

Grace Church, Georgetown

Report to the Annual Meeting

November 20, 2011

Reporting on the last 12 months

Reports received as of Nov. 11, 2011

Additional Reports received by Nov.18th will be published as an addendum for the meeting.

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Nov. 20, 2011
Grace Episcopal Church, Georgetown

Declare the meeting open

- Introduce candidates for Vestry and Junior Warden
- Entertain motion for election by acclamation

IF NO MOTION FOR ACCLAMATION IS MADE AND PASSED:

- Distribute ballots
- Balloting to be closed after 15 minutes
- Election results will be announced when tally is completed and will become the next point on the agenda at that time.

Approve minutes of the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting

Rector's Report

Sr. Warden's Report

Jr. Warden's Report

Financial Report (see Report to the Annual Meeting)

Motion to close the meeting

Report of the Rector to the Grace Church Annual Meeting; November 20, 2011

Grace continues its benchmark ministries of Worship, Christian Education, Service and Advocacy, the Arts, and Community. Other reports cover our activities in these areas thoroughly. Thus I'll confine my report to three areas to which Grace has devoted substantial time and energy this year, and some brief additional observations.

1. Same-gender marriage

This subject received considerable attention in the fall of 2010 and the first six months of 2011, both in Adult Forum and in conversations among parishioners and with me. Here's a summary of the perspectives that received significant support:

- The challenges and blessings of marriage should be made available to same-gender as well as opposite sex couples, and Grace Church should offer the sacramental rite of marriage to same-gender couples.
- Grace should consider whether offering same-gender marriage services will change the character and composition of Grace, by attracting large numbers of same-gender couples to our church.
- The Vestry should authorize same-gender marriage at Grace, but limit the authorization to the current Rector. The Vestry would have to vote separately as to whether to authorize future Rectors or other Grace clergy to perform such marriages.
- "Just don't call it marriage": Grace might consider blessing same-gender unions, but marriage has a separate and distinct status which pertains only to opposite sex couples. Offering something called "marriage" to same-gender couples would dilute or alter the very meaning of the concept.
- Don't authorize same-gender marriage at Grace yet, till we've had a chance to see what effects the legalization of same-gender marriage has on the social fabric, here in DC and elsewhere.

- Don't authorize it at all, because the prohibitions expressed by the Bible and Christian tradition protect people from inherently exploitative and unhealthy relationships.

Note that clergy may perform same-gender marriages in the District of Columbia only with the consent of the Vestry of the parish where these marriages are performed, and may perform marriage of persons residing outside the geographical boundaries of the District of Columbia only if such persons have been active members of Diocese of Washington parishes for one year.

I plan to request a vote of the Vestry authorizing me to perform same-gender marriages at Grace, at my discretion and in accordance with diocesan guidelines, early in 2012. In the meantime, further comments and questions on this matter, for me and / or the Vestry, are welcome – particularly if your perspective is not represented in the above summary, or if you wish to add your support to one or more of these perspectives.

Several members have asked if we will hold a parish-wide vote on this issue. I'm inclined to limit voting to the Vestry, for two reasons:

- a. the Bishop's guidelines require Vestry consent, but not a "plebiscite", and this seems to me to be the best approach, since:
- b. the form of governance of Grace is that of a representative democracy, in the form of an elected Vestry; "plebiscites" are required only in the case of a change to the Parish by-laws.

Rector's Sabbatical

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to the entire Grace community, but especially to staff, wardens, the treasurer and the Vestry. Your generosity allowed me to enjoy a sabbatical in July, August and September of this year. I traveled to see friends and family, and to officiate at a wedding and a funeral, in August, and spent July and September working on a writing project.

This project, comprising eight reflections of about ten pages apiece, focuses on several brief passages from the letters of St. Paul. Using these passages, it seeks to connect Paul's ministry with his churches, dispersed among various cities around the Mediterranean Sea, to the spiritual journey of the Florentine poet Dante Alighieri, especially as recorded in the Purgatory, the middle canto

of his Divine Comedy. We're using these reflections as themes for discussion in Adult Forum. If, God willing, I'm able to take another three months of sabbatical next summer, I'll incorporate insights from the Forum conversations into the reflections, otherwise edit and polish them, and maybe write a few more.

Each reflection is posted on the Adult Forum page of the website, under "Education", as we begin discussing it; generally, a new reflection is posted monthly.

3) Coffee Hour

Early this year, our Vestry voted to organize Coffee Hour by assigning Sundays to various Grace groups and ministries, on a calendar covering several months. The Vestry's goal was to reduce the stress of the Coordinator position, making it unnecessary to recruit members and groups to host coffee hour Sunday by Sunday. Groups trade dates with each other when the need arises, much as Eucharistic Ministers do when they have scheduling conflicts.

Many parishioners belong to several of these organizations and ministries, and it appears that some of them are assuming a disproportionate share of responsibility for coffee hour. In an effort to alleviate this problem, we've extended the Coffee Hour calendar to six months, increasing the time between assignments for any given group, and also providing for more "open" Sundays, when others can sign up. Also, the Vestry strongly encourages those who belong to several groups and ministries not to contribute every time one of their groups is scheduled, but rather to pick a few Sundays (two seems appropriate; three or four for those who really enjoy helping out with our Sunday spread) in the course of the year.

See Coordinator Stacy Carter's report elsewhere in this booklet; we're very grateful to her for getting this new system up and running.

4) Additional observations

Music and More on the Lawn sponsored five performances over the summer; attendance ranged from thirty to fifty. The purpose of this series is twofold:

- to attract neighbors and visitors to the Grace grounds and welcome them as friends of our community;

- to augment Grace's annual contribution to the work of the Washington Interfaith Network, using attendees' donations.

As such, I've come to believe Music and More on the Lawn is an outreach ministry of Grace, and have transferred money from the Rector's Discretionary Fund to the Outreach Fund to cover this year's expenses (honoraria for musicians, and a little for publicity). I plan to continue this arrangement in 2012, and hope the Outreach Committee will take on increased responsibility for planning and marketing this community-oriented ministry.

I've continued my work with several community-based organizations, including Interfaith Worker Justice and The Work Place DC. IWJ supports immigrant workers who want to organize in order to secure better wages and benefits, and improve working conditions. TWPDC works toward a "one-stop-shopping" center to prepare hard-to-employ DC residents for jobs, and seeks to serve a dual constituency of people looking for work, and employers looking for good employees. I left the Board of the Visitors' Service Center, an agency that helps ex-offenders re-integrate into the mainstream, after two terms, but a Grace connection continues: Peter Wallace serves as VSC's Treasurer, and other parishioners actively support VSC's work. I welcome Grace members' questions about, and participation in, any and all of these community commitments.

2011 Annual Report
Grace Church, Georgetown
Reporting from November 2010 to November 2011

Activity / Area: Senior Warden Report
Coordinator reporting: Margaret Davis, Senior Warden

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen

Hebrews 11:1

As we each explore, practice, deepen, and question our faith in the community of Grace Church, it is an honor to serve you as your Senior Warden. I've just completed my first year after succeeding Scott Murphy who left this role with

Grace Church and its Rector in strong and faithful condition at the conclusion of his term. The pace of Grace created a busy 12 months, yet each activity this engaged parish membership commits itself to doing clearly deepens personal and communal faith as we strive to live in greater connection to God and uphold the Gospel teachings.

What joy we have with each other at Grace and in the fellowship of God! From stewarding the gardens to nourishing our homeless guests at Grace's Table; from reveling in Bach's organ music to tapping to jazz and poetry on the lawn; from exploring "Alpha and Omega: Beginnings and Endings on the Human Journey" to discussing "Love and its Disciplines" through St. Paul and Dante; from fellowship at coffee hours to caring for the "least of these" beyond our gates as well; from 20s/30s gatherings to Koinonia dinners - Grace church members are engaged and enjoy each other.

The annual reports presented here illustrate the many facets of Grace Church and its ministries. We explore and practice our faith together and individually – and all are welcome no matter where we may be on the journey.

