

Addendum to Reports to the Annual Meeting

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2011 Annual Report of Koinonia Dinner Groups
Grace Church, Georgetown
Reporting from November 2010 to the End of October 2011
Report prepared by Jean McKinney

1. Activities and Achievements

Koinonia Dinner Groups eat, drink and make merry while making wonderful friends. Koinoia dinners are strictly social.

People who would like to be in a group let me know, and I form groups of 6 or 8 people three or four times during the year . The first person on the lists I send out hosts the first dinner and prepares the main course. Everyone else in the group brings something – vegetables, appetizers, desserts, wine and beverages. Some people chose not to “host” and that is certainly OK . There are usually 6 to 8 groups going at any time. After 3 to 4 months I pull names out of the hat again and new groups get together. I have enjoyed these dinners for years and have gained so many friends, who have been there for me through many life experiences.

2. Members/Participants

Please contact me if you would like to be part of a group. You are invited to join in a fun evening. Currently 53 people participate in these dinners

2011 Annual Report of Seminarian Lay Committee, Grace Church, Georgetown Reporting from November 2010 to the End of October 2011 Report prepared by Bill Mako

1. Activities and Achievements The purpose of the Lay Committee is to help orient our seminarian, Robert Hartmans, to Grace Church and to provide him with guidance and feedback, including on his monthly sermons. We mainly do this through monthly meetings, over dinners hosted on some rotating basis by Committee members.

Through end-October, the Lay Committee has had two such meetings with Robert. In preparation for this assignment, Committee members attended a half-day training session at Virginia Theological Seminary in October 2011.

2. Hopes and concerns for the future Our main hope is to provide useful and practical guidance and support to Robert during his time with us here at Grace. Thus far, the Committee has gotten off to a good start.

3. Members/Participants

David Crawford, Diana Dick, Adam Harrington, Eunok Lee, Jean McKinney, Leila Plassey, and Bill Mako (chair) and Robert Hartmanns (seminarian).

**2011 Annual Report of Pastoral Care Committee
Grace Church, Georgetown
Reporting from November 2010 to the End of October 2011
Report prepared by Susan Meader Tobias**

Pastoral Care: Introduction

Pastoral care is at the core of the Christian experience. All of us, simply by worshiping together, participate in the spiritual lives of one another;

when we join a church community, we make ourselves available to meet other needs as well.

The Pastoral Care Committee exists to help the church meet congregants' needs in an organized way, to make sure that no lost sheep are overlooked.

The watchful eyes and ears of all parishioners are necessary to alert the church office and/or committee members to any life event – be it sad, like an illness or death in the family, or happy, like a baby or wedding – that could call for committee action.

1. Activities and Achievements

Communication

The simplest and most straightforward of the committee's jobs is communicating with parishioners who have missed services, or are recently bereaved, ill, newlywed, new parents, or who in any way need support and encouragement.

A phone call to parishioners to see how they are and let them know they are missed can often result in meaningful conversations and lead to an awareness of a pastoral need or illness.

Members of the committee also send church bulletins to absent communicants to keep them apprised of Grace's worship and activities.

Companionship and Assistance for the Housebound

Housebound or hospitalized parishioners may derive comfort and companionship from a Grace Church visitor. Such visits also strengthen the connection of both parties to one another and the church community while supporting the patient's caretakers, who may feel less burdened as a result.

Home visits may include running an errand or providing transportation to a medical appointment. For example, in 2011, the committee organized

- * picking up prescription medicine;
 - * driving parishioners to medical and rehab appointments;
 - * delivering groceries and/or meals to the temporarily incapacitated or overwhelmed;
 - * child care and assistance;
 - * delivering flowers;
 - * lending books or DVDs to the homebound;
- and the like.

The length and frequency of visits should be arranged between the parties.

Remembering Parishioners at Christmas

At Christmastime 2010, the Committee made and delivered ornaments and small gifts to those who had lost loved ones during the year -- a simple gesture to let parishioners know that they remain in our thoughts and prayers, especially during the holidays.

Communion at Home

This ministry is for those who might appreciate taking communion in their home if they have not been able to attend church. The communion ministry requires special training; anyone interested should contact the rector.

Baptism Shawl Ministry

Members of the Committee knit baby blankets for the newly baptized. In 2011 the Pastoral Care Committee contributed about 10 blankets to babies baptized in Grace Church.

This ministry welcomes anyone who can wield knitting needles or a crochet hook. Perfect artistry is not a requirement! There are always more calls for prayer shawls/blankets than we can meet currently.

2. Members/Participants

Sally Avignone, Helen Buhr, Doreen and Reg Burner, Shirley Castle, Helena Dunn, Rev. John Graham, James Hamilton, Jim and Janet Sale, Helen Mirtova, Lenore Reid, Sharon Schambra, Sally Stanfield, Susan Meader Tobias

To volunteer for the Pastoral Care Committee, or to tell the committee of a need for pastoral care, contact Helen Buhr, Rev. Graham, or any committee member.

2011 Annual Report of Sunday School

Report prepared by Jacqueline Walters

1. Activities and Achievements

Sunday School is going well. We had a great pageant in which the children memorized lines and sang songs. They did a magnificent job. In addition, we had 3 other song performances during the 10:30am service.

We also instituted youth Sunday where the children are the readers for the service. On the first one last year, Catherine Daly and Bobby Aselford even participated in the sermon.

Vacation Bible continued the preview of sacred places in DC. This year we went to a Muslim Mosque, Hiking, The Native American Museum, and other interesting venues across the city.

2. *Hopes and concerns for the future*

We would still love to have various members come in once a month to give guest presentations on anything from a Biblical issue to a new craft such as knitting. Please let me know if you are interested. In addition, we would love to have new teachers, even members who do not have children. It would be a great opportunity to get to know the youngest members of the church. They are bundles of fun!

Also, Amy Dunn and I will be working together to develop an outline of lessons for the upcoming year. Starting in January, each month the child will focus on a Bible figure and/or story, similar October 2011 where the focus was Moses and the Israelites.

3. *Members/Participants*

Amy Dunn

Ellen Bateman

Whitney Redding

Catherin Aselford

Mary Daly

Danielle Dotson

TASTE OF GEORGETOWN 2011 Report

Reported by Catherine Aselford

Grace Church brought 70 volunteers, including Georgetown University students, to the 18th Annual Taste of Georgetown. It is estimated that over 10,000 people attended. Our partners, the Georgetown Business Improvement District, are still working on an accounting to determine how much money was raised for The Georgetown Ministry Center.

Restaurants participating in the 2011 TASTE OF GEORGETOWN include:

1789

Baked & Wired

Bangkok Joe's

Bodega Spanish Tapas & Lounge

Cafe Bonaparte

Chadwicks

Chipotle

Clyde's

Crepe Amour

Daily Grill

Dean & DeLuca

Degrees Bistro at the Ritz-Carlton

Filomena Ristorante

Georgetown Catering

Georgetown Cupcake

Georgetown Wing Co.

La Madeleine

Mie N Yu

Morton's The Steakhouse

Muncheez Mania

Neyla

Pinkberry

Ristorante Piccolo

Rugby Cafe

Sea Catch Restaurant & Raw Bar

Sequoia

Serendipity 3

Sprinkles Cupcakes

Thunder Burger

If you are planning a meal in Georgetown please think of these places first and be sure to thank them for their support of the Taste of Georgetown.

Thank you to all the volunteers selling tickets and handing out flyers who worked so hard to make the day such a success.