

## **DEACON MEETING MINUTES**

**April 9, 2007**

**DEVOTIONAL:** Sheila Weiss read a prayer written by the French priest, Michel Quoist. Sheila said she finds the passage, found in the *Oxford Book of Prayer*, comforting when she is feeling overwhelmed.

**VAN BACKUP LOCATION CHANGE:** Sandy Calhoun reported that due to ongoing construction at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads the Goodwin House location will no longer be feasible for deacons to meet the church van. Instead, deacons should meet the church van at 10:35 am on Sundays at the Fountains of Washington House, 5100 Fillmore Avenue (off of Beauregard St.).

**UPDATES:** Karen reported on the staff retreat at Hallwood. Betsy Smith, member of the envisioning task force, reported that the task force has decided to hold two town hall meetings to discuss the questions generated at the retreat. The town hall meetings will be held Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am worship service and Monday, May 19, at 7:00 pm. Deacons should plan to attend at least one of the meetings.

Sheila Weiss reported that this years Rebuilding Together will take place on Saturday, April 27 at 217 Lynhaven Drive in Alexandria. Work will be done both inside and outside the house; contact Sheila if you are interested. Also on April 27 the Old Town Presbyterian Meeting House is having a "concert with a cause" at 3:00 pm that will benefit our joint orphanage project in Kenya. Also on April 27 will be a benefit concert at the Birchmere from noon-3:00 that will support local Alexandria charities.

**WESTMINSTER SHIFTS:** Karen reported on several staff shifts at Westminster that the Session will vote on April 23. Sandy Calhoun will be discontinuing her pastoral care ministry in June but will continue with the Westminster Travelers. Jill Ewell, a Westminster volunteer, will take on part of Sandy's pastoral care duties; the personnel committee is looking for a second part-time person to handle the rest of the duties. Karen will become associate pastor for spiritual formation and mission and Larry Hayward will lead the deacons in their pastoral care work.

**DEACON STEERING COMMITTEE:** Motions were made and seconded to nominate Carri Stolz as Deacon Moderator and Nancy Pitcher as Deacon Vice Moderator. Both motions were approved unanimously. Carri, Nancy, and Barbara Watts, secretary, will form the Deacon Steering Committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The deacons looked at home communion kits and discussed the mechanics of extended communion. The deacons divided into teams to discuss duties for next month. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer. The next deacon meeting will be Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm.