

Report to the 224th Annual Diocesan Convention Planned Giving Committee

The Committee continues to provide a resource for congregations ready to proceed with the work of installing a planned giving program to benefit the Church's mission and the congregation's ministries.

The Planned Giving Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey trains and deploys advisors to vestries and congregations on the benefits, organizational requirements, and Episcopal Church resources for planned giving. Our goal is to grow financial resources available through planned giving for the mission and ministry of the Church in the Diocese of New Jersey.

This is who we want to be for our Diocese. We want to significantly increase the stories from around the Diocese about how planned giving programs have brought additional resources to the mission and ministry of our congregations and the Diocese as a whole.

2007 was spent producing a Power Point presentation and training a small cadre of Committee members to take this presentation to congregations that fulfill two prerequisites: 1. have gathered a small group of laity ready to implement a formal program working with their Vestry; and 2. have a supportive Rector, Vicar, or Priest-in-Charge. This presentation lays out the requirements for a structure and the necessary implementation steps.

Seven congregations expressed interest in a Planned Giving Consultant. Two congregations received a presentation and an offer of further assistance.

Due to a limited number of congregations meeting the two criteria for consulting services, the Committee will broaden its services in 2008 to provide a more general presentation of the role and purpose of a planned giving program in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Dean Henry, Chairman