We can celebrate all that is Grace Church Georgetown in 2011 as a result of the numerous parish members who have worked before us to insure the Church's health and vibrancy, as well as the tremendous leadership and spirit of the Rev. John Graham. In a time of many shrinking and aging mainline congregations, Grace Church is growing. At a time of economic recession, Grace Church stewardship is increasing. At a time and in a place where much is demanded of us all, our members are engaged. Scott Murphy will detail our stewardship growth in his report. And the numerous ministry reports illustrate a deep commitment of a small and active parish to do the work God calls us to do through Christ – and to do it in so many positive ways. Let us be ever mindful and grateful – and joyful – for the work we can do best together than alone.

We all feel quite graced by The Rev. John Graham's tending of this flock of sheep. John's clarity in the midst of complexity, his kindness and respect, his love of jazz and the White Sox, and his incisive mind and open heart help each of us connect more fully with and come to understand God in our midst. We are family together. We are grateful that John and Sakena have settled here with us, and we are delighted that they could experience a different pace for John's three-month sabbatical.

Grace Church could not be as well managed, cared for, and coordinated each day – especially on Sundays - without the efforts of Helen Buhr and Luis Solares. Our thanks to each of them for their dedication and commitment to Grace. We thank Francine Mate for her great musical gifts, as well as vision, and for sharing them here. We thank Jacqueline Walters for her dedication to our youth-filled Christian Education program.

Thank you to the Rev. Thelma Smullen and the Rev. Martha Wallace who filled in as Priest-in-Charge during our Rector's restful and reflective three-month sabbatical. Our congregation enjoyed their teachings and their guidance. We appreciate the ongoing work of the Rev. Bill Doggett who continues to lead our 5:00 Sunday service.

Grace Church is blessed by active and dedicated Vestry members representing a diverse and lively congregation. Thank you to each of them for their good cheer, faithful service, and devotion to a healthy Grace Church. In particular, my personal thanks go to Paul Alligood, Junior Warden, who keeps all things related to our buildings and grounds running well (and stands in for the Senior Warden often!); to Braden Murphy, our Treasurer, who in spite of little formal training, insures we manage and monitor Grace's financials well; Barbara de Beaufort, Secretary and Nominating Committee Co-chair, who cheerfully insures we record our work accurately and have committed Vestry Members; and to Peter Wallace, who led the efforts to secure our Priests-in-Charge, served as co-chairman of the nominating committee, and will be assisting us in financial oversight and management in the coming year.

Our Junior Warden's report will detail the helpful improvements made to Grace this year and the care with which they were made.

A Future Vision for Grace Church. Several years ago, David Crawford chaired an "Envisioning Grace 2011" committee that developed a strategic plan for Grace's future, which was presented to the vestry and shared with the parish. It continues to guide us. The Vestry will be reviewing and updating the plan to see how we're are doing and begin examining the path ahead. The chart below includes verbatim language from the committee's plan alongside examples of our progress.

Envisioning Grace 2011: How are we doing?

Committee Recommendation	Progress to date
<p>1. Keep on growing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seek and embrace continuing growth of 44%-100% or more by 2011. ○ Maintain current attitudes of excellence in execution, innovation, and expansion. ○ Add outreach and other ministries and programs commensurate with our growth. ○ Expand our relationships with the lower Georgetown community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weekly attendance now averages over 100 (non-sabbatical months). ○ New Outreach Committee donated thousands of dollars to support various Grace related ministries. ○ Four spring galas have raised over \$100,000, attracted local community involvement ○ Blues Alley Youth Orchestra at Grace events ○ Grace's Table connects w/ Georgetown homeless ○ Active participation in Taste of Georgetown to benefit Georgetown Ministry Center
<p>2. Teach Our Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expand and enhance our already thriving children's ministry. ○ Establish a children's choir. ○ Set-up age-group classes and activities. ○ Augment our dedicated and excellent teacher corps with staff guidance and assistance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Growing children's Sunday School at various ages ○ Attractive Summer Bible School ○ Additional staff assistance
<p>3. Engage Youth (Teens)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aim to develop compelling reasons for teens to stay engaged. ○ Recognize that special leadership and relationship skills are vital for success with youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teen numbers remain limited, but the few we have are incorporated into service as acolytes. ○ Junior server training program targets older children and rising teens

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Generate service opportunities (e.g., acolyte) and reward successful performance. ○ Develop a cadre of (young) adults to work with teens under expert staff guidance. ○ Include fun activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developing separate Sunday school sessions for 8 and 9 year olds
<p>4. Address Space Constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus on the impending Sunday morning crunch ○ Add a 3rd Sunday morning worship service. ○ Stagger service, class, and program times. ○ Innovate for Sunday school by subdividing and/or renting in nearby buildings. ○ Allocate a space for teens. ○ Provide more, and more user-friendly, free parking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contract signed in Fall 2008 for 20 discounted parking spaces for free use by parishioners in adjoining Guggenheim parking lot. ○ Sunday evening service attempted in 2008, but has not really helped alleviate Sunday morning crowds.
<p>5. Add to and Supplement Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hire a full-time Associate Rector with attributes that complement our excellent Rector. ○ Expand staff or staff hours as growth requires and affords, particularly concerning office management. ○ Enhance organization of volunteers to include back-ups and replacements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Part-time associate rector established in 2008. ○ Children's Ministries Coordinator, increased child care staff hired in 2008 ○ New staff hired in 2009 to supplement treasurer, financial secretary duties ○ New lay leadership in Stewardship, Outreach, Friends of Grace Gala, Grace's Table
<p>6. Tie Financial Planning to Fundraising Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognize that growth can temporarily strain our finances. ○ Separate financial priorities by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Following a priority list for facility projects ○ Increased membership, pledging and gifts ○ Annual stewardship

<p>must have, important, nice to have.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include fundraising leadership within budgetary process. ○ Design fundraising campaigns to match specific goals. 	<p>campaigns and gala fundraisers highlight dependence of Grace on pledge income and future projects</p>
<p>7. Provide funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain our excellent pledge system. ○ Aim to grow pledge numbers and amounts. ○ Strive for congregation to feel they get money's worth for pledge. ○ Raise funds for added staff via a multifaceted capital campaign (Campaigns can include any or all of such things as advance saving from annual budget, direct appeal, gala, selling columbarium rights). ○ Consider a campaign to establish an endowment for Grace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pledge numbers and dollars have grown from 63/\$154K in 2005 to 100+/\$275K in 2011. ○ Pledge campaigns offer multiple reasons to give (pay church bills, support ministries, sacrifice to God), newsletter articles on pledging, emails on progress, testimonials on experiences with pledging, sermons on spirituality of stewardship, and statistical data on the church's annual progress
<p>8. Promote Grace</p> <p>A. Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Targeted audience and response first. ○ Tailor promotional approach accordingly. ○ Review and use/modify existing approaches where appropriate. <p>B. Techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Convey Grace's friendly and lively essence. ○ Emphasize internet. ○ Capture passerby interest with yard attraction and open doors. ○ Provide newcomers' class. ○ Maximize event impact via annual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New webpage in 2009 and refreshed in 2011 ○ Ministries fairs held in 2006, 2007 ○ Newcomers class held after service in 2007. ○ Jazz Brunches, Fat Tuesdays, other events ○ Active 20s/30s group ○ Greeters continue to attract new members. ○ Partnered with St. Mary's in Foggy Bottom ○ Worked w/ Israel Baptist Church, Ward 5 Rep. Thomas on laborer's center

<p>promotion cycle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offer more groups, events. ○ Make mutually beneficial connections with other organizations and parishes. ○ Make added worship service a family service. 	<p>near Home Depot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outreach committee and vestry have approved funding for Grace's membership in Washington Interfaith Network ○ New Grace signs at both entrances to churchyard ○ Ads in local media about Sunday evening service
<p>9. Maintain Spiritual Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add and continue activities that enhance spirituality. ○ While striving to meet the objectives in numbers 1-8, assure that all our programs are designed to deepen the spiritual life of Grace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adult Forum, Grace's Table well attended & spiritually focused ○ Annual sold-out parish retreats held in 2010 and 2011 ○ Vestry leads by consensus, uses majority rule only after chance for full discussion

Faithfully and with appreciation for each of you,

Margaret B. Davis

2011 Junior Warden's Report

BUILDINGS

The age of our buildings at Grace Church require constant monitoring and attention.

2011 saw a lot of activity and successes on the buildings front. The two biggest achievements were the replacement of the windows in the rectory and the installation of a new lift to transport worshipers from the first floor of the church to the sanctuary.

