

Alameda Deanery Report

The Alameda Deanery includes fifteen Parishes and Missions as follows:

All Souls, Berkeley, Christ Church Alameda, Christ the Lord Pinole, Good Shepherd Berkeley, Holy Trinity/ La Santisima Richmond, Our Saviour Oakland, Sacred Spaces East Bay, St Albans Albany, St Augustine's Oakland, St Clements's Berkeley, St Cuthbert's Oakland, St James Oakland, St John's Oakland, St Mark's Berkeley and St Paul's Oakland.

During the course of 2014, three General Convocations of this Deanery were held:

March 13, at St Johns Parish in Oakland

June 12, at St Augustine's Parish in Oakland, and

September 11, at Good Shepherd Parish in Berkeley

The final Convocation for this Deanery is scheduled for December 13, 2014. Each of the convocations begins after opening prayers with a meditation usually by the host rector or vicar. Thereafter, the ordinary business of the deanery is reviewed and consented to by the assembled members. Then a program for the evening is offered. Most recently, this included a presentation of next year's Diocesan Budget and resolutions to be submitted at the Annual DioCal Convention. After general announcements have been made, each convocation was closed with prayer.

During this last year several Deanery-wide activities were accomplished. The most notable of these was the planning and development of a twenty-two minute video film that addressed how Alameda Deanery Congregations were addressing hunger issues. This project was developed, produced and provided by the clergy and people of St John's in Oakland. It proved to be an excellent vehicle that demonstrated how each of the deanery congregations provided sit-down meals, groceries bag lunches for day laborers; and how churches that did not have their own programs provided volunteers at the churches that did have programs and clients. Copies of the video are now being produced for use in the member churches.

Other Deanery-wide activities included participation in the Diocesan Task Force for Prevention of Gun Violence. This has included assembly of laity who witness and pray at sites where killings and wounding have occurred and ecumenical prayer walks each week in West and East Oakland. Another activity was a strong six year long Area Ministry between several parishes through membership and volunteering at the Faith Network of the East Bay, an interfaith group of twenty nine churches, mosques and synagogues, whose members teach second graders how to read in public schools in disadvantaged neighborhoods of Oakland, Berkeley, Hayward, and Richmond.

— Respectfully Submitted, The Rev Franklin Sterling
vice president and acting president