

## Jubilee Ministry

Jubilee Ministries was created by the 1982 General Convention of the Episcopal Church resolution A082 to be “a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society.” From this pledge to address Justice and Peace issues, more than 600 centers have been established over the intervening years across the United States, Central and South America, and Hong Kong. The Episcopal Church recognizes these centers as exemplary outreach programs. Our Diocese of West Missouri has seven Jubilee Centers: Episcopal Community Services, Kansas City, housed at St. Paul’s in K.C., KS; The Community Kitchen at 750 E. Paseo, having moved from Grace and Holy Trinity; the Parenting Life Skills Center in Springfield; the Hispanic Ministry at St. Nicholas, Noel; the Church Army in Branson; and the Necessity Pantry at St. Michael’s in Independence, and Grace's Grocery/Nourishing Neighbors at Grace Church, Liberty.

This year there were two grants offered to be applied for by October 1, 2011.

One was for \$1,000 to facilitate work in a parish or mission following the above criteria that may lead to that mission or parish being recognized as a Jubilee Ministry Center.

The other was for \$750 to promote health and nutrition in areas where access to fresh produce is limited. There are grants for 2012 to promote a summer reading program and a grant for a ABCD workshop both deadlines December 30, 2011.

These grants have been listed and offered several times in the E-Spirit. The response was light.

Your DJO was in attendance at the annual training session at the Diocese of Lexington Cathedral Domain Conference and Camp in the Appalachian Mountains. We had the opportunity to work among those living on Barnes Mountain painting a home, putting siding on a home, attaching a deck, etc. We also discussed strategies to better promote Jubilee Ministries through web sites, etc.

Jubilee Ministry still seems to be unknown to a great number of our Episcopalian members. I do hope we may better address this lack of knowledge in the months to come and continue to recognize the great work done by our parishes and missions in this Diocese of West Missouri.

Any congregation wishing to be recognized may apply for Jubilee Center status by contacting the DJO, The Rev. Larry Allen. The application now on line is sent to you, then filled out and returned to the DJO, signed by the Jubilee officer of this diocese and by the bishop of this diocese. The signature of the bishop is what designates a new center. Consider joining or expanding the work of Jubilee Ministries in your area.

Respectfully submitted, the Rev. Larry Allen