The new windows, which are Simonton 5500s, will make the rectory more energy efficient and the wrap around the trim and sills improve the appearance of the structure.

The old lift, which was installed in 1999, was replaced because it had stopped working. With the original manufacturer no longer in business and replacement parts not guaranteed, the vestry decided to replace it. With proper maintenance and inspections, we hope to get a longer life from this model than we did the previous one.

In July, the GMC relocated its administrative functions to a room upstairs in the rectory. A formal agreement between Grace and GMC was entered into which spells out the details of when and how the space can be used. GMC had sought use of the space as a result of the renovations it made to its offices in the basement of the rectory.

A recurring problem over the recent past has been the presence of rodents on the property. This issue is not particular to Grace Church but is a widespread problem throughout Georgetown. In July, we changed exterminators, bringing in a new company with a different approach, and so far it seems to be working since there have been fewer sightings and less evidence of the pests. However, with cold weather coming, the rodents will be seeking shelter and warmth so the total effectiveness of the plan will have to be deferred until the end of winter.

In October, we contracted to have the red front doors of the church repainted and repaired. They had accumulated several coats of paint over the years and pieces of wood had fallen out. Since the doors occupy such a place of prominence, the facelift improves one of the church's most visible features.

GROUNDNS

The grounds continue to be a source of pride for the Grace community and the following parishioners devoted a lot of time and effort keeping the grounds in great shape: Kimberly Ludwig, Vicki Carlson, Helena Dunn, Adrienne Bacchus, Will Ollison, Margaret Davis, Paul Alligood, Ed Borchardt, Diana

Dick, Sally Stanfield, Charles Gnaedinger, Dave Wigglesworth and Matt and Bridget Burke.

Not only are our buildings old, the trees on the property are also ancient and require attention to keep them from becoming a hazard to others. With age brings size and often limbs break off and fall on property other than our own. To prevent that from happening in the future, we had the silver maple behind the parish hall trimmed and cabled.

We have discovered that our grounds are in demand. In early October, the Thai Embassy across the street held an event in our front yard for which we received remuneration. The purpose of the venue was to introduce Thai culture to Georgetown and although the weather was not great, the embassy deemed it a success and indicated it might want to do it again at some point.

In the fall, a group of Ritz-Carlton employees came over one Saturday morning and helped with a garden work day. We have a very good relationship with the Ritz and are grateful for their contributions to the garden.

I would be remiss not to note the contributions of our sexton, Luis Solares, to the property in general. Luis mows the lawn and spruces things up on a daily basis before the Montessori school children arrive. He also performs many of the day to day chores that do not require bringing in a contractor. Thanks, Luis.

FUTURE

Eastbanc, a real estate acquisition and development company, is moving ahead with its plans to construct a residential building on what is now the Verizon parking lot across the alley from our property. The rector has a committee in place which will continue to monitor developments and make certain Grace's interests and concerns are aired.

We have retaining walls on three sides of our property. On the north side, in the alley, we hope to have it replaced with something more aesthetic. The walls on Wisconsin Ave. and South St. need a maintenance program to help with their preservation.

Other projects for the future include to tuck point the rectory's brick work; replace the convection units in the parish hall, kitchen, Sunday school room and Rose Room; coat the stained glass window in the sanctuary on the outside to protect it from the elements; repair the eroding sandstone arches around the front entrance and main windows; conduct an energy audit of the windows in the church; and replace or repair the front doors to the rectory and the rear doors to the parish hall off the Montessori school classroom.

Paul Alligood – Junior Warden

**Annual Report of Grace Church Treasurer
As of September 30, 2011
Prepared by Braden Murphy**

The following exhibit displays the Statements of Inflows and Outflows of the General Fund for the twelve-month period ending September 30, 2011 and a schedule of General and Designated Fund Balances for the same period.

General Fund

The General Fund receives pledge payments and other gifts from Parishioners and other donors as well as Use of Space receipts from which it pays the routine operating expenses of the church, as laid out on our annual budget. These expenses include the salary and other expenses of the Grace Church Clergy and Staff, as well as expenses for Maintenance, Utilities, Office expenses, Music, Worship and Education and Grace's Support to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. With the exception of maintenance costs on our facility, most of the other expenses are fairly predictable. As of September 30, 2011, the General Fund had a balance of \$77,782.

Saving Grace Fund

In addition to the General Fund, the church has several other funds in which cash is held and designated for specific purposes. The largest of these is the Saving Grace Fund, which is used primarily to pay for capital improvements

and major maintenance of our buildings and grounds. This year saw two major Saving Grace expenditures: \$24,500 for installation of the new elevator, and the initial deposit of \$6,315 for new windows in the Rectory (the remaining two thirds of that expense was spent in October 2011). Funding for the Saving Grace Fund is largely provided through Grace's annual Spring Gala, which, along with other generous gifts contributed a healthy \$36,111 to the fund this year. The Saving Grace Fund held \$62,635 as of September 30, 2010, although as noted, approximately \$ 12,630 of that was used in October 2011 for the remaining payments for the new Rectory Windows.

Rector's Housing Fund

The Rector's Housing Fund has several purposes. Its primary intended purpose is to assist the Rector in purchasing housing. Also, during 2005, a loan was made to the Rector from the funds that were in this account at that time, on which repayments are being made.

In recent years, this fund has been used as the depository for money set aside by the Vestry to fund the Rector's Sabbatical. Beginning in January 2009, the Vestry began transferring \$900 a month (\$10,800 annually) from the General Fund into the Rector's Housing Fund for this purpose. These transfers have been made in order to avoid market fluctuations that may affect the *Diocese's* Sabbatical Fund, the mutual fund discussed below.

As of September 30, 2011, the Rector's Housing Fund contained a combined total of \$71,483, including interest income. However, that total, while correct as of that date, does not reflect the final accounting of expenses from the Rector's recently concluded initial sabbatical period (July-September 2011). For administrative convenience, the sabbatical priests who served Grace as "Priest-In-Charge" in the Rector's absence were financed out of the General Fund (a checking account). Final accounting of the initial sabbatical period will require a transfer of their funding from the Sabbatical Fund to the General Fund, since payment for the sabbatical priests is really a "Sabbatical Fund" expense and not "General Fund" expense.

Scott Fund and Outreach Fund

The Scott Fund sponsors the Bach Festival each July and other musical initiatives. The Outreach Fund was established with a specific gift in the fall of 2006 for the purpose of supporting existing Grace Ministries.

Other Restricted Funds

Other Restricted Funds represent a myriad of gifts for special purposes, some of which are forwarded on by Grace Church to intended recipient organizations such as Episcopal Relief and Development. Other items flowing through this category included some of the funds provided by parishioners for participation in the recent Retreat.

The Sabbatical and Mitchell Funds are mutual funds supported by the Diocese. The Sabbatical Fund is designed to pay for substitute clergy and other expenses during periods when the Rector may be on Sabbatical. The Mitchell Fund can be used for emergencies. Neither fund has been drawn on in recent years, although with market conditions, both funds saw a small decrease this year.

All funds of the church are held in some form of interest-bearing account. The General Fund, Saving Grace, Outreach, Scott and Rector's Housing Fund cash balances are all held at the Bank of Georgetown and the Sabbatical and Mitchell Funds are held at PNC Bank. The church also has a brokerage account at Wells Fargo for the purposes liquidating marketable securities occasionally donated to the church by parishioners. Accordingly, General Funds are occasionally held in this account, typically in the early part of the year until they are needed for expenditures.

The financial position of the church is audited annually by an outside Certified Public Accountant specializing in church and related organizations and a report is issued both to the church and the diocese.

This has been my second year as Grace's Treasurer. I cannot close this report without noting my immense gratitude to my predecessor, Reg Burner, for his past efforts preparing me for this important responsibility. I also want to thank the other members of the Grace Church community who help perform the important work of managing Grace's finances, including Jon Hasse and the rest

of the Counters, who coordinate and calculate Grace's weekly offerings, Katelyn Rose, who enters and logs all of those deposits into our bookkeeping system, and especially Gigi Raney, who concludes four years as Grace's invaluable Financial Secretary.

