

OUTREACH UPDATE

Charlie Shanks brought up an interesting perspective on how we currently do outreach. He noted we have a much decentralized way of reaching out. We need to decide if that's the mother of necessity or is that how we really want to be. I can't make that decision; if I had a committee I might make it with them. It's food for thought, but maybe not right now (I probably won't make this meeting). We are currently doing (at least) the following: Glendover family, Prison Ministry (Rupert, do you really feel that is better grouped with pastoral care?), Reading Camp, driving for Moveable Feast, VA Bingo, Project Linus, Spare change Sundays and PAWS (I don't even know what that is).

Right now, I see my role as organization, facilitating, consolidating, and formalization. I will know more when I have the response to my St. Michael's Matters announcement. Mtr. Joan and I also have discussed projects being done within your current group, e.g. choir might want to undertake something during the summer. I have plenty of ideas floating around my brain; I just need to translate that into useful action.

Also discussed was the idea of "staged giving" to Outreach via the budget. Perhaps we go public with a stated goal of 1% of the 2010 budget going to Outreach, with the idea that be increased 1-2% per year over the next five years.

Let me know your questions, concerns and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

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