

RECONCILIATION TIMELINE



1968 – 1979 Rev. Joseph Lewis Brown, 1st Rector

Summer, 1968 – Bishop Everett Holland Jones, Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas, envisions a parish church on or adjacent to the St. Mary's Hall new campus with the Rev. Joseph Brown.

December 24, 1968 – With newspaper articles heralding the event, the Northeast Episcopal Mission gathers in the Assembly Hall of St. Mary's Hall at 11PM on Christmas Eve for the inaugural service with 100 attendees. Regular services continued at St. Mary's Hall until June 1974.

December 27, 1968 – To satisfy canonical requirements, at 5:30PM, a group from the Northeast Episcopal Mission go to Cathedral House to formally petition Bishop Jones to establish a mission in northeast San Antonio. The Articles of Petition are signed creating a mission named Church of Reconciliation, the name inspired by the Taize Community in France.

“In adopting the name Reconciliation, the parish had to decide whether they would be called “The Reconciliation” or “Reconciliation.” They decided on the latter as it would be more inclusive: reconciliation between God and man; between spouses, between parent and child; different ideologies; among varying races; governments, etc.” Rev. Brown

January 14, 1969 – The Bishop's Committee, appointed by Bishop Jones, holds its first meeting at Bill and Mary Helen Tassos's Barn Door Restaurant. Mr. Georges His is appointed Senior Warden; Mrs. Robert Biechlin, Secretary and Mrs. Sam Willis, Treasurer. Early meetings including some services (Wednesdays during Lent) and Every Member Canvas Drive suppers would continue for several years at the Barn Door Restaurant.

“I was ready to play for the first service at St. Mary's Hall but a dear woman who had known Joe, either from St. Marks or St. Lukes volunteered to play, so, we gave her that honor. But, yes, from then on I played for the services in the St. Mary's Hall Chapel. We began in 1968 so I continued playing there and in the Barracks on the present location. I can see the face of that first pianist and am praying her name will come later!” Fondly, Stella Brown

Early, 1969 – Rector Joe Brown provides a *Vision for Reconciliation* to “grow the church to 600 members in a sanctuary seating 400.”

February 1970 - Reconciliation becomes a parish. After having the church office in the rector's home in 1969 the parish rents space on Nacogdoches Road with volunteers assisting in the office. Vestry meetings are held in the rector's home until the parish acquires the Barracks.

1970 - House Churches form.

“House Church – division of our parish into five geographical groups, was according to sections of the city where our members live. These groups have monthly meetings, usually potluck suppers, for fellowship, prayer, projects, and sometimes study, in members’ homes. The House Church is the structure for pastoral care in time of illness or grief, and is also the vehicle for parish-wide instant communication. This is the chief means to incorporate new members into a deeper fellowship with people they know in an ongoing, friendship “in Christ.” Rev. Brown

1970 - Second Sunday services begin.

“The parish was committed to being open to new forms of worship and new ways of expressing the Gospel. We were the first parish in the diocese to willingly use and provide feedback on the trial liturgies, which have resulted in the present liturgy adopted by the church and the one we use now. Every SECOND SUNDAY, the rector gave up his sermon time to parishioners and we had plays, dialogue sermons, readings, liturgical dancers and music like the Jazz Mass.” Janet Flohr

“While at St. Mary’s Hall we began to try some of the new forms of worship and the Second Sundays became the time set aside for the parishioners to try these new forms of expression. We had the Liturgical dancers with our own Joanna Lee who at that time was teaching contemporary dance at Our Lady of the Lake University.” Stella Brown

1970 - REC arranges for blood donations with the Southwest Regional Blood Bank.

1971-1973 – Janet Flohr, Parish Secretary

1972- 1973 – The Sites Location Committee acquires 5 acres at Barrington and Starcrest Avenues for a cost of \$72,500.

“ While at St Mary’s Hall, Joe had an idea that we might be able to build our new church on an unused portion of the grounds at St Mary’s Hall, which was near the entrance to the school and at his request, I contacted Betty Coates, an old friend from my Museum of Art days who I believe was then Chairwoman of the St Mary Hall Board. Betty was the wife of a very successful and wealthy oil operator; George Coates. After talking with her, I realized that she was Roman Catholic and not interested in establishing an Episcopal church on St Mary’s Hall grounds. However, she did offer to help us purchase the nearby 5-acre site on Starcrest that we now have. She said that the Episcopal students could easily walk to our site for services. She came through and we bought the 5 acres.” George His

1973- First confirmation held in the front yard of Joe and Stella Brown’s home. Don Ferguson’s son Mark is among those confirmed.

1973 - Landscape Committee is formed to help guide in the creation of our outside sacred spaces.

