**Commission on Stewardship**

**Report to the 112th Annual Council**

*Mission: To mobilize clergy and lay leaders to develop stewardship resources, enabling parishes to worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually.*

The Commission on Stewardship is comprised of Tammy Pallot, Chair (St. Francis, Macon), Mal Underwood (Ascension, Cartersville), Archdeacon Juan Sandoval (Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta), and Julia Gable (Holy Trinity, Decatur) who serve under the faithful guidance and leadership of Canon John Thompson-Quartey.

Each member of the Commission serves throughout the diocese and beyond as guest leaders for annual stewardship campaigns, diocesan workshops, vestry and leadership workshops/retreats, and as a general stewardship resource for parish leaders.

We began the year by participating in Called to Lead. During these workshops, 132 people representing 40 different parishes came together to strengthen their skills as leaders by learning about adaptive leadership, the stewardship of people, and generational differences in our congregations.

In August, the Clergy Training Day at Holy Trinity (Decatur) featured stewardship. Richard Felton, the Executive Director of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship, served as the guest leader. The 29 members of the clergy in attendance learned about transformational generosity and the role doubt can plan in that process.

In addition to the Called to Lead Workshops and the Clergy Training Day, we also held three Circle of Stewardship workshops. These workshops included the scriptural building blocks of Christian stewardship, practical resources for organizing the annual stewardship program, designs for tailoring stewardship communications to generational groups, reasons for giving, a detailed framework for implementing a comprehensive year-round stewardship program, stewardship in the digital age, and ways to start holy stewardship conversations in the parish. We are grateful to the Cathedral of St. Philip (Atlanta), Church of the Good Shepherd (Covington), and Church of the Holy Spirit (Cumming) for hosting workshops. We are also grateful to Ascension (Cartersville), who hosted an additional mini-workshop.

Last year the Bishop’s office identified several pilot congregations to attend a Circle of Stewardship training session. As stewardship consultants, we are pleased to be continuing our work with each of the pilot parishes. These congregations serve as examples of bold and fearless leadership in their journey to address stewardship in their parishes.

With the support of the diocese, we provided each parish a membership to The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS), which enables access to members’ only resources. In April, we represented the Diocese of Atlanta at the first ecumenical TENS Leadership Conference. Our continued participation enables us to network and bring back new ideas and resources to the Diocese of Atlanta.

This is a very active and exciting time for the Commission on Stewardship and we are grateful for the continued support of the diocese. If you or someone you know, feels called to the ministry of stewardship, we invite you to join us in this life-giving ministry!

Respectfully submitted by

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