

**Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta
Annual Report to Council 2015**

Jubilee Ministries

Jubilee Ministries is a network within the Justice and Advocacy Ministries of The Episcopal Church (TEC). The mission is to engage with joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs, and to build a just society.

As Christians, we do this by calling the church to live out its prophetic role of empowering local people to “Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God” (Micah 6:8) and by responding to the gospel’s call to “feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit the imprisoned” (Matthew 25:35).

Jubilee Ministries are: 1) Episcopal parishes with vibrant social outreach programs and a strong commitment to social justice; 2) Independent ministries based at Episcopal parishes; 3) Ecumenical faith-based organizations with a strong Episcopal presence; or 4) Agencies with close ties to the Episcopal diocese.

Jubilee Ministries are rooted in worship, as they do charity work, empower people toward self-sufficiency and advocate for justice and people.

Our Diocese has partnered with Jubilee since the late 1980’s. In recent years, the network has gone through changes at TEC level as well as in our Diocese.

In 2015, Bishop Rob Wright re-affirmed our commitment to Jubilee and appointed Vicky Partin as our Diocesan Jubilee Officer (DJO). Partin has a long history with Jubilee having served on the national advisory council, evaluated ministries in the Center application process and conducted various workshops at Jubilee conferences. As the

retired Lay Missioner of CVEM, which became a Center in 1989, she knows well how helpful and encouraging this network can be for local programs. CVEM has received several grants from Jubilee over the years.

Across the Church, there are more than 600 recognized Jubilee Ministry Centers, including the 13 in our Diocese listed below:

Atlanta All Saints' Jubilee Center
Atlanta The Friendship Center at Holy Comforter
Atlanta Emmaus House
Atlanta St. Bartholomew's Jubilee Center
Atlanta St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Carrollton St. Margaret's Community Outreach
Columbus Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry, Inc.
Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church Jubilee Center
Columbus St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Decatur Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta, Inc.
Griffin All Faiths Christian Ministries
Norcross Christ Church Jubilee Center
Diocesan-wide Path To Shine

During the next months, previously designated Centers will be visited as their leaders validate their current Jubilee status. Many more programs will be encouraged to apply to become Centers, as the Diocese has many creative ministries that can serve the Church as models.

For more information and application forms contact Vicky at 706-563-3206 or jandvpartin@mindspring.com. See additional information at www.episcopalchurch/jubilee.org.

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