

Saint Alban's Episcopal Church    Parish Status Report**1. Financial condition of the parish**

Please note that our financial year to date summary is attached, as is our 2005 year-end financial report.

**ASSETS:**

Our 2006 proposed budget is \$118,159 with approximately \$95,000.00 in pledges. Approximately 5-10% of our members do not pledge but give regularly. Between 30 and 60 people attend weekly services, while our most recent directory lists 128 individuals or families.

As of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2006, our Memorial Savings Fund has a balance of \$3,193. Our Building Fund is supported by a recent grant of \$15,000 from the Smullin Foundation. We are currently involved in remodeling classrooms, installing cabinets and upgrading furniture. As of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2006 the Smullin Fund balance is \$8,683.

Last year we raised \$1,132 for our outreach programs, primarily through rummage sales. We also provided meals and household supplies, making the actual donation much higher.

The Rector's Discretionary Fund has about \$600.00.

**LIABILITIES:**

We are about \$13,000 in arrears on our assessed contribution to the Northern California Diocese for 2005. We hope to use year-end savings to reduce this debt.

**CLERGY AND STAFF COMPENSATION:**

Total clergy compensation for the year in the amount of \$39,400 covers salary, housing allowance and health insurance for the outgoing fulltime rector and for our half-time interim rector (since March 1<sup>st</sup>).

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Our office staffing is shared by two parishioners who work a total of 18 hours per week at \$12.00/hour. They currently work Monday through Thursday for an annual cost of about \$7,488. Our organist is budgeted for \$2,700 this year; and our Sexton is budgeted for \$3,500.

**2. The congregation and clergy participation in diocesan life**

St. Alban's regularly sends elected delegates and their alternates to diocesan conventions and general meetings. In years past we have submitted resolutions.

Our work with the Diocesan Committee on Sexuality resulted in the publication of *Telling Our Stories*, a book of memoirs designed to improve understanding of sexual diversity.

We have advanced four persons from our congregation to clergy; two have become Deacons, two are called to the priesthood. There are always members of our congregation active in Education for Ministry (EFM).

We have a long tradition of leadership with Camp Living Waters, held each summer in Redwood Valley for youth from our deanery ages 8 to 18. The camp week concludes with "family camp" when the kids are joined by parents and siblings.

Our Outreach Committee incorporates UTO and ERD fund raising in our church school classes.

**3. Ongoing parish programs, relationship to neighboring congregations, the diocese and ecumenical relationships, community groups:**

In support and expansion of our ongoing parish programs we have four newly renovated rooms located off the parish hall. They are two classrooms, a chapel, and a storage room. We also have a nursery where children from infancy to age five are served on Sunday mornings.

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Working together with the Arcata Endeavor, an organization that serves the homeless, our building has been available for emergency shelter for the homeless during freezing weather. Throughout the year volunteers from our parish prepare meals for the Arcata Endeavor and Night Shelter. We have applied for acceptance as a Jubilee Church.

We currently have a Confirmation/Inquirers' Group meeting each Sunday.

Our Rite 13 youth group (11 and 12 year olds) meets regularly under the leadership of two adult co-directors. Our Journey to Adulthood group (teens) also meets regularly with two adult co-directors. The J2A group hopes to make a travel pilgrimage this year, destination TBA. We have recently had a sizable influx of youth, many of whom are also serving as acolytes.

Our Spiritual Forum is held between services from September through May and attracts both parishioners and community members. Topics and speakers are announced in church newsletters and in the local newspaper.

A number of our Lay Ministers conduct Sunday services in the neighboring town of Trinidad, 20 minutes to the North. Another Lay Minister conducts Morning Prayer on summer Sundays in Willow Creek, an hour east of St. Alban's. Our Eucharistic Visitors regularly visit parishioners who are unable to attend services.

Members of Havurah Shir Hadash a Jewish temple use our church facilities on Friday evenings and for special events as needed throughout the year.

The following groups meet regularly at St. Alban's: A Twelve Step program, Redwood Creek Preschool, and the Redwood Coast Children's Chorus.

We expect we may have some increased community use of our facility once we open our newly remodeled area.

**4. Ministry plans for the interim period**

Our interim rector is in the office Wednesday and Thursday mornings. He celebrates the Eucharist at least two Sundays per month. We have Morning Prayer other Sundays, and special services as required, led by our deacons and lay ministers.

We have worship and healing services on Tuesdays at 5pm which usually include the Holy Eucharist, celebrated by our interim rector.

We have a fulltime parish nurse who is available to parishioners who need nursing help and advice. Parishioners assist with home visits.

Our volunteer Music Director directs the choir, coordinates special music and produces annual programs/benefits on Shrove Tuesday and during the month of Advent.

The Angels are available as needed to prepare meals or give rides to parishioners in crisis. Although we no longer have an official Episcopal Church Women's group, we do have a very active, talented and dedicated group of women whose "food ministry" provides wonderful receptions and celebrations throughout the church year.

**5. Status of lay and clergy leadership in the parish including immediate goals or objectives:**

Church leadership is shared among our interim priest, our deacon, and our senior and junior wardens. In addition, we have an active Worship Committee that plans our services, and a Building Committee that oversees the remodeling.

We are participating in the Natural Church Development process and plan to meet soon with the Coach, Rev. Jeffrey Frost. Our Profile Committee and the congregation will be invited.

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We continue to struggle to support our programs and a full time rector. Extra costs associated with the calling process might require fund raising activities.

After sixteen years with the same rector we expect some challenges as we transition to a new rector.

(Signature page follows)

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