"Another group of parishioners who were very important to us in those early years were a group of retired Colonels. They were our Yard Maintenance Crew. Most of them were WWII and Korean heroes and now heroes to us. There was a popular group at this time calling themselves "The Athletes for Christ" so the rector borrowing from them called our yardmen "The Colonels for Christ." They were Bud Storrs, Carl Weinmiester, Herb Macia (a Doolittle Raider) and Gil Gillespie. Dr. John (Jack) Matthews was also a member of this dedicated group of men. The women gardeners were: Lois Gillespie, Jan Riley, Betty Storrs, Betty Trail and Ruby Weinmiester, and of course many, many other helpers." Stella Brown

1973 - The Building Committee is charged to determine what the parish wanted to "say architecturally." Carl Strating chairs the committee. The architectural firm of Ford, Powell and Carson is hired to build the sanctuary. The Staff ... Boone Powell, Project Architect; Chris Carson, Site Manager; Bill Evans, Project Manager. (Bill is later married in the sanctuary.)

"We met and selected Boone Powell with O'Neill Ford's firm to be our architect and began meeting with him at Sally Buchanan's restaurant on the Riverwalk to get some ideas together. Boone made a lot of drawings on the restaurant paper napkins and he introduced us to the church in the round concept, the circle being the symbol of reconciliation." Georges His

"There was total agreement that the church is people and not brick and mortar. The building was a tool to express our theological thrust in a culture in its death throes. If ours was to be an incarnational, innovative, and agapeic community, then the building should be designed that would express in-the-world involvement, that would lend itself to the expression of both verbal and non-verbal communication, and that would carry a horizontal dimension of interpersonal relationships. Vietnam, energy crisis, Watergate. disillusionment of the youth, soaring inflation, rampant permissiveness, the breakdown of the traditional authority structures ---- this is the context in which we must speak." Rev. Brown

Additional Comments Regarding the Sanctuary Design:

"Although the design of our church seems very modern, it is actually borrowed from the Renaissance who borrowed it from ancient Greek temples. Michelangelo's plans for the new St Peter's church in Rome were a grander version of our church! He didn't live to see his plan completed and changed so radically by his successor. The heart of our church is the circle, symbolic of eternity and God's perfection. This circle is superimposed on a square, a geometric form symbolic of the highest attainments of mankind." Rev. Brown

1973 - The Ecclesiastical Arts Committee is created and charged with the interior design and furnishings.

“A roof over our heads meant we had to think about the interior furnishings and accouterments --- alter, pulpit, prayer desks, credence table, altar appointments. An Ecclesiastical Arts Committee went to work. A design of a rainbow was accepted for the needlepoint kneelers around our circular sanctuary, and members enlisted Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish women to sew. It seemed that in beauty shops, in doctors’ offices, late at night while watching Johnny Carson, the needle-pointers did their thing – and what beautiful work it was! A harmonious whole must emerge out of architecture, furniture, color, and ecclesiastical expression. No small job!” Rev. Brown

Reflections regarding Ecclesiastical Arts by Janet Flohr and Stella Brown:

“Artists: Our church has attracted many talented creative people who have shared their gifts. I’m sure I will overlook some, but this is my recollection.

KNEELERS: The design of the rainbow as a symbol of reconciliation as it was for Noah after the flood, was arrived at by group discussions with the rector on theology, Martha Williams (Mrs. Frank) undertook the canvas painting. She was a member of the church and had been involved with other church needlepoint commissions. Sara Matthews (Mrs. John) lined up volunteers and met with them weekly at a needlepoint shop to make sure their work was accepted to doing a professional job. It was an Ecumenical project with many cushions being needle pointed by representatives of major Christian churches and the Jewish community. 75 women worked on the kneelers. The initials of each contributor are woven into the back of the cushions.

BACK WALL: That great empty space has been a blank canvas for various artists. Each season of the Church year an appropriate painting, banner or hanging is displayed. During Advent a linen diptych by an Irish artist and gift to our church sits on the back table against the wall. During Lent a hanging by Tinka (Mrs. Lewis) Tarver is shown. Tinka also designed red panels used during Pentecost. Janet Flohr designed a three part hanging for Good Friday. The Easter banner as well as the Christmas banners were designed and made by a sewing group composed of members of the church. Ken Jewesson designed an Epiphany triptych. Sarah Dunckel designed an all-green with beads hanging entitled “Rain” used in the Season of Pentecost- ordinary time.

OTHER FURNISHINGS: Jan Atkins made the ceramic panel, which is in the North Narthex where the baptismal font formerly stood. Margaret Pace Wilson designed and executed the processional cross, Bruce Flohr and Peter Maddox made the Paschal candleholder and Bruce made the Advent candleholder. Janet Flohr made all the candles. George His made the wooden processional cross used by the Sunday School. Jo Ellen (Mrs. Allison) Burgwin had the idea of making the communion rail itself the Advent wreath.

