

## Companion Diocese Committee

### 1. What are the highlights of your ministry since the 2010 Diocesan Convention?

Presentations regarding the Palapye Child Care Center project to various congregations and organizations.

Sub-committee established to identify goals for 2011.

Approximately \$19,000 collected since February 2011 (Total of more than \$60,000 now collected).

Steady work by Gosego Nthume in the Diocesan Office in Gaborone on land acquisition. She has been able to enlist the support of a Member of Parliament, and reports that progress is being made, although the government process is slow and somewhat complicated, and that reactions have been favorable. Bishop Mwamba and diocesan leaders support the project.

Mary Howe donated three paintings to be used for fund-raising for the Palapye project.

The ECW will do fund raisers to assist in furnishing various areas of the Center. Fr.

Andrew Mudereri of St. Peter's Day Care, Mogoditshane, has provided information about the kitchen appliances that will be needed.

Contact continued with the dioceses of North Carolina and Newcastle, England, who are also companions of Botswana.

Botswana Prayer Cycle in use in our diocese; a West Missouri Prayer Cycle has been sent to Botswana.

Special prayer requests between West Missouri and Botswana exchanged and honored.

Sandra Zarins (St. Alban's, Bolivar) has spent four months in Botswana, getting to know the people and helping in any way she can. She plans to return to Botswana in January after spending time back in the U.S.

Material prepared for up-dating the diocesan web site with information from Sandra.

### 2. Describe how these activities have furthered the work of the diocese and strengthened parishes and congregations. (Include the number of participants and/or people served.)

The Companion Diocese is a mission of the diocese. Activities described above and below are aimed at building relationships, families, and communities, bringing hope to God's children, and reaching across nations in fellowship, prayer, and support.

Learning and increased international awareness through presentations on the Palapye project made during the year to vestries or larger groups at St. Mary's (KC), St. Anne's (Lee's Summit), NERM (Chillicothe), All Saints' (KC), ECW, Trinity (Independence), diocesan youth and MissionPalooza, children at St. Anne's, and the Rotary Club in Independence.

Involvement in Ministry by those who have contributed or raised funds and by women and children who have made prayer bracelets for women and children in Botswana.

### 3. What are your plans for ministry in 2012?

A group trip to Botswana between April 29 and May 13, 2012

Providing supplementary food and school supplies to children of St. Mary

Magdalene(Palapye) and continued support of St. Peter's Day Care (Mogoditshane)

Active prayer circles

Increased collaboration and cooperation with North Carolina and Newcastle

4. How will you measure success in 2012?

Successful trip to Botswana (8 to 20 participants)

Increased interest in Palapye and increased contributions

\$10,000 for the year actually sent to OVC (Orphans and Vulnerable Children) through St. Mary Magdalene (Palapye) and St. Peter's (Mogoditshane)

Active prayer circles

5. How does your ministry reflect the promises made in the Baptismal Covenant (*The Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 304-05)?

The Companion Ministry strives to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” in the Companion Diocese, to “respect the dignity of all persons” in Palapye, and to help the Diocese and government of Botswana insure “justice” for children at St. Mary Magdalene in Palapye through sufficient food, decent living conditions, and opportunities for education.