Grace Episcopal Church
General Account
Statement of Inflows and Outflows
For the Twelve Months Ending

40816

	12 Months End		
	12 Months End 40816	Increase (Decrease)	12 Months End 40451
INFLOWS			
Gifts	313588	28257	285331
Use of Space	45513.62	5719.62	39794
Other Income	778.52	578.52	200
TOTAL INFLOWS	359880.14	34555.14	325325
OUTFLOWS			
Clergy	138332.07	17806.07	120526
Maintenance	41479.16	-1886.84	43366
Utilities	24228.63398	245.633983	23983
Music	25492.75	-2036.25	27529
Office	60426.99	2032.99	58394
Worship and Education	24449.6	3002.6	21447
Diocesan Support	24622	140	24482
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	339031.204	19304.20398	319727
INFLOWS OVER (UNDER) OUTFLOWS	20848.93602	15250.93602	5598

Grace Episcopal Church
Schedule of Fund Balance Activity
For the Twelve Months Ending

40816

FUNDS	Fund Balance	Inflows	Gain (Loss) Interest	Total Inflows	Outflows	Other Transfers	Fund Balance
	40451						40816
General Funds	68733	359880	273.2	360153	-339031	-11800	77782
Saving Grace Funds	64169	36111	0	36111	-37645	0	62635
Outreach Funds	6229	5305	10.7	5315.7	-4858.12	0	6736.9
Scott Funds	605	6445	2.01	6447	-6473.5	0	577.78
Mate Memorial Fund	357	600	0	600	-150	0	807
Sabbatical Funds	10819		-696	0	0		10122.51
Mitchell Funds	29716	5055	-1359	0	0		28357.4
Other Restricted Funds	7315	12437	0	12437	-4765	0	14987
Rector's Housing Funds							
Housing Portion	39584	500		500	0		40084
Sabbatical Portion	18900	0	364	0	0	11800	31064
Loan Receivable	29500	0	0	0	-500	0	29000
TOTAL	275927	425733	-1405	421564	-393423	0	306832

Grace Church, Georgetown

Reporting from November 2010 to November 2011

Activity / Area: Stewardship Committee

Coordinator reporting: Scott Murphy, chair

1. Activities and Achievements:

As in prior years, our goal for this year was to maximize the parish's awareness of stewardship and the pledge campaign and to encourage increased giving to Grace Church, both in overall funds raised and individual pledges. Despite the challenge posed by the downturn in the economy since 2008, we hoped that we by helping our members and friends to feel included, advised, and enthused about their role in Grace's future, they would continue to find ways to be generous to Grace. Through multiple media (newsletter articles, parish wide email bulletins, lay testimonials, and individual calls), we hoped to excite parishioners about the spiritual meaning of stewardship and the value of supporting Grace's mission.

In August, in consultation with Rev. Thelma Smullen, our priest in charge during our rector's summer sabbatical, we developed a calendar of events following this strategy. Our fall pledge drive included the usual two mailings as well as follow-up emails and phone calls to parishioners to encourage pledging. Newer committee members were offered advice on contacting pledge members, including reviewing past church newsletter articles on "How do I pledge, and why" (describing the nuts and bolts of pledging), and "Finding your own way to be generous" (offering advice and general statistical data on the church's pledging behavior to assist parishioners in deciding on how much to give). In addition we included the following elements:

- (1) Starting the stewardship drive in September (one month early than the historic October launch) (although we did push back our start date by 1 week to make room for the Sept. 11 service, which fell on the 10-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks),
- (3) Recruiting new members to the stewardship committee,
- (4) Having members of various lay activities at Grace (including Counters, Servers and Eucharistic Ministers, Coffee Hour, and Choir) offer personal

testimonials on their experience with participating in Grace Church's ministries, to help illustrate the ministries that our member pledges support and recruit new contributions of time and talent as well as treasure, and

(5) A focused emphasis during multiple sermons on the spiritual reasons for pledging by clergy.

2. Concerns and Goals for the Future

The stewardship articles, testimonials, and sermons all appear to have been well received. As of November 6, with three weeks remaining in our current campaign schedule, we have received 56 pledges, including 22 that reflect increases over last year, as well as one entirely new pledge. This is exactly the same number of pledges received as of this date in 2010. The total amount promised by these pledges received to date is \$203,599, which is also right on track – a bit ahead actually – compared to last year's performance at this point. Given the current challenges of the economy, we are blessed to be doing as well as we are. If the committee keeps at its current plan, we are hopeful that we will find ourselves in a positive place again for next year's budget.

Two additional notes. First, maintaining the parish's commitment to supporting the church financially *through pledging* is one of the most critical aspects to Grace's spiritual and financial future. On a practical level, it enables us to budget for all our worship, parish and outreach activities. But more importantly, our invitation to Grace members to pledge affirms our expectation that they back up their commitment to their faith and to the church with an open and meaningful surrender of treasure. Moreover, the response of Grace members through pledging (or not pledging) it gives the rector and vestry some rough measure of the parish's endorsement of its mission.

Second, as promising as our annual stewardship drives have been, they alone will not address Grace's long-term financial needs. Even with continued healthy growth, our annual budget is not sufficient to address the repair needs of the church, or to allow significant improvements to the church's staff and programs. We already have begun this effort through four annual spring "Friends of Grace" fundraisers, which together have raised more than \$150,000 toward overdue repair costs. We need to continue looking for alternative sources of financial support for Grace Church, such as renting our grounds and facilities for weddings and other complementary uses.

3. Participants

Many individuals offered important help to this year's stewardship campaign. Helen Buhr has been crucial in all issues involved with this year's campaign, offering advice in the planning stages and helping organize difficult logistical steps such as pledge mailings and tracking responses. Our priest in charge during our rector's summer sabbatical, Thelma Smullen, as well as our rector John Graham, have been invaluable in offering advice, as well as in making stewardship a central message of Sunday sermons and weekly e-mail mailings. I also am grateful to Janet Sale, Stacy Carter, Jon Hasse, and Francine Mate for preparing and offering heartfelt and courageous testimonials on their experiences with participating in lay ministries at Grace. And I must thank all of the members of this year's stewardship committee, who generously offered their time to attend meetings and make follow-up calls. Committee members this year included myself, Helen Buhr, David Crawford, Hillary Liebttag, Jane Mosbacher, Marie-Laure Poire, Will Ollison, John Seferian, Janet Sale, and Amy Dunn.

**2011 Annual Report of the Financial Secretary Grace Church,
Georgetown Reporting from November 2010 to the End of October
2011 Report prepared by Gigi Raney**

1. **Activities and Achievements** Two years ago, Grace Church initiated electronic transmission of quarterly pledge reports. This change has not only saved a few trees, but has saved postage and time as well.

This year we have mailed semi-annual pledge reports to those members without email accounts. If Grace Church does not have your email address on file and you would like to receive a quarterly pledge statement through email please provide your email address to either Helen Buhr or Gigi Raney.

The annual pledge statements are provided at the end of January, and will continue to be mailed to you for tax purposes.

Many thanks to Katelyn Rose who continues to enter our weekly deposits. This arrangement has streamlined the time commitment required for both the

treasurer's position and the financial secretary. We are immensely grateful to Katelyn for her assistance!!

2. Hopes and concerns for the future

After four years as the Financial Secretary for Grace, this year (2011) will be my last in this position. Father John, Braden Murphy (Grace Treasurer) and I will work together to ensure that there is a seamless transition for the congregation in making this change and of course will always be available with information and support to the new Financial Secretary. **3.**

Members/Participants

Gigi Raney

2011 Annual Report

Grace Church, Georgetown

Reporting from November 2010 to November 2011

Activity / Area: Grace fall weekend retreat

Coordinator reporting: Scott Murphy, chair

1. Activities and Achievements:

Several years ago, at our church leadership's request, David Crawford chaired an "Envisioning Grace 2011" committee that developed a strategic plan for Grace's future, which was presented to the vestry and shared with the parish. While Grace in large part was addressing the majority of recommendations provided by the vision statement, one area of concern was a desire for opportunities for parishioners to engage in deeper spiritual reflection.

We can give many reasons for making Grace Church our parish home, including our sense of belonging, our high regard for our rector, and the sense that Grace helps satisfy our spiritual needs. But all of us feel drawn to Grace Church as a way to answer God's call, both as individuals and as a community. As differently as God's call might feel for each of us, Grace Church gives us the hope of figuring out our purpose in life, and then learning how to live it. But even as blessed as we are by Grace Church, many of us can find our spiritual progress to be frustrated by our busy schedules, by the pull of various

commitments, and the simple difficulty in slowing down enough to think about it carefully.

