

Finance Committee

Whether the committee was presented with an opportunity to validate the expense of the Bishop's interim action to remove a fallen tree, assisting one of our parishes with the renewal of a substantial line of credit, signing off on contractual involvements for a variety of needs, or rendering financial insight for a multi-million dollar capital campaign, the committee has functioned with foresight and unparalleled financial expertise. The members of the committee, including the Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, James Harrison, Doug Smith, Marilyn Arensberg, Michael Bilger, Richard Briscoe, Dudley Davis, Molitor Ford, George Johnson, Robbie McKinney, and Mollie Newman, bring a breadth of experience which would be envied by any organization as an advisory group of financial professionals. I am honored to be a part of such an insightful group.

As we look to 2008, we see our role as Bishop and Council's preliminary review group of all things financial, and Program, Budget, and Finance Committee's second step of filtration for the Diocesan Budget (before B&C action) filled with opportunities. We are fully aware that money matters will always present challenges, but God gives us what we need - not necessarily what we want.

With the eminent challenges before us, we are confident there are equal (or greater) rewards to come in 2008.