VESTMENTS and LINENS: The Fair Linens for the altar were for the most part embroidered and hemmed by members of the church. Tinka Tarver made the purple and one set of white vestments and altar hangings. Janet Flohr made the blue and the green ones and she and Tinka collaborated on the red ones and the first white set.

PIVOTAL PEOPLE: Joe Brown, founding rector, had the vision to see the need for new forms and structures, and the personal magnetism to draw the talents and funds to make this church happen. Joanna Lee and Tinka Tarver were the leaders of the liturgical dancers. Jo Ellen Burgwin was the producer and sometime author of all dramatic presentations. Peter Kline wrote some of the music for our productions. When this church was built, the property was an untamed mass of weeds, trees and brush. The early members who turned it into a place of beauty were Gil and Lois Gillespie, Fred and Jan Riley and Betty Trail among many others too numerous to list.

1974 - Vestry: Mr. George His, Mr. Robert Morrison, Mrs. Arthur Stieren, Mrs. Larry Wingerter

1974 - Experimental Liturgies are introduced

Summer, 1974 - St. Mary's Hall informs Reconciliation they cannot afford to provide AC during the summer months. Rev. Joe Brown finds an old army barracks in pieces on jacks on the access road to Loop 410. He asks Carl Strating, Chair of the Building Committee, for his opinion regarding the acquisition of the barracks. Carl replied that he did not think it would be a good investment. Joe tells Carl, "Too late, I have already purchased it." The cost \$2500 enabled the church move the structure. The buildings are hauled across open fields to its current site.

June 2, 1974 - Pentecost Sunday, REC celebrated its first service in the Barracks. With no AC, the dress code was relaxed and that informality continued going forward.

"Our barracks has been many things to many people. Several hundred enlisted men probably remember that barrack with varying degrees of nostalgia or aversion. One does not have to be too much of an old timer at Reconciliation to remember the barracks with great affection as our worship center in the summer of 1974." Stella Brown

"Early in 1974 a committee met to plan the design of our kneelers: namely Janet Flohr, Tinka Tarver, Jan Atkins and Martha Williams. They did not want to have symbolic religious design but a design that would be representative of our name, Reconciliation. They met and were told to take a few weeks and meditate on a theme and meet back to compile their ideas. Each one had incorporated the rainbow into her design! It might be of interest to know that the gold and white lines passing through each kneeler represents God traveling through us and touching all things and all people. Even the church secretary, Nancy Weichert who was also a member of the church, was needle pointing one day and the rector asked her if she would take a letter and type it for him. She replied, "Which is more important, the kneeler or your letter?" He replied, "The kneeler," and the story is that he typed his own letter." Stella Brown

November 24, 1974 - Bishop Harold Gosnell dedicates the first service in the Sanctuary. Corey West serves as one of the acolytes. The Sanctuary was completed at the cost of \$382,000.

1974 - Tinka Tarver creates several paraments and various paintings.

1975 - Vestry: Mr. Kemper Diehl, Mr. Hall Hammond, Mr. Peter Kline and Mr. Carl Strating

November 9, 1975 - The REC Chancel Players present a Second Sunday service with Joanna Lee, Mac Biggs, Carolyn Seals, Allison Burgwin, Karen Campbell, Jonathan Morse and musical arrangements by Peter Kline.

1976 - Vestry: Mr. Walter Bain, Col. H.W. Gillespie, Mr. Wilber Wood and Mrs. Allison Burgwin

Rector: The Rev. Joseph Brown

Parish Secretary: Nancy Weichert

Altar Commission Chairman: Mrs. Louis Hodgson

Parish Committees with Chairs: Finance: Georges His

Evangelism: Bob Morrison

LAGS: H.W. Gillespie

Youth: Bob Morrison

Building: Carl Strating

Christian Ed: Jo Ellen Burgwin

Hospitality: Marge Wingerter

Landscaping: Jan Riley

Ecclesiastical Arts: Barbara Stieren

1976 - Rector creates the Long Range Planning Committee.

1976 - Parish makes the Barracks available for use by the Marymount chapters of A.A. and Overeaters Anonymous.

June 1977 – January 1979 - David Lee Barr, Associate Rector

1977 - Courtyard becomes a Memorial Garden for the scattering of ashes.

January 27, 1978 – David Barr ordained to the priesthood.

1978 - Joe Brown retires as rector due to illness.

Nov. 12, 1978 Sunday Bulletin **“How Do We Find a Rector?”**

WELCOME - This morning The Rt. Rev. Everett H. Jones will be our guest preacher. We extend our warmest welcome to Bishop Jones whose dreams and vision laid the groundwork for our Church of Reconciliation.

HOW DO WE FIND A RECTOR? – The following members of the parish are working together to search out the very best candidate to be our new rector: Gil and Lois

Gillespie, Mary Alice Macia and Herb Macia, Lisa Robinson, Pat and Hall Hammond, Janet and Bruce Flohr, Bob and Carol Jones, Gayle Wilson, Allison and Jo Ellen Burgin.