To address this, and with the financial support of the vestry, this year we held our second weekend retreat for parishioners at Bon Secours Spiritual Center, a beautiful facility less than 60 miles from D.C. in Marriotsville, Maryland. The Center sits at the highest point of over 300 acres of pasture and woodland next to Patapsco State Park, offering views of the south central Maryland countryside. The retreat ran from 3 p.m. Friday, November 4 through 5 p.m. Saturday, November 5. Following a theme of “living your faith” developed by the planning committee, our retreat facilitator, Rev. Thelma Smullen – who generously agreed to step in for our original leader Rev. Frank Wade when an unexpected family conflict arose – developed an outstanding schedule of scriptural and theological meditations that helped attendees explore their Christian path in a deeper way than often feels possible amid all the distractions of living as busy Washingtonians. These activities, carefully prepared by Thelma and presented in her open and witnessing leadership style, established a superb foundational structure for attendees, who responded enthusiastically and generously by offering incredibly intimate and inspiring stories of their personal faith experiences. Our rector John Graham, attending the retreat as a participant, served as celebrant and homilist during the retreat’s concluding Eucharist, officiating in his typical gifted and heartfelt fashion. In addition to meeting during the summer to establish a theme and basic structure for the retreat itself, the retreat committee established subcommittees for bringing supplemental food and beverages (Helena Dunn and Kay Horst), preparing and performing music (Kay Horst on vocals and piano and myself on vocals and guitar), and administrative issues such as rides to and from the center and obtaining emergency contact information for attendees (Helena Dunn), preparing a report for the vestry and parish (Dan Capizzi), preparing music handouts (Tom and Kay Horst), bringing prayer books and liturgical materials (Jim and Janet Sale, Sally Stanfield, and John Graham) and dealing with attendance, waitlist, payment, and scholarship issues as well as soliciting feedback from attendees (myself). Thanks to the support of our vestry, we also were once again able to fully cover Thelma’s fees as well as offset some of the retreat’s expenses for individual participants so that its cost was only \$85 per person (a \$55 discount) for all lodging, meals, and retreat activities.

2. Hopes and concerns for the future

Daniel Capizzi on our retreat committee is preparing a more complete report of retreat events for review by the vestry and for the benefit of the parish, which we hope to include as an article for the November/December church newsletter. The interest in the event (as with last year, the 30 available slots filled up quickly) has been wonderful and recommends carrying it out on an annual basis.

3. Members/Participants

Rev. Thelma Smullen served as our retained facilitator. Our retreat planning committee members included myself, Daniel Capizzi, Helena Dunn, Helen Buhr, Kay and Tom Horst, Sally Stanfield, Sally Avignone, Janet Sale, and Katherine Tallmadge. All except Katherine and Sally A. attended the retreat itself, and all served on one or more of our subcommittees (Welcome, Refreshments, Liturgy, Music, Administrative).

2011 Annual Report of 20s/30s/40s Group

Grace Church, Georgetown Reporting from November 2010 to the End of October 2011 Report prepared by Jane Mosbacher

1. Activities and Achievements The 20s/30s/40s group continued its Wine and Bible study until the departure of our seminarian, Katie. The Bible Study met once a month and discussed topics pertinent to life challenges within our age range. We also held the occasional happy hour, brunch, and picnic. Several group members have begun providing sandwiches to our Georgetown Ministry Center friends.
2. Hopes and concerns for the future With Robert's arrival, we plan to move the Bible Study to twice a month. We also hope to have at least one other activity once a month (like a brunch or happy hour). Elizabeth, Paige, Robert, and I are also working on having more blog posts and a stronger online presence.

My concern is mainly about the ability to encourage the group to attend the activities that we create. It is important, but challenging, communicating the advantages for having a Bible Study as a part of one's spiritual journey. Nonetheless, I think Robert is going to do a wonderful job launching this year's study.

3. Members/Participants

The group has grown significantly over the last year, with many young people moving to DC and contacting us to learn about Grace. Having my email on the website and Elizabeth and my picture has been *extremely* helpful for newcomers to recognize our face when they come to the service. I would love to continue our outreach using social media and our blog.

2011 Annual Report of Georgetown Ministry Center Grace Church, Georgetown Reporting from November 2010 to the End of October 2011 Report prepared by Drew Davis

1. Activities and Achievements

Background

In the winter of 1984, Freddy, an elderly homeless man, died of exposure on a Georgetown street. His death was a symptom of the incipient crisis of homelessness in Washington. Freddy's death in an icy phone booth moved Georgetowners to search for an appropriate community response. In 1987 the Georgetown Clergy Association and Georgetown University founded the Georgetown Ministry Center, organized a governing board, incorporated, and began raising start-up funds. Soon afterwards GMC hired its first social worker to help homeless individuals in Georgetown.

The Center now occupies space on the ground floor of the Grace Church rectory building and is supported by the GMC ministry of Grace.

From modest beginnings, GMC has grown to include a successful winter shelter that offers a safe haven from the streets to our most withdrawn and vulnerable homeless neighbors. The shelter has given GMC staff an opportunity to work successfully with people who have avoided services for years. 1995 GMC became a part of the "DC Initiative," Washington's comprehensive plan for fighting homelessness within the city. GMC's unique presence in Georgetown makes us an essential part of the "net" of services cast to the city's homeless population.

Current Activities

The renovation and reopening of the Center in September has been a huge transformation for GMC. The Center aspires to a "clubhouse model," where GMC tries to get feedback, buy-in and participation from the guests who visit the Center, thereby teaching them new skill sets (e.g., cleaning up the Center)

and encouraging them to take pride in their surroundings. If guests choose to become part of GMC, they will become members and will have a say in the operations of the Center. GMC has engaged Kyla Dixon, who previously worked at the Green Door, as an hourly consultant to help GMC staff to set up the clubhouse model. A big issue confronting the staff is how to incentivize clients/members to volunteer to clean bathrooms, for example, and whether clients will have to make some commitment to cleaning or helping out in order to take advantage of services or resources offered by the Center (e.g., computer use).

With new, enthusiastic staff members on board, the center has embarked on ambitious programming. Each morning begins with a news broadcast. The computer 'café' is then reserved for productive use like job search. The center staged a guests' talent show and is organizing a comedy show and workshop on hypothermia.

Center Director Gunther Stern and GMC's contractual physician, Dr. Crosland, have embarked on a program to take hypertension and diabetes screening to the homeless population on the street.

The Shelter program for the winter months opened on Nov. 6 at Epiphany Catholic Church. Grace will again participate in the shelter rotation.

GMC offices have moved to the Grace Rectory with all participants pleased with the arrangement.

Grace continues its active ministry in support of GMC with Grace's Table Saturday lunches and Bible study (see Grace's Table report.)

GMC Financials

Thanks to vigorous fundraising efforts through the Taste of Georgetown (\$45,000 net in 2010 and slightly less in 2011), Spirit of Georgetown house tour (\$50,000) Partnership (\$52,700), individual gifts of \$58,400 and other income from investments, combined with careful husbandry of expenses, GMC realized net income for the 2011 fiscal year of \$70,340. Total income from all sources was \$493,415. Expenses totaled \$423,075.

**2011 Annual Report of Outreach Committee
Grace Church, Georgetown Reporting from November 2010 to the End of
October 2011 Report prepared by Kimberly Ludwig and Tom Horstl.
Activities and Achievements
Background**

"Outreach" refers to the various activities of the Grace congregation to reach out to our broader community. The principal activity of the Outreach Committee is to raise and disperse money to support our outreach activities.

Current Activities

As shown in the financial summary below, the Outreach Committee provided support for two activities last year: Grace's Table and Music on the Lawn. Support to Grace's Table includes funds provided to help volunteers cover the costs of providing the Grace's Table meal so that all members of the Grace community can participate in this important ministry. Support to Music on the Lawn encourages the greater Georgetown community to come inside the gates for a pleasant night of entertainment in our beautiful Grace gardens. Attendee donations at Music on the Lawn go to supplement Grace Church's contribution to the Washington Interfaith Network. Donations from Music on the Lawn attendees go to the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), to supplement our annual dues payment.

