

EARTH MINISTRY MEETING

2/11/09

The Earth Ministry Group met on Feb. 11, 2009. Five members were present. Our discussion included:

1. The current line-item budget request of \$8,000.00 in light of the current financial situation of the parish, acknowledging that the proposed budget may not be approved, but hoping that there will be some funding for environmental improvements in the parish;
2. The reiterated request to replace the light fixtures in the meeting rooms with the far greater energy-efficient T-8 lamps (which will result in immediate energy savings for the parish);
3. The desire to celebrate Earth Day (April 22, 2009) on Sunday, April 19, with an Earth Day Fair in the Narthex featuring environmental education as well as a sale of donated earth-friendly items, the proceeds of which would be put toward increasing St. Michael's stewardship of the earth, per EM recommendations;
4. The organization of a weekend work day organizing the parish to come out and work on projects both within the building and on the grounds to increase St. Michael's stewardship of the earth;
5. Recommending that the Vestry approve the use of any funds collected from the sale of Bishop's Blend coffees to upgrade the wiring and outlets in the Parish Hall for parish events;
6. Posting on the EM bulletin board a list of upcoming Earth Day events in the area;
7. Including an Earth Ministry Group update in the upcoming Messenger newsletter to the parish.