

San Francisco Deanery Report

During the last year, a great deal of energy has been spent in updating and improving the inner workings of the Deanery. The bylaws were rewritten to conform to the recommendations of the recent diocesan task force on deanery bylaw revision. A new bank account was set up under the diocese's Tax ID. The books were informally audited, resulting in changes to the deanery's accounting procedures. Our deanery Yahoo! group was brought up to date. And last but not least, a budget was approved for the first time in many years. While these procedural changes may not directly affect the mission of the Church, they reflect a serious view toward stewardship of the church's resources, and all those who contributed to these reforms should be commended for their efforts.

The San Francisco Deanery has also been diligent in maintaining its representation in the councils and committees of the greater Diocese. In the last year, we appointed or elected representatives to the Executive Council, the Disaster Preparedness Committee, the Congregational Development Committee, the Committee on Nominations, and the Official Youth Presence (OYP). Speaking of the OYP, the Deanery was quite proud of our youth representatives last year. They courageously and cogently expressed their views on social justice and stewardship of the environment. We look forward to hearing from this year's representatives!

The San Francisco Deanery has also worked in the last year to reach out to both the churched and the unchurched in the City of San Francisco. With the help of Grace Cathedral and the staff of DioHouse, the Deanery sponsored a successful Equipping the Beloved Community event, which we hope to do again in 2015. We heard presentations on welcoming families affected by autism and on combatting gun violence in the community. And finally, we gave out \$7500 in grants to support such ministries as food pantries, night ministry to the homeless, a shelter for the homeless, ministry to children, and a senior health program. It is fair to say that, despite the great effort put into procedural reform during the last year, the Deanery has shown a continuing commitment to ministry to the vulnerable people of the City of San Francisco.

— Respectfully submitted by the Rev. Darren Miner
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