Hopefully you will feel that someone on the list is your personal representative. Our desire is to speak for all the parish in our recommendation to your vestry.

OUR 1979 EVERY-MEMBER CANVAS – has begun and of the 55 pledges turned in we have gotten off to a great start with \$46,800 pledged. Please keep those pledge cards coming in. Everyone with an income within the church is asked to give a proportionate gift.

December 1978 – April 1979 Retired Bishop Harold Gosnell serves as Interim Rector.

1979 - 1996 Rev. Sam Todd, 2nd Rector

April 5, 1979 - Rev. Sam Todd installed as 2nd Rector.

April 6, 1979 - Rev. Joe Brown died early the morning after Rev. Todd's installation.

Fall, 1979 - Rev. Todd introduces and begins sending parishioners to Cursillo.

"I had made my Cursillo (#41 I believe) while on staff at Christ Church. I promoted it when I got to Rec. Many of our parish leaders went to it." Rev. Todd

"Doug mentioned the huge emphasis on Cursillo; that led to a lot of people wanting spiritual direction, to hosting Ultreya for the city and to many people serving on teams. A critical mass of parishioners were following the Cursillo rule of life, and so we could speak of rule of life and have a context for it." Mary Earle

Lent, 1979 - Lenten dinners were served in the Barracks until Brown Hall was completed in 1986.

1979 - Parish adopts the Revised Book of Common Prayer (1979).

1980 - Rev. Christopher Ashmore begins as Associate Rector.

"I believe Rec was the last church founded during Bishop Jones' episcopate. He had hoped we would be St. Mary's Hall's chapel and their classrooms would be our Sunday School rooms. That did not work out. But the headmistress of SMH and I jointly hired Kip Ashmore who was their chaplain and my associate simultaneously during 1980-1981. Also our adult classes did use their classrooms on Sundays (our kids were in the barracks) and SMH had their graduation at Rec. But soon (Sep 81?) we were able to afford Kip full time. But we were allowed to have adult classes at SMH until we built Brown Hall and our adult education building." Rev. Todd

"K-Lou and I came to Reconciliation on July 1, 1980. It was a joint arrangement with Saint Mary's Hall, and I believe the time division was 3/5 at Reconciliation and 2/5 at SMH. I served under Fr. Sam Todd until the Sunday after Easter, 1983. K-Lou remained

through the conclusion of the school year to work with the Youth Group (EYC back then).” Rev. Ashmore

April 20, 1980 - Meredith Jones is baptized using the new Silver Baptismal Shell.

“Over the following two years, Sam Todd and the community helped Doug and me discern a call to the priesthood. While I delayed entering the process for various reasons, I bring this up because it says something about the community's ability to see the embodiment of the gospel in new ways. Betty Trail and others kept telling us that we both had vocations to the priestly life. And this was in 1980!!” Rev. Mary Earle

1981 - Purchase of small self-contained tracker pipe organ made possible by Georges His.

1982 - Building Committee formed to plan facilities for the Long Range Goals under leadership of Bob Bridwell.

1982 - Abbie McLennan becomes the 1st female senior warden in the Diocese of West Texas.

“Another very dear story from those early days: our younger son Jason was two when we transferred. At the time, we were still doing Morning Prayer every other week, so he knew the canticle "The First Song of Isaiah," ("Surely it is God who saves me...."). One day, we were sitting on the porch of the Barracks, and Stella Brown came walking toward us from the church. Jason stood up, pointed at Stella and said, "Behold, an inhabitant of Zion!" ” Rev. Mary Earle

November 11, 1982 - Dr. Charles Brown presents a concert for the dedication of the Visser-Rowland organ.

1982 – Responding to refugee needs and under the leadership of Bruce and Janet Flohr, REC assisted in the fostering of 5 members and the Przewodek Polish family.

1983 - Christopher Ashmore resigns to become the rector of a new church serving the far Northwest San Antonio.

1983 - Rev. Mark Bigley begins as Associate Rector.

April 1984 – Rev. Todd presents *The Future of Our Church* envisioning a campus with new buildings.

June 1984 – Rev. Doug Earle is the first to be ordained to the diaconate at Reconciliation.

1985 - Joan West visits with Sam Todd investigating the formation of the REC Singles Group.

“Joe Brown had wanted his new mission to avoid being divided up into age and sex specific guilds and groups as established churches like Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi were. Hence the Lay Activity Groups, which were to include all ages and which, among them, were to do the work of the parish. For example, we did not have a women’s group. I was reluctant to have a Singles Group for this reason but Joan talked me into it. Some of the singles group married, e.g. Joan and Gordon, They did not want to drop out of the group; so it became a “Singles/Mingles Group”. Rev. Todd

1985 - Master Plan completed by the Building Committee. Vestry engages Frank Welch as a consultant. He is a colleague of O’Neil Ford whose firm built the sanctuary.

