

Global Mission Commission
Annual Report
2020

The chair of the GMC had the good fortune to attend Rooted in Jesus held in Atlanta in January. One of many highlights from that conference was a small gathering of people from The Episcopal Church office for global missions - which offers a mission program for Episcopalians who have graduated from college and are under the age of 30 and another program for Episcopalians over the age of 30, primarily those who are older and retired - and people from the Global Episcopal Mission Network. Two priests shared their respective stories of having served a year in the Philippines and in Brazil before their ordinations.

The beginning of the year also saw the GMC primarily involved in preparation for the Go Summit on Climate Change, which was held at All Saints' Atlanta on March 7th. The comparatively smaller crowd (approximately 35 individuals) meant that everyone remained together throughout and heard each of the five speakers: Bishop Wright, Kate Mosley of Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, Dwayne Patterson of The Partnership for Southern Equity, David Stooksbury of the University of Georgia and chair of the Commission on Environmental Stewardship of the Diocese of Atlanta, and John Wierwille, the owner and operator of Ewe Can Do It Naturally, Inc.

The wealth of information gleaned from the Go Summit and the world's need to address and reverse the course of climate change compelled GMC members to continue our involvement with this crisis in part because those most vulnerable to the debilitating effects of climate change are the poor. We have worked on identifying areas that parishioners can implement in their churches to aid in the healing of this crisis and to serve as better stewards of our planet. Monica Mainwaring and Harry Groce have written an important statement of resolutions for the Diocese of Atlanta to consider adopting. A subcommittee of the GMC on Climate Change was formed and is chaired by David Stooksbury. The GMC voted to allocate \$4,000 of our budget for grants to parishes for energy audits by Georgia Interfaith Power & Light.

Also this year a subcommittee for Cape Coast, Ghana was formed and is chaired by Grace Burton-Edwards. The dioceses of Atlanta and Cape Coast, Ghana are looking to strengthen the ties to and support of one another.

These efforts to address the climate change crisis and our relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana will continue in the new year.

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