purpose. Felicia thanked the region for providing funding to help with this as well as for advertising and marketing expenses.

### **Campus Ministry Support -- Mike Houlik**

Mike reported that the region is pleased to support campus ministries on various campuses in our region: Colorado School of Mines, CU Boulder, Colorado State, and the University of Northern Colorado.

### **St. Ambrose -- Janet Koelling**

With regional aid, St. Ambrose recently hired Heather Payton to serve as curate in this transitional congregation. She brings new energy and excitement to the congregation. With Heather's help, St. Ambrose is developing faith formation programs for all ages, including new Sunday school and youth programs, a Wednesday night program, and small groups. In addition, they are actively engaged in evangelism to the community.

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

This ministry seeks to provide free healthcare to the 30,000 people in Boulder County who are either uninsured or underinsured. In partnership with Boulder churches, healthcare professionals, and a number of hospitals and clinics, St. Benedict's provides a variety of health screenings, preventive health care education, and referrals to local health care services when needed. The ministry is continuously expanding in order to carry out their goal to make health care available to all.

### **Standing Committee - Lelanda Lee (by written report)**

Lelanda Lee submitted a report on the Standing Committee.

In addition to the above ministry support, Mike Houlik reported that the region has contributed toward a full time rector at St. Alban's, a clergy wellness group, the annual Parish Administrator's Luncheon, and an annual Clergy/Spouse Dinner.

Mike further related that this was all made possible by the generous and faithful support of the churches in the Front Range Region. He thanked the delegates for their support and encouraged them to increase the amount provided in 2009, if possible, in order to expand the good work being done by our regionally funded churches and ministries.