1986- REC’s 2nd Capital Campaign commits to the construction of a parish hall and children’s center. \$600,000 pledged, \$600,000 borrowed

September 14, 1986 – Bishop Scott Field Bailey dedicates Brown Hall and Children’s Center.

1986 - Breakfast Teams serve meals in the new Brown Hall.

1989- Bob Chism joins the staff as Organist and Choirmaster.

December 24, 1989 The choir presents Benjamin Britten’s “A Ceremony of Carols.”

1990 – Rev. Mark Bigley resigns as Associate Rector, taking a call in Wyoming.

Summer 1990 - Rev. Mary Earle begins as Associate Rector

“In 1989-1990 I was serving as the dean of students and chaplain at TMI. We were living in Pleasanton, and Doug was in charge of All Saints and St. Matthias in Devine. Bishop Earl MacArthur called Doug to become the coordinator for college ministry for the diocese and the San Antonio college missionary. So, we moved to San Antonio in March 1990. Several months later, Mark Bigley took a call in Wyoming. Sam and the vestry invited me to come to Reconciliation. I started late in the summer of 1990, and my portfolio included youth ministry, adult ed and pastoral care.”

“I inherited a thriving youth program, thanks to Mark Bigley and to a strong cadre of lay ministers: Cheryl Walthour, Frank and Mary Cole, Marilyn Graham, Judy and Mike Gray. Cheryl handled almost all of the scheduling and communication. She was amazing, and the kids loved her. I offered program and pastoral care and presence. Both of our kids, Bryan and Jason, were involved with the youth groups. There were so many high school age kids, that they would sit in folding chairs against the south windows and fill every seat. We had a blessed glut of high school kids, and they kept inviting their friends. It was not unusual to have 20-30 kids in church at the later service. They served in a variety of ways as well.” Rev. Mary Earle

“One thing should be mentioned about the Youth presence. Reconciliation had never been a neighborhood church, one that drew from one or two close by neighborhoods. It always had, and celebrated, the diversity of membership from all over the city. (the names of the House Churches reflected that). In terms of Youth, it also meant that the youth went to many different Junior and High Schools. Anyone who works with youth knows you have to have a critical mass of youth on which to build. It just so happened that there was a unusually large group that came from Alamo Heights and MacArthur that knew each other. That was the core on which the group built and built. It was an anomaly, in many ways, and was like a huge bubble rising slowly to the top over a 5 or 6 year period. As Mary mentioned, when it burst due to graduations, there was a decline in attendance, not just from them but from their parents.” Rev. Doug Earle

February 1990 - Building Committee formed to explore the construction of the Administrative and Adult Education Buildings.

1990s – Anne Leyden leads Grace and Grief, a group mainly for widowed women but open for anyone experiencing grief.

April 1992- 3rd Capital Campaign introduced for Administrative and Adult Education Buildings. The campaign includes a parking lot expansion, remodeling on campus and a \$77,600 pledge to the Diocesan Development Fund. The Campaign ultimately receives pledges of \$485,000 over 4 years.

“Sylvia Maddox can confirm this, but I think we were also offering quiet days at least twice a year. I did some. Sylvia did some. We had outside speakers come in. There was an explicit desire for times of deep contemplative silence (as you no doubt know, one downside of that beautiful sanctuary is that there's very little transition space like a narthex, so anyone desiring silence is not likely to find it.)

It occurs to me that this is a good vehicle for emphasizing Sylvia's contributions during those years. She had received a masters in spirituality from Oblate, and was trained as an educator. Her contributions, both in the parish and the diocese, were singularly important. She crafted our first communion curriculum, which was very experiential and a delight for kids and families.

We had an amazing staff, and we were all hard workers (one day we figured out we were all first born children and therefore tended toward over-responsibility!).” Rev. Mary Earle

“I wanted us to offer three adult courses each term: one for the heart (prayer, spirituality), one for the mind and one for the will (ethics or how to live the Xian life) because that replicated the Cursillo Rule of Life of Piety, Study and Action. That in turn replicated Jesus’ command to love God with all one’s heart, all one’s mind and all one’s strength.” Rev. Todd

May 1992 - Barracks renovated.

"Around '92 Rabbi Barry Block and I served on a committee together for a Witte Museum exhibit on Rescuers of the Holocaust. We became friends; I invited him to talk to my Wed. afternoon Bible study. Then senior Rabbi Sam Stahl asked me to preach at Temple Beth El. Then Barry came to teach on a Sunday morning about pilgrimage in Jewish tradition, as part of a Sun. morning class on pilgrimage that Sylvia Maddox and I were offering. That led to Sam Todd inviting Sam Stahl to preach at Rec. I remember that Rabbi Stahl got a standing ovation, in part because he spoke so movingly about marriage equality (and this would have been in '94!).