Financials

In addition to the unrestricted funds provided by the Grace Congregation at our Fat Sunday coffee hour, we also received money from the Rector's Discretionary Fund for Grace's Table expenses resulting from John Graham's sabbatical leave and for the Music on the Lawn this summer.

**SUMMARY OF GRACE OUTREACH
TRANSACTIONS, 10/1/10 - 9/30/11**

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Balance as of 9/30/10	6,229.20

Inflows

Contributions:

Funds Raised for W.I.N.	517.00
Grace's Table	900.00
Music Outreach	3,380.00
Unrestricted	1,465.00

Total Contributions	6,262.00
Interest Income	10.03

Total Inflows	6,272.03
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Outflows

Charitable Outlays:

Grace's Table	1,613.12
Music on the Lawn	3,380.00
W.I.N.	1,517.00

Total Charitable Outlays	6,510.12
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Total Outflows	6,510.12
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Net Inflows/Outflows	-238.09
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Balance as of 9/30/11	5,991.11
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2. Hopes and concerns for the future

Outreach activities are currently at a sustainable level given expressed interest. Funds are available for expanding outreach efforts if there is increased interest in planning and implementing new projects. The Committee will hold its next

meeting in the coming months to discuss expansion of activities; please let us know if you would like to join this discussion.

3. Members/Participants

Active members of the Outreach Committee currently include John Graham, Tom Horst, and Kimberly Ludwig (Vestry Liaison). We also have a loyal cadre of cooks who make our Fat Sunday a smashing success and are grateful that we do not require them to come to any meetings! The Committee looks forward to expanding membership to previous levels in the coming year if there is interest. Please let John, Tom or Kimberly know if you are interested in joining the Outreach Committee.

2011 Annual Report of __Grace's Table__ Grace Church, Georgetown Reporting from November 2010 to the End of October 2011 Report prepared by __Kristin Killoran__

1. Activities and Achievements Grace's Table volunteers and the Georgetown University service fraternity students provided a complete sit-down meal every Saturday for the last year, including during the summer. The GU students took on the summer themselves and were very successful; even recruiting one of the GT guests to help with meal preparation.

At each meal we served between 10 and 35 guests meals that ranged from a simple cookout, to a baked ham with sides, to an elegant steak dinner for Christmas dinner. Our numbers since the beginning of the Fall of 2011 seem to be rather high (upper 20's to low 30's). This shows how well we are able to ensure our guests receive a wonderful meal, but also shows that the population we serve may be increasing.

2. Hopes and concerns for the future At the moment, I am in discussion with a church group in TX that is interested in performing for our guests and participating in the preparation and serving of the meal on a Saturday in July 2012.

Our volunteer numbers seem to have waned as time has passed. There is certainly the expectation that participation by long-time volunteers will diminish but we've had few new volunteers in the last year. Those who have volunteered, however, are highly dependable, even at the last moment. We would love for a few new folks to commit to participating once every six months. John Graham and I will be making a presentation to a Georgetown Clergy Association meeting in December or January, in hopes of generating volunteers from other neighborhood congregations. Some members of St. John's already participate, and we'll also work to expand this collaboration.

As our guest count increases we run into the problem of being able to accommodate everyone, ensure everyone receives enough to eat, and not turn anyone away. I am afraid that we may have to enforce a cap of 24 guests, which has been discussed previously with the volunteers.

I expect that within the next six months I will step down as coordinator for GT and hope that one of the other volunteers will be willing to take my place.

3. Members/Participants

Margaret and Drew Davis Shirley Castle Donna Pica
Jean McKinney Sally Stanfield Mike and Cathy Applin David Bujard
Sarah Haft Kay and Tom Horst Jon Hasse Kristin Killoran
Helen Mirtova and family Helena Dunn and family Adrienne Baccus
Helen Buhr Ellen Ericson Kimberly Ludwig Ed
Borcherdt
Kadest Amaha Dan Ericson Darcy Bacon Susan and Bob Tobias
Lenore Reid Sally Avignone Josh Studl Susan Lockwood
Pamela Kidron Gigi Raney

Zach Yoder, Marian Hwang, and all the GU students

Grace's Café Annual Report

This program, initiated in 2010 as an expanded version of Grace's Table during cold-weather months, was not offered this year. I hope to work with the

Outreach Committee in 2012 to revive it and establish it as a regular Grace ministry.

John Graham

Annual Report Washington Interfaith Network

A group of about 7 Grace members attended some WIN events, or “actions”, this year.

Hopes for the (immediate) future include participation by 5-10 Grace members in a citywide action for jobs and housing on December 5; see service booklet and Weekly Update for details.

John Graham

2011 Annual Report of Congregation Based Shelter Grace Church, Georgetown Reporting from November 2010 to the End of October 2011 Report prepared by Helena Dunn Activities and Achievements

The Congregation Based Shelter had its 18th season November 7, 2010 - March 20, 2011.

Ten Georgetown congregations hosted the shelter in blocks of one, two or three weeks, providing 10 homeless men and women with dinner and breakfast and a safe and warm place to rest and sleep from 7PM until 7AM. The shelter guests are screened by Georgetown Ministry Center staff and are among the more fragile of their clients. In addition to providing a safe haven from the harsh winter and creating a comfortable, low-demand environment, the CBS program seeks to link all residents to the continuum of care, including case management and psychiatric services. This program is encouraging the shelter guests to make the necessary changes to help them to enter transitional or permanent housing following their stay in the shelter.

Parishioners, friends and community volunteers cook and serve dinner each night, engaging in fellowship with the guests. Overnight volunteers, who share the evening meal with the guests and assist the GMC overnight staff member with breakfast preparation, are also an important part of this program.

Grace hosted the shelter for two weeks from December 5 till December 19, 2010.

The shelter guests slept in the sanctuary and meals were taken in the Rose Room.

Hopes and concerns for the future

- Increase support from Georgetown community volunteers.
- Increase support from Georgetown congregations that are not active.

Members / Participants

Appreciation and thank you to all the volunteers from Grace and their friends as well as the Grace staff for their participation in the CBS. Appreciation and thank you also to all community volunteers and to the Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe

lawyers for their annual 3nights participation.

Grace volunteers and staff include:

Jean McKinney, Shirley Castle, Margaret & Drew Davis, Helen Mirtova, Joanna & Jason Riley, Vicki Carlson, Lenore Reid, Adrienne Bacchus, Yvonne Mar, Kristin Killoran & Jon Hasse, Sally Stanfield, John Boynton, Kimberly Ludwig, Helena & Bill Dunn, Janet Sale, Doreen Burner, Gigi Raney, John Graham, Helen Buhr, Luis Solares and Helena Dunn.

NOTE: Grace will host the upcoming Congregation Based Shelter December 4-18,

2011. Cooks and overnight volunteers are needed.

Altar Guild

Reporting from November 2010 to the End of October 2011 Report prepared by Sally Stanfield

1. Activities and Achievements The usual activities are keeping the linens clean, baking bread for communion services, changing the pulpit hanging according to the Episcopal calendar, replenishing the oil in the candles as necessary, assisting the Eucharistic ministers as needed, bringing out the Advent wreath for Advent and the Crèche at Christmas, arranging the palms for Palm Sunday and the lilies for Easter. In other words the altar guild takes care of the things that add to the beauty and grace of our church services.

Eucharistic ministers set up for the main Sunday service and return the vessels to the Sacristy. The Sexton and Priest take care of the other services.

This year the altar stand and the processional cross and torches were replated and varnished and look infinitely better than before. The additional good news is that they should not be polished.2. Hopes and concerns for the future Since I do most of these tasks by myself, I am concerned that nobody else knows what I do and when I do it. My plan is to write a manual this year that explains the role of the altar guild specifically at Grace. If anyone is interested in being part of this rewarding ministry, contact me. I will be happy to share.3.

Members/Participants

Sally Stanfield

Eucharistic Ministers

2011 Annual Report of Diocesan Representative

Grace Church, Georgetown From November 2010 to the End of October

2011 Report prepared by Sally Stanfield

1. Activities and Achievements January 28-29, 2011, 116th Convention of the Diocese of Washington

The convention began with a workshop, Congregational Development Through Spiritual Practices, led by the Rev. Robert Gallagher. After the workshop, the delegates were instructed, and the nominees for the various committees and positions were introduced and gave brief statements. They were an impressive group.

