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MISSION TEAMS

MISSION THROUGH CONGREGATIONS

It was a year of change. We bade goodbye to the Rev. Dean Bard, welcomed the Rev. Lavern Rasmussen as his interim, and in December we were joined by the Rev. Virginia Price, newly appointed assistant to the bishop. Our team member, Dave Thompson from Grace, Hockessin, opted not to serve a second term. We welcomed back Gerry Grant and were pleased to add Gene Zaiser, from Tree of Life, Middletown, DE.

There was change as well in the mission forces. The Rev. Paul Collinson-Streng, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Greater Baltimore attended his last meeting in February prior to taking his new job as campus minister at the University of Texas/Austin. The Rev. Andrea Hagen-Arndt took his place as interim. The Rev. Patrick Downes assumed the leadership of the Youth Mission Force and presided over a thoughtful reorganization of the force, and Marta Wallace assisted on a part-time basis as youth event coordinator. The Rev. Karen Brau assumed the leadership of the Baltimore Urban and Regional Partnership.

Among the year's highlights was the fall Hunger Conference organized by the Rev. Mark Huffman with over 100 in attendance, the successful grant proposal from the Baltimore Urban and Regional Partnership to Diakon to support the work of several Baltimore area churches in feeding those in need, and a well-attended workshop on grant funding for churches.

The team strongly endorsed that the 100th anniversary of Lutheran Campus Ministry be noted and honored at the 2007 Synod Assembly, and thanks to the good work of the Rev. Beth Platz, it will be.

The team continues to support campus ministry, especially the successful new ministry at Morgan State, the ongoing work of evangelism, of youth ministry, and of all those ministries associated with the team. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the synod and the church.

Gary Kulik, team leader