"All of this culminated in a Lenten event in which members of Temple Beth El and members of Reconciliation met together each Wed. night, alternating campuses. Clergy from temple and from Rec. spoke about God, sin, redemption and other topics. We had dinner before the lectures and the Q and A. It was one of the best things I've ever been a part of." Rev. Mary Earle

1993 – The Water Feature added to the Courtyard.

August 29, 1993 - Bishop McArthur dedicates the new Administrative and Adult Ed Center.

"When I was on staff, a very important dimension of parish life was liturgy, music and worship. Sam Todd did have a gift for observing the liturgical year. We spent a lot of time in staff meeting (with organist Bob Chism) choosing music that linked to lessons, and seeking to find ways to allow people to travel the mystery of the liturgical year. I remember one Advent when Janet Flohr did a fine presentation, using slides, to help us reflect on the Annunciation. She had put together many slides of art works, and asked us to attend to the wings of the angels--color, shape, size, etc. Then we did an art response that focused on wings. It was quite lovely." Rev. Mary Earle

1994 - Rev. Jane Patterson begins as Assistant Rector.

"The diocese asked each parish to begin using a curriculum to discuss human sexuality. There were a few personalities who were very, very difficult to deal with as we had these discussions. One of them was actually verbally and physically violent with me, telling me it was "women clergy who brought those homosexuals in." In other words, Rec. began to have some tearing of the fabric of community, just as happened in other congregations." Rev. Mary Earle

1995 - Rev. Doug Earle begins as Assistant Rector

Rev. Mary Earle resigns as Associate Rector

Rev. Jane Sneed Lancaster is ordained at REC by Bishop MacNaughton and then joins the staff as Assistant Rector.

Bob Chism, Director of Music (89-95) moves to Arlington.

Dr. Thomas Lee joins staff as Director of Music ('96-00).

1996 – A fire damages the Barracks. Remodeling costs \$30,000 and is paid for by insurance.

“Some of my happiest memories are of the Jazz Mass with Jim Cullum (who was a member of the parish) and the festival that was held on the grounds afterwards. It was one of the most exuberant and lively celebrations of that community. Over time, the traditional organizers died off, and the festival was halted during the time I was on staff.

*“I also loved **house church**, both as a lay person, and then later when I was on staff. It too, had to finally be put away because it had outlived its fruitfulness. It was, however, for many years, a fine vehicle for knowing others in the parish, for studying together and for bringing newcomers along.*

*“When I was on staff, we had phenomenally rich Sunday morning **adult education** offerings, often taught and/or facilitated by laity. We used a frame for curriculum of offering something for head, something for heart, something for will. So, on any given Sunday, a person could go to a class on 12 step spirituality, on the history of the church in the US or on how to be involved with Habitat for Humanity. For around a decade of Sam's time at Rec., adult ed was a main strength of the parish. We also offered Wed. afternoon and Wed. evening Bible classes, which I usually taught. Sylvia Maddox, Annis Marshall and others were also beefing up the children's Sunday school and doing some very creative things.*

*“There was also an ongoing emphasis on **outreach**, especially Habitat for Humanity. Parishioners were also involved with the SA Crop Walk, The Battered Women's Shelter, SAMM and CAM, Good Samaritan Center and other outreach ministries. My experience of the congregation has been a steady care for outreach.” Rev. Mary Earle*

April 1996 – Rev. Sam Todd resigns after 17 years as rector.

1996 - 1997 Rev. Doug Earle, Interim Rector

April 1996 – Rev. Doug Earle becomes Interim Rector.

1996 -1997 - James V. Spickard, Professor University of Redlands, receives a grant to study Reconciliation for the “ Spiritually Vital Episcopal Congregations Project sponsored by Hartford Seminary and the Trinity Grants Board.

“Prior to my time, Doug Earle, had begun leading an innovative, contemplative Eucharist service with Taize’ chant on the first Sunday of the month. The service included a period of silence for contemplative prayer. Jane Patterson and I developed this service so that, each month, the scriptural and non-scriptural readings, and the music were organized around a theme. Sometimes these themes coincided with special events or holidays, such as the Fourth of July or All Saints Day. Jane put her graphic arts background to use by designing attractive worship booklets for each service.” Rev. MacColl

1997 - 2001 Rev. Craig MacColl, 3rd Rector

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1997 - Centering Prayer Ministry begins

Craig MacColl notes: "When I arrived at Reconciliation I sensed that there was probably strong interest in contemplative prayer, but I was totally surprised when 40 people showed up the first night. We divided the group in half due to the large number. Although the numbers dwindled over the next 6 months, a smaller group of 10-15 people continued to meet for the next four years and beyond. At some point, I turned over leadership of the Centering Prayer ministry to Dr. Chase Robinson and a group of centering prayer devotees, who used Thomas Keating's videotapes for the program portion of the meetings. I was proud of Reconciliation's role in helping to bring Rev. Keating to San Antonio in 1990, when over 1,000 people met for a weekend conference at St. Mary's University."