Afterward we gathered in the nave of the Cathedral for the opening business session. After devotions, we were welcomed to the Cathedral by the Very Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd III. Once a quorum was declared, the business meeting starting. Although 25% of the parishes have delinquent parochial reports, Grace is not among that group. The Committee on the Election of a Bishop reported that by April 1 the nominees from the committee would be known, by April 15 nominees by petition should be submitted, and in May the walkabouts of the Bishop candidates would take place. A special convention to elect a Bishop is to be held June 18; consent from the larger

church must be received by October 19. The installation of the new Bishop is scheduled for November 12.

At 6:00 p.m. the first ballot was cast for members of the Standing Committee, Deputies to General Convention, Deputies to Provincial Synod, and Members of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court. At 6:30 dinner was served and at 7:30 we took part in the Convention Eucharist.

Saturday morning started with morning devotion and followed with Bishop John Bryson Chane's address. He spoke of global justice and reconciliation, diversity as a gift from God, and thanked the clergy and laity of the Diocese. He focused on the mission of the Church since the last General Convention—"we know it when we see it." The natural reaction is to pull in the reins as a result of the economic downturn but he recommended that we be strong in our faith, which is that which sustains us when we don't have certainty. Mission is about risk.

After the report of the Tellers, the second ballot took place. The guest speaker was Dr. Bob Johansen who spoke on Faith in the Future. He made the point that faith is equal to innovation through discerning questions and faith is what sustains us. Forecast for the future is that almost nothing new has happened. Digital natives will create a very different world—by 2021, no one will be hungry or hopeless. I am not sure how we get there, but perhaps we should read his books *Get There Early* and *Leaders Make the Difference*.

We broke for lunch after the memorial tribute to Diocesan Clergy. We returned to the Treasurer's Report and passed the 2011 Budget. Legislation was passed and the final vote was announced. A resolution was passed to convene the 117 Convention January 27-28, 2012.

Walkabouts for Bishop Candidates

In May Walkabouts were held to meet the five candidates as a group and individually: The Rev. Ronald G. Abrams, Rector, St. James Parish, Wilmington, NC; The Rev. Dr. Mariann Edgard Budde, Rector, St. John's, Minneapolis, MN; The Very Rev. Samuel G. Candler, Dean, Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, GA; The Rev. Jane Soyster Gould, Rector, St. Stephen's, Lynn, MA; and The Rev. Canon John T.W. Harmon, Rector, Trinity

Episcopal Church, Washington, DC. I went to the walkabout held at St. Mary's on a hot May evening and found the candidates an impressive group.

Special Convention to Elect the IX Bishop of Washington
June 18, 2011

After the morning Eucharist for which Bishop Chane was the homilist, the Convention was called to order and the quorum necessary to proceed with the election was announced. We were 341 voters: 177 clergy and 162 lay delegates. For a Bishop to be elected, that person would have to receive 90 clergy and 82 lay votes or 2/3s of each group counted separately. Before each ballot, a Convention chaplain was appointed to lead us in prayer. Preparations were made for as many as 15 ballots. After the first ballot, we recessed while the votes were tallied. Before the second ballot, the nominees were polled to determine if they wished to continue—one person did drop out. The slate was announced and after prayerfully considering the next vote, a second ballot was taken.

We recessed for lunch and when we returned it was announced that the Rev. Dr. Mariann Edgar Budde had been elected the IX Bishop of Washington. She accepted the nomination and spoke to us via skype in both English and Spanish. Our work was finished after we signed testimonials to certify the legality of the election. An exciting day.

The consecration will be held Saturday, November 12, 2011, at the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

2011 Regional Assembly, Regions 1-4
Saturday, October 22, 2011

After morning worship, Bishop Chane spoke on his ministry with us. We then received the preliminary report on the 2012 budget. Next Bishop-Elect Mariann Budde spoke on where God is taking us next and responded to questions.

We dispersed into Regional Assembly meetings (Grace is in Region 2) and nominated and elected candidates for those positions to be voted on at the next Annual Convention.

2. Hopes and concerns for the future With a new Bishop coming to the Diocese, exciting times are ahead. When I was in Minnesota this summer visiting my son, I insisted on going to her church. Unfortunately Mariann had been called away because of a death in her family, but I was impressed with the vitality and enthusiasm that was evident in her parish. She has big shoes to fill but she will bring her own brand of leadership to this Diocese. The Installation to be held November 12, 2011, will be the beginning of her official time with us and at Grace we can expect an official visit from her.

The next Convention will be held January 27-28, 2012,

3. Members/Participants

John Graham, Clergy
Sally Stanfield, Lay Delegate

Reporting from November, 2010 to November, 2011 – Grace Episcopal Church

Activity/Area: Music

Coordinator reporting: Francine Maté, M.M., D.M.A.; Organist/Choirmaster and Director of the Grace Church Bach Festival

Activities and Achievements:

The choir at Grace continues to sing for the 10:30 services from September through the end of May, and for special services during the church year. We began a new rehearsal schedule in the Fall of 2010 in which we are now rehearsing from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. I thank the choir for all their continued dedication to the music program at Grace.

Once again, our 2011 Grace Church Bach Festival was very successful. The concerts were varied, interesting, and the musical performances were superb. The Washington Post reviewed one of the four concerts this year. This publicity gives Grace a great visibility in the musical world in the

Washington area as well as around the world. Many thanks again to Helen Buhr for providing all the behind the scene support. Plans for the 2012 Grace Church Bach Festival are almost completed. Please see the attached 2011 flyer for more information on our past season. As always, I am deeply grateful for Larry Molinaro's vision some 19 years ago when he founded the Grace Church Bach Festival.

Concerns and Goals for the Future

My concerns as I write this year's annual report are exactly the same as my concerns in every year's report. As our church grows, it would also be marvelous if our choir would grow as well. We have been most fortunate this Fall to be able to hire Steven LaBrie as our Baritone Section Leader in the choir. This was made possible by a generous gift from the Estate of our beloved choir member, Kenneth Bacon.

And, once again, it is truly amazing that as high profile as our Bach Festival is, we continue to operate on almost a skeleton budget. The past seven seasons our income from donations from the concerts has barely made up for our expenses. We pay our performing musicians only honorariums, but publicity is very expensive.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Francine Maté, D.M.A.

2011 Annual Report of the "Adopt-a-Garden" committee Grace Church, Georgetown Reporting from November 2010 to the End of October 2011 Report prepared by Kimberly Ludwig

1. Activities and Achievements

Background

Grace's beautiful gardens are tended by a team of enthusiastic volunteers. Members of the "Adopt-a-Garden" committee are an important part of this team, having committed to taking special care of a specific section of the garden, both during the regularly scheduled "work days" and on their own time. Together, both "adopters" and other volunteers have turned the grounds

of Grace into a flourishing garden and place of peaceful repose enjoyed by both parishioners and the Georgetown community.

Current Activities

Garden work days took place this year on March 25, April 15, May 21, June 11 & 18 , July 23, August 20, September 24, and October 8.

2. Hopes and concerns for the future

We are blessed to have nearly enough folks who've adopted a garden at this point to provide care for all the individual garden plots. Where we've yet to have someone adopt a particular plot, Grace's fabulous Junior Warden, Paul Alligood, steps in and lends both hands (and a lot of time and sweat), as does the indefatigable Ed Borchardt. The following plots are still in need of someone to adopt them – please see Paul or Kimberly if you would like to join us in the gardens next summer!

- ❖ Children's garden, north side of the lawn, next to the rose garden
- ❖ Rectory garden, north side of the patio next to the rectory

3. Members/Participants

The following volunteer gardeners have adopted specific parts of the Grace Garden – many thanks to everyone for their kind and generous efforts!

- ❖ Vicki Carlson: Stratton garden, north front patio
- ❖ Helena Dunn: Memorial Garden, southwest corner surrounding the cross
- ❖ Will Ollison: southeast garden, across from Ritz Carlton hotel
- ❖ Adrienne Bacchus: west garden along Wisconsin, near the gate
- ❖ Sally Stanfield: west garden along Wisconsin, near the cross
- ❖ Diana Dick: south garden, inside the fence
- ❖ Charles Gnaedinger: north garden, next to rose garden
- ❖ Matt and Bridget Burke: north garden, next to rectory
- ❖ Margaret Davis: rose gardens and planters in front of church
- ❖ Kimberly Ludwig: front patio gardens

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful and rewarding summer in the garden!

