

Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta  
Annual Report to Council 2016

Jubilee Ministries

Jubilee Ministries of The Episcopal Church are those that have committed themselves to “be a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs, and to build a just society.”

Practically speaking, these ministries provide direct service to the poor, empower people toward self-sufficiency and advocate for voiceless people masked in poverty.

Jubilee Ministries share stories, ideas, best practices, and successes with each other. They are also eligible for Jubilee Grants made annually.

Our Diocese Jubilee work this year included visits to nine long-designated Centers and offerings for re-affirmation for those continuing to meet the Jubilee criteria. Commissions were scheduled at The Friendship House at Holy Comforter and St. Luke’s.

Five Centers applied to The Episcopal Church for grants awarded in two categories, totaling \$65,000. Excellent entries were entered by Wonderful Days Preschool, Emmaus House, The Friendship House, St. Margaret’s, Carrollton and St. Luke, which was awarded a Jubilee Impact Grant to grow new partnerships for Faithful Visitors, a ministry pairing parishioners with foster children in the Atlanta area.

Two new Centers were designated in 2015-16 including Wonderful Days Preschool at St. James’, Marietta and Path to Shine, out of St. Benedict’s.

A Jubilee link is being developed for the Diocesan web site and the Episcopal Asset Map, invented by Jubilee Ministries, is available as a resource for connecting ministries for sharing ideas and best practices.

Jubilee Ministries partnered with Episcopal Relief and Development with the Call to Transformation, providing training in Asset Based Community Development. Nine local Center directors and Deacons received training in Denver in November 2015. A workshop was given at the Global Mission conference at St. Luke’s in April. Another workshop was sponsored by the CVEM Center for the Beallwood Area Neighborhood Development in Columbus.

In partnership with the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice (ENEJ), Jubilee has distributed General Convention Resolutions addressing social justice issues and encouraging Centers to move forward with actions relative to our Diocese.

The DJO serves on the Jubilee Council of Advice and mentors the new DJO in the Diocese of Missouri.

Jubilee Goals for 2017:

- Provide ABCD training
- Designate three new Jubilee Centers
- Re-Affirm current Centers
- Promote The Go Guide
- Provide Exhibit at Annual Council

Across the Church there are over 700 recognized Jubilee Ministry Centers, including the 11 in our Diocese:

Atlanta All Saints' Jubilee Center  
Atlanta Emmaus House  
Atlanta St. Bartholomew's Jubilee Center  
Atlanta St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Atlanta The Friendship House  
Carrollton St. Margaret's Community Outreach  
Columbus Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry  
Columbus St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
Decatur New American Pathways  
Norcross Christ Church Jubilee Center  
Diocesan-Wide Path to Shine

Respectfully submitted,  
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