

**Board of Missions**  
**Report to the 225<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention**

**Board of Missions membership:** We give thanks for the faithful ministry of the following Board members who completed terms or service in 2008: the Rev. Mark Van Sant (Diocesan Council), the Rev. Thomas Sweeny, Dcn. (Atlantic Convocation), Mr. Rudolf Meyer (Atlantic Convocation, reappointed), the Rev. Gina Walsh-Minor and Mr. Dennis Bellars (Monmouth Convocation), Ms. Lynette Darling and the Rev. Karin Mitchell (Trenton Convocation, both reappointed).

We welcomed the following new members: the Rev. Art Powell (Diocesan Council), the Rev. Gina Walsh-Minor (Bishop's Appointment), the Rev. Terry Martin (Atlantic Convocation, later resigned), the Rev. Helen Orlando, Dcn. (Burlington Convocation), the Rev. Bob Thomas, Dcn. (Monmouth Convocation, later resigned), and the Rev. Matt Engleby (Watchung Convocation).

**Changes in clergy serving in Mission Congregations:** During 2008 the following changes occurred in clergy leadership in the following mission churches:

Holy Spirit, Bellmawr & St. Luke's, Westville—The Rev. Mantelle Bradley resigned as vicar to the yoked churches. The two churches are using supply clergy.

St. Mary's, Clementon—The Rev. Dr. Henrietta Lavengood resigned as vicar.

St. Francis', Dunellen—The Rev. Jack Zamboni is vicar.

Grace Church, Elizabeth—The Rev. Ramon Liz resigned as vicar.

Holy Communion, Fair Haven—The Rev. James McReynolds resigned as vicar. The Rev. Nancy Hite Speck is interim vicar.

St. Alban's, New Brunswick—The Rev. Harroldean Ashton resigned as vicar.

St. Mary's, Pleasantville – The Rev. Derrick Wedderburn is interim vicar.

Trinity Church, Swedesboro—The Rev. Dr. Jill McNish resigned as vicar.

St. Michael's, Trenton—The Rev. Barry Harte resigned as vicar.

Holy Spirit, Tuckerton—the Rev. Terry Martin resigned as vicar.

Trinity, Vineland—The Rev. Anne McRae Wrede resigned as interim vicar.

St. Mark's, Williamstown—The Rev. Jerry Doublisky retired as priest-in-charge. The Rev. Justin Falciani is vicar.

**Cooperation in expansion of Hispanic ministry:**

Bi-lingual and multi-lingual worship resources have been and continued to be developed to assist in expanding Hispanic and other cultural ministries.

**Mission assistance:** In 2007, The Diocesan Council and the Board of Missions agreed on three priorities for mission assistance in the future:

1. truly missionary work in developing new congregations or reaching out to new constituencies
2. assisting a formerly vibrant church recover from some recent trauma
3. assisting two or more churches in developing plans for yoking, regional ministry or merger.

The Board of Missions is considering further restrictions on distributing assistance grants, as an overall strategy for supporting the mission of the church is developed. The Board of Missions is increasingly seeing its role as supporting those churches who are bringing the Good News of Christ to their community, and less as one of supporting social service programs offered by churches.

In support of the missionary work of some of our mission congregations, the following churches received \$318,523 of mission assistance in 2008:

<b>Urban Churches</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Non-Urban Churches</b>	<b>Amount</b>
St. Andrew's, Camden	\$57,000	St. Clement's, Belford	\$10,000
St. Wilfrid's, Camden	\$8,540	St. James', Edison	\$30,000
Grace, Elizabeth	\$55,733	St. John's, Fords	\$8,000
San Jose, Elizabeth	\$40,000	St. Luke & All Saints, Union	\$5,000
St. Alban's, New Brunswick	\$20,000	St. Barnabas, Villas	\$7,000
Cristo Rey, Trenton	\$34,500	St. Luke's, Westville	\$10,750
Trinity, Vineland	\$10,000	St. Mark's, Williamstown	\$22,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$225,773</b>		<b>\$92,750</b>

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of all the members of the Board of Missions, by

The Rt. Rev. Sylvestre Romero  
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