

**THE CATHEDRAL DOMAIN
REPORT TO THE 114TH CONVENTION
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON**

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MISSION STATEMENT:

THE CATHEDRAL DOMAIN IS A CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A FACILITY AND ATMOSPHERE THAT PROMOTES SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, RECREATION, RELAXATION, AND EDUCATION IN A CHRIST CENTERED ENVIRONMENT.

2009 ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Accreditation by the American Camp Association (ACA).
- ACA “Volunteer of the Year” Award: Chris Vogel
- ACA “Camp Staff of the Year” Award: Joey Jasperson
Cathedral Domain volunteers and staffers received two (2) of the four (4) awards given.
- Safety First Award given by Markel Insurance Company
- Rita Durbin retired after 41 years of dedicated service. She was honored during the St. George’s Day Eucharist in April, 2009.
- The Spring Festival / Saint George’s Day raised over \$6,372 not including rental fees with 175 lunch tickets sold.
- State Highway sign installed at the intersection of State Hwy 52 and State Hwy 1571 indicating the direction for The Cathedral Domain.
- A Handbook of Responsibilities and Duties for Board Members was developed.
- Pool Renovation Appeal raised \$81,899
- Thanksgiving/Year End Appeal raised \$6,535
- Overall camp attendance decreased slightly to 420, which is down 2.5%. Camp sessions were attended by campers from ten (10) different states: KY, OH, VA, IL, IN, WI, NJ, TN, SC and NC. 136 were first time campers and 41 listed no church affiliation.
- Total number of guests for 2009 was 6,197.

- An Environmental Educator from Mammoth Cave did a study of our cave. Found that the cave is a nurse colony, which means there are not many bats in residence in the summer; they come for the winter months. The Educator taught the steps needed to help prevent White Nose Disease. Were given “cave-specific” programs to use for educational tools.
- Using the Master List of Repairs/Maintenance Needs for Domain Facilities repairs to the most critical areas/items were completed.

Tasks Completed in 2009

1. Repaired rotten fascia and soffit, added attic vents, painted exterior and interior of Nature Center with funds from the BP “Fabric of America” Grant.
 2. Total renovation of the swimming pool and pump house completed to meet the federally mandated Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.
 3. Constructed new switchbacks to the pool from both sides of camp with funding provided by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Trinity, Covington.
 4. Windows installed in the Conference Center restrooms.
 5. Reconstructed roof on covered walkway between Dining Hall and Great Hall
 6. Installed rollers and repaired kitchen cabinets and food line for ease of cleaning
 7. Completed emergency repairs on 2” waterline under Abbot, water pump house valves and the walk-in freezer.
 8. Repaired rotten floor in Conference Center under ice machine
 9. Installed sliding locks on the bedrooms in Browning as well as hair dryers in each bathroom.
- The Episcopal Church Women of The Diocese of Lexington have agreed to donate money from The Rt. Rev. William Robert Moody Fund for The Cathedral Domain to construct a new playground. Additional funding will be needed to complete this project.
 - The Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED) “Forest Opportunities Initiative” program involving carbon credits was researched as a possible source of future funds. This project has been tabled at this time.
 - The Domain Liaisons from each congregation have been named to help improve communication between The Domain and the churches.
 - “The Advocate” has printed articles and pictures about The Cathedral Domain more frequently in 2009.

2009 CHALLENGES:

- Canon 27, adopted by the 112th Convention, charges the Camps and Conferences Board with the responsibility “to develop, plan and implement a financially sustainable ministry” for The Cathedral Domain “subject to the advice and consent of the Bishop and Executive Council.” (Canon 27.08)
- The Cathedral Domain continues using money from its “endowment” fund to meet operating expenses and pay the difference left on the pool renovation.
- For 97 years no child has been denied the camp experience because of the inability to pay. Requests for full or partial camp scholarships increased in 2009.
- Paint for the renovated pool failed and was refunded to the Cathedral Domain from the manufacturer. Due to the incorrect formula the pool will have to be repainted in spring of 2010.
- The Board has researched/explored possible new funding sources:
 1. Lear Oil Corporation for possible oil and natural gas leases.
 2. MACED “Forest Opportunity Initiatives Program (see above).

3. Steele Reese Grant to fund supplies for Camp Jim Bickford denied; Keeneland Foundation and Kentucky Colonels grant requests were not funded.

4. Café Press sales on the Internet were established.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2010:

- Increase number of summer camp sessions at The Domain as well as a modest increase in camp fees.
- Increase use of The Domain by congregations in the Diocese and secular groups.
- Pursue additional funding sources
 1. A capital campaign to benefit the Endowment Fund of The Cathedral Domain.
 2. Resubmit Grants: Steele-Reese Foundation \$5,000 for Camp Jim Bickford equipment, Kentucky Colonels, Keeneland Foundation.
 3. Explore possibility of United Thank Offering (UTO) Grant.
- Research Web Hosting to improve Internet capability for communication and marketing.

Respectfully submitted,
The Cathedral Domain Camps and Conferences Board,
Nathan Churchill, Chair