**2011 Annual Report of the Arts and Literature committee
Grace Church, Georgetown**
**Reporting from November 2010 to the End of
October 2011**
Report prepared by Kimberly Ludwig
The Arts and Literature committee has been on hiatus this year but looks forward to regrouping and reconvening in 2012! Please let me know if you are interested in joining this committee.

**2011 Annual Report of Memorials Committee
Grace Church, Georgetown**

**Reporting from November 2010 to the End of November 2011 prepared by
Janet Sale**

1. Activities and Achievements

Prepared guidelines for the Memorial Garden.

2. The committee will meet four times a year or when a need arises for consideration of memorials.

3. Members/Participants

Sally Avignone, John Boynton, Vicki Carlson, John Graham, Kimberly Ludwig, Jim and Janet Sale, Nancy Seferian, and Sally Stanfield.

Many thanks to David Crawford for his guidance and contributions to the committee over the years. David has resigned from the committee to do other ministries at Grace.

THANKS TO EVERYONE

2011 Annual Report of Eucharistic Ministers Grace Church, Georgetown

Reporting from November 2010 to the End of November 1011
Report prepared by Janet Sale

1. Activities and Achievements

Communion ministers participate in the worship service by passing the communion cup, set up the altar and clear the altar.

Servers - participate as acolyte in the worship service.

Lay Readers-four lay readers participate by reading Holy scripture every Sunday.

2. Hopes and concerns for the future

These are flourishing ministries. We have enough lay readers to go through a six months cycle. We can always have more communion ministers and servers. Everyone is welcome to join any or all of these groups. John Graham gives training in the server and communion minister activities.

3. Members/Participants

Lay Readers - Almost everyone has a turn at being a lay reader.

Servers - Helen Buhr, Peyton Craighill, Drew and Margaret Davis, Barbara de Beaufort, Parker Deal, Robert Hartmans, Tom Horst, Kimberly Ludwig, Helena Mirtova, Katie Nakamura, John Christian Noer, Mystelle Ruble, Jim Sale, Bob and Susan Tobias.

Communion Ministers - Helen Buhr, Vicki Carlson, Drew and Margaret Davis, Barbara de Beaufort, Parker Deal, Robert Hartmans, Elizabeth Hill, Kimberly Ludwig, Helena Mirtova, Don McCree, Katie Nakamura, Jim and Janet Sale, Sally Stanfield, Bob and Susan Tobias.

THANKS TO EVERYONE.

**2011 Annual Report
Grace Church, Georgetown
Reporting from Nov. 2010 to November 2011**

Activity / Area: Parents' Night Out
Coordinator reporting: Helen Buhr

1. Activities and Achievements:

Once a month we use the nursery of Grace Church to have a great time with 3 to 5 children as their parents enjoy a night out in Georgetown or a few hours without them. The parents enjoy themselves, we hope the children do, and the "sitters" probably have the best time of all. The older kids have become very good "assistants" with the younger ones. The evening always concludes with the Parents' Night Out Bowling League, where everyone is cheered on for their efforts, whether they are 1&1/2 or 10.

2. Concerns and Goals for the Future

Our main goals are to keep doing what we have been doing and to recruit a few more members .to share in getting to know and care for the wonderful children of Grace. We understand that the timing may not work with naps and bed times(6:30 to 9 p.m) for some of the children, but we hope you will bring your children if it does work

3.Participants

Sitters Helen Buhr, Jean McKinney

Children: Robert and Daniel Bujard, Aidan Harrington, Rupert and Lulu Wallace

2011 Annual Report
Grace Church, Georgetown
Reporting from Nov. 2010 to November 2011

Activity / Area: New Member Ministry/Greeters
Coordinator reporting: Helen Buhr

1. Activities and Achievements:

The New Member Ministry and Greeters welcome people to Grace and follow up with first time visitors if they wish to know more about the church or its programs. In the past year 102 people signed the Visitors book, 33 of them have returned, 24 of them are now regular attenders or pledging members. Some of our new members have said that they returned again and again because of how welcoming and warm the Greeters and all of Grace's parishioners are.

2. Concerns and Goals for the Future

Our main goal is to welcome everyone who comes to Grace and to help people become a part of the community of the church.

3. Participants

Helen Buhr, Vicki Carlson, Shirley Castle, Drew and Margaret Davis, Elizabeth Hill, Kimberly Ludwig, Stacy Notaras Murphy, Marie Laure Poire, Lenore Reid, and Trevor Smith.

Our thanks to Kimberly Ludwig, Stacy Murphy and Vicki Carlson, who due to many new responsibilities will not working as Greeters on Sunday mornings going forward. We are grateful to have 3 new members of the group: Megan Ching, Hillary Liebtag, and Donna Pica.

**2011 Annual Report
Grace Church, Georgetown
Reporting from Nov. 2010 to November 2011**

Activity / Area: Junior Servers
Coordinator reporting: Helen Buhr

1. Activities and Achievements:

Junior Servers help at the 10:30 service each Sunday by acting as a torchbearer at the Processional and Recessional Hymns. It is their first exposure to the ceremony of the service and we are pleased that from about the age of 8 or so they are willing to try this. We are also most grateful to their parents for getting them to church in time to robe them and get them ready for the processional hymn.

2. Concerns and Goals for the Future

Our goal is to have all the children who wish to do this have the opportunity.

3.Participants: Nolan & Taralynn Dwelle , Liz Heydon, Grace Molinaro & Martha Molinaro. If your child would like to be a Junior server please contact Helen Buhr

**2010 Annual Report
Grace Church, Georgetown
Reporting from Nov. 2009 to November 2010**

Activity / Area: Centering Prayer
Coordinator reporting: Helen Buhr

1. Activities and Achievements:

Centering Prayer meets in the church each Tuesday at 12:15 with the goal of a time of quiet - creating an openness to God, through Scripture readings and 20 minutes of silence. We attempt to open ourselves to God and brush away stray thoughts with the help of a word or phrase in what can best be described as a form of Christian meditation.

2. Members/Participants

The group varies in size from 2 to 10 based on people's schedules. Please find a chance to join us. It is an extremely rewarding time.

2011 Annual Report of the Friends of Grace Gala: Viva La Grace!

Grace Church, Georgetown

Reporting from November 2010 to the End of October 2011

Report prepared by Elizabeth Hill, Jane Mosbacher and Scott Murphy - Friends of Grace Gala chairs

1. Activities and Achievements

From January to May we worked diligently to plan a fun (and financially successful) fundraising gala for the Saving Grace Fund. This year we focused our efforts on raising enough money to install a new lift in the sanctuary. This year our theme was "Viva La Grace." The gala took place on a beautiful spring day - May 1, 2011 at Grace Church in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall. Guests enjoyed live Spanish Guitar performed by Matthew Mills, live Mariachi music performed by Mariachi CARAePALO, a guac-off competition, festive Mexican fare, our legendary Great Escapes Auction, cactus ring toss and a Piñata for los niños! Thanks to ticket sales, auction items and generous donations, we raised over \$28,000. The new lift was installed in September.

The Numbers:

Attendees – 91

Silent Auction Items – 55

Money raised for the Saving Grace Fund - \$28,056

2. Hopes and concerns for the future

The annual Friends of Grace Gala is critical to our Saving Grace Fund which is dedicated to the maintenance and improvement of our buildings and grounds. Grace's facilities make it possible for us to offer worship, teaching, the arts, service and advocacy to our parish as well as the local Georgetown community. Our hope is that parishioners and local entities will continue to make contributions and attend this special event.

We have already begun planning for the 2011 gala. We particularly need help with our sponsorship committee. To get involved or make a contribution (check, silent auction item, in-kind donation), please contact Elizabeth Hill at elizhill7@gmail.com or [202-309-3666](tel:202-309-3666).

3. Members/Participants

Helen Buhr, Megan Ching, John Graham, Elizabeth Hill, Paige Hill, Hillary Liebttag, Jane Mosbacher, Scott Murphy, Janet Sale, and Luis Solares. Thank you to everyone who has generously given of your time and money to make our annual Gala a success! Get excited for 2012!!