1997 – 1999 - Serna After-School Program develops.

*During this period significant efforts were made to develop the **Serna After-School Program** for neighborhood children who mostly lived in the Section 8 apartments north and south of the church. Surita Wyatt had originally been the driving force for this project, but, as her health declined, other volunteers stepped in. Our first challenge was to form a board made up of parishioners and neighborhood representatives. The program struggled due to the shortage of volunteers from the congregation. Over the previous 10 years Reconciliation had become a "magnet" parish, drawing people from all over the city and the suburbs who were seeking the unique culture that had been created there. But this often made it difficult for parishioners to get involved in a local, neighborhood outreach ministry. Another challenge was a lack of collaboration with the Serna School administration. While the school supported our efforts, I believe they saw our after-school program to be in competition with a program they were running. Rev. MacColl*

1997-1998 - Louise Gray's \$385,000 bequest is used to reduce debit.

Spring 1998 - Janet Flohr creates slide show of Reconciliation's history for a 30th anniversary event in Brown Hall.

Holy Week 1998 – Rev. MacColl introduces the "Altar of Repose" on Maundy Thursday. In the space that had been designed as a baptistry, Altar Guild members created a "garden-like" setting with votive candles and flowers that had been purchased for Easter decorations. During the night, following the Maundy Thursday liturgy, parishioners were invited to sign up to pray for 30 – 60 minute periods in this space. Some parishioners preferred to continue the practice of praying in the main sanctuary space before Janet Flohr's Good Friday painting. Rev. MacColl also introduced the practice of creating

Stations of the Cross Procession in the courtyard in the late afternoon of Good Friday, with previously selected parishioners sharing brief meditations at each station.

December 1998 - Rev. Craig and Ann MacColl introduce the “Advent Party” as an intergenerational evening of food, crafts and fellowship.

1998 -99 - Rev. MacColl introduces Reconciliation to the DOC program, a 20 week adult education program, developed at the Episcopal seminary in Sewanee, Tennessee.

“During this time, Reconciliation’s Sunday School program struggled with a decline in attendance. Over the previous 2 years, a number of families with young children left the congregation or participated infrequently. Parishioners Alice and Phil Heeg provide leadership to stimulate spiritual education for children using Godly Play Sunday School program.” Rev. MacColl

January 28, 1999- Phyllis Kline writes an essay: *The Music of Reconciliation “Making a Joyful Noise unto the Lord.”*

1999 - Labyrinth Ministry begins under the leadership of Dr. Chase Robinson.

2000 – Ben Nelson begins as Youth Director.

2000 -Tom Lee resigns as Choir Director.

“ Even though, thanks to the Louise Gray bequest, Reconciliation was able to reduce its indebtedness, decline in membership began to impact the church’s operating budget. Unfortunately, this necessitated cuts in music staff salaries, leading to the resignation of Dr. Tom Lee, our very talented Organist, Choir Director. Following Dr. Lee’s departure, Cindy Barbier was hired as part-time Organist and Choir Director.” Rev. MacColl

2000 - Reconciliation begins to develop its web site. Parishioner and graphic artist, Patsy Sasek, works with Rev. MacColl to develop a new logo for the church. Dow Patterson, Rev. Jane’s husband (also a talented artist) creates a pen and ink drawing of the courtyard water feature, that is used for the web site home page.

2000 - MISSION STATEMENT: Sharing the reconciling love of Jesus Christ, Celebrating our diverse spiritual journeys, Reaching out to our neighbors and to the world.

2000- A NOTE TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome children at Reconciliation! One of our ushers can help you find children’s books and activity books that are located in both entrances. A rocking chair is in the south narthex for parents who wish to rock a fussy infant or toddler. Children who are under two years of age are invited to stay in the nursery and can be brought into the service to have Communion with their families. Having children with us during the service is important for them as they learn the habits of prayer and worship. Children who

have a hard time sitting still during the service can be taken to one of the entryways or outside for a “breather”.

March 2000 - Sylvia Maddox and Rev. Mary Earle discuss their book *Praying with the Celtic Saints*.

Advent 2000 Activities -

Book Fair, Library Guild

Inner City Development Christmas Toy Sale

Children's Sunday School Christmas Pageant, Leaders include: Alice Heeg and Annis Marshall

Angel Tree Program, Outreach and Family Life Commissions

April 2000 - Rummage Sale with the proceeds for Outreach Ministries.

