

## San Francisco Deanery Report to Diocesan Convention 2015

This year the San Francisco Deanery spent less time on matters of administration and more on education, outreach, and mission. A successful Equipping the Beloved Community event was sponsored by the deanery and hosted by Grace Cathedral. Special thanks goes to the people of Grace and to the staff of DioHouse for all their hard work. For the first time in recent history the Deanery voted to give 0.7% of its income for the fulfillment of its Millennium Development Goal pledge. If all goes according to plan, this will be a part of every future budget. A representative of Episcopal Community Services offered a presentation on the work of ECS in San Francisco, and congregations in the deanery were encouraged to join forces with ECS to help advertise their important work. Another presentation was given by Mr. Budd MacKenzie, the founder of Trust in Education, an organization whose mission is to build schools in the villages of Afghanistan. The deanery enjoyed a slide show of before and after pictures of Afghan village schools. It is amazing how far a dollar goes in Afghanistan! Finally, as is its long-standing custom, the Deanery distributed \$8000 in funds to support such ministries as a food pantry, a seniors program, a children's summer camp, an alternative health center, and a hospital chaplaincy program. We hope to make a difference in the world.

The deanery has been diligent in maintaining its representation in the councils and committees of the diocese. In the last year, we dutifully 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. The deanery is extremely grateful to these good folks for their willingness to give so much of their time to the work of the church in this diocese.

Finally, the San Francisco Deanery hosted a barbecue and potluck at St. Aidan's. Several members of the deanery had asked for more opportunities for fellowship and fun. The event was a great success by every measure. Thanks to the folks at St. Aidan's who made this happen!

Respectfully submitted by the Rev. Darren Miner, president of the San Francisco Deanery