

Grand Valley Deanery
Annual Report to the Diocese
2008-2009

The ministry of the Grand Valley Deanery is to serve as a communication and support liaison for the 14 parishes (Belmont - Church of the Holy Spirit * Big Rapids - St. Andrew * Fremont - St. John * Grand Rapids - Grace * Grand Rapids - Grace Sudanese Grand Rapids - St. Andrew * Grand Rapids - St. Mark * Grand Rapids - St. Philip * Greenville - St. Paul * Ionia - St. John * Kentwood - Holy Cross * Mt. Pleasant - St. John * Newaygo - St. Mark * Wyoming - Holy Trinity) that make up the Grand Valley Deanery. Pamela Chapman and the Rev. Duncan Johnston have capably served as the Chair and Vice Chair these past 3 years. We utilize the Convocation meetings for sharing of parish activities, supporting one another in prayer and fellowship, providing grant funds as available for special needs and hearing information from Executive Council, the Diocese, and General Convention Deputies and forwarding same to our individual parishes.

In 2008-2009 term we changed our meeting schedule to 3 (2 preceding Convention and 1 in the fall) times during the year. This past February we elected the Rev. Laurel Dahill, Rector, St. Andrew's Big Rapids, Chair of the Deanery and Wes Hackett, Delegate from St. John the Apostle, Ionia as Vice-Chair for the coming term. In other business over the year the Deanery elected Wes Hackett in 2008, as Lay Representative to Executive Council, funded an Intern to conduct and complete a property survey for parishes in the Deanery as requested by Executive Council, and approved a tithe of all monies received to the Diocese of Western Michigan.

In 2009-2010, the Grand Valley Deanery hopes to be able to continue providing grant money that will benefit the Diocese, Deanery, and parishes, and serving as a means of communication and support between the parishes and the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Pamela Chapman, Deanery Chair
Rev. Duncan Johnston, Deanery Vice-Chair
Margaret Stretton, Secretary/Treasurer