April 2001 - *Art and Prayer: A Spring Pilgrimage*. This retreat investigates the relationship between art and prayer on location in the Lost Canyon in the hill country. Hosts are Tom and Judy Taylor, Edwin and Pasty Sasek.

“I would research the history of the Jazz Mass at Reconciliation. This was a significant community event and was done in conjunction with an art fair. Jim Cullum, of “Riverwalk Jazz” fame had been a parishioner and he brought his Dixieland jazz band. Since Cullum was no longer a parishioner, and the bulk of the money raised by the art fair went to pay the musicians for this event, I felt that we needed to take a break from this event.” Rev. MacColl

“A tradition that went by the wayside during my tenure was the annual parish retreat at Laity Lodge. Unfortunately, when I arrived, no one told me about this and when I was finally contacted we weren't able to get on their schedule. I believe this was an important event for people.” Rev. MacColl

2000-2001 - Reconciliation introduces the Journey to Adulthood program, under the leadership of parishioner Alan Arata-Maiers.

Parishioners Alice and Phil Heeg provide leadership for the introduction of the Godly Play children's Sunday School program.

January 2001- Rev. Jane Patterson resigns.

“I had worked alone with no staff or church office for 11 years in Oregon prior to coming to Rec. I must mention how blessed I was to have Jane as my assistant for a short time. This was one of the highlights of my 35 years of parish ministry. We were a great team and I deeply value her friendship and support.” Rev. MacColl

May 2001 - “O.W.L.S.” Formerly the Seniors' Group begins. O.W.L.S. stands for “Older, Wiser, Learned Seniors.”

June 2001 - Labyrinth Walk in Brown Hall honoring all fathers and Rev. Craig MacColl, and commemorating The International Day of Peace. Music presented by SAVAE (San Antonio Vocal Arts Ensemble) initiated by Patsy and Edwin Sasek.

July 1, 2001 – Independence Day Celebration including a parade and piñata, pot luck luncheon, homemade ice cream, and music by the Reconciliation Band. Following the Parish Independence Day Picnic, the Youth go to the SAMM Shelter to play with the children there, followed by swimming at Regency Swim Club.

August 2001- Rev. MacColl resigns.

2001 – 2002 Rev. David Wendel, Interim Rector

October 2001 – October 2002 - Rev. David Wendel serves as Interim Rector.

December 1, 2001 – Habitat for Humanity House blessing. The Habitat house built by the diocese is turned over to the homeowner in a house blessing ceremony. Reconcilers who worked on the house include Bill Schiller, Carl Strating, Bill Swann, Craig MacColl, Michael Gray, Billy Groos, Grover Jackson, Maureen Leach and others.

December 2, 2001 – 3rd Annual Advent Party.

December 7, 2001 – O.W.L.S. attend Trinity University Christmas Concert.

2002 - Election of Gene Robinson, first gay Bishop in Episcopal Church; Rec's support upsets some parishioners.

January 6, 2002 – Ben Nelson Jr. gives sermon. Ben is in his final year at St. Luke's School of Theology, Sewanee, Tennessee. Before going to seminary he was the Youth Director at Reconciliation and our parish is sponsoring him in his endeavors to become a priest.

January 11, 2002 - Small Group Meetings begin with the purpose of developing a Parish Profile to be used in the search for a new rector.

April 2002 - The Reconciliation Talent Show. The Youth group organizes an all parish first ever Reconciliation Talent Show. The evening includes dinner, fellowship, and fun. Leaders include Alan Arata-Maiers and Bill Swann.

“When Craig McCall submitted his resignation, Bishop Folts recommended there be no change in the makeup of the Vestry during the search process for a new Rector. That action caused all of us as Vestry members to commit ourselves to four-year service terms, not the traditional three-year terms.

Next came our search process, led by Liz Newhouse. Again, the hard work, prayer and dedicated spirit of the Search Team resulted in the “best fit”, bringing Robert, Julie, Seth and Sam Woody to our Church of Reconciliation. In the interim, David Wendel led us in our own healing and Reconciliation. It has been a truly uplifting period where all of us

have demonstrated our love for each other, our own Church of Reconciliation, and for our larger Church institution.” Bruce Flohr, Senior Warden 2002-2003

2002 – 2019 Rev. Robert Woody, 4th Rector

October 2002 - Rev. Robert Woody accepts the call and becomes Reconciliation's 4th Rector.

“After thirty-five years, the work of the Arts and Memorials Commission has principally settled into the routine of using the artwork the Church of Reconciliation has acquired over time to mark the changing of the seasons throughout the church year. The concentrated activity takes place from Advent through Pentecost followed by the six-month lull of Ordinary Time.

One long-held dream of several parishioners has been to have a proper bell to announce the beginning of services. Thanks to Bruce Flohr, we have a wonderful railroad bell; and thanks to Bill Orr we now have people to fabricate the structure to hold the bell, then put it