

## Priest's Discretionary Fund Report...submitted by Cyndi Banks

The Guidelines for the Priest's Discretionary Fund (PDF) dictate that the Priest should report to the Vestry and to the Parish how these funds are expended in a general way. These Guidelines also dictate that the PDF should be reviewed annually by an Almoner. An Almoner did audit this fund for the period February 2004-January 2008 and reported to the Vestry year. We will follow this process again this year as a part of the complete audit of 2008.

St. Luke's is extraordinarily generous in funding the PDF and what follows is an accounting by category of how these funds have been spent. This report covers the time-frame from January 17, 2008 through April 20, 2009. As you will see, the balance in the fund is currently over \$9,500. The balance of this fund ebbs and flows. Sometimes it builds up only to be reduced by thousands quickly, like in the wake of a national disaster or in the case of skyrocketing heating bills in the winter. I deal with needs as they are presented to me and will go spans of time with few requests and then will have several within a week. This fund also enables me to help some of St. Luke's people obtain training to make them more effective in the ministries they offer through our Parish, and on occasion, to fund equipment or resources needed for our ministries. It also enables me to purchase items that we give on sacramental occasions, like Baptism and Confirmation, or to honor service, like with outgoing Vestry members or the service offered by Christian Formation leaders or our Choirs and Musicians.

The vast majority of funds are directed toward ministries to the poor, neglected, and those in crisis. I have been fortunate enough to establish a great working relationship with the caseworkers at New River Behavioral Health and Social Services, and they know they can call on me when a need comes up that is falling through the cracks everywhere else. The PDF also allows me to step in and assist families within our congregation when crises happen. I recently followed through on a commitment to fund the Deacon's Discretionary Fund (DDF) to allow our deacon, Greg Erickson, to fund similar needs. From time to time, I will transfer funds from the PDF to the DDF. This also enables Greg to respond to requests during my sabbatical. He will follow the same guidelines that I do, report out to you, just as I do, and his fund will be audited, just as mine is.

Thank you for your generosity in enabling me to extend your ministry to those in great need—what you enable is vastly important to those who receive it. I endeavor to be a good steward of all that you have entrusted to my care.

<b>Summary as of 4/20/09</b>		College Ministry/Care Packages	<b>311.39</b>
Starting Balance on 1/17/08	13,196.33	Transportation Assistance/Car Repair	<b>175.00</b>
Total Deposits--1/17/08-4/20/09	27,784.60	WE CAN	<b>4,000.00</b>
Total Expenditures--1/17/08-4/20/09	31,285.32	Conference and Training Assistance	<b>1,102.03</b>
<b>Ending Balance on 4/20/09</b>	<b>9,695.61</b>	Resources for Parish	<b>360.03</b>
		Equipment for Parish	<b>1,803.00</b>
<b>Summary</b>		Icons/BCP/Gifts	<b>355.55</b>
Utilities/Heating Assistance	<b>2,102.64</b>	Miscellaneous	<b>23.70</b>
Rent/Housing Assistance	<b>5,218.05</b>		
Prescriptions Assistance	<b>15.00</b>	<b>Total Expenditures 1/17/08-4/20/09</b>	<b>31,285.32</b>
Medical Assistance	<b>2,829.69</b>		
Living Assistance	<b>2,474.69</b>		
Burial Assistance	<b>674.94</b>		
Food Assistance	<b>55.00</b>		
Pastoral Care Assistance	<b>477.44</b>		
Deacon's Discretionary Fund	<b>6,000.00</b>		
Mission Support	<b>1,879.99</b>		
Mission Trip Support	<b>978.18</b>		
Youth Event Support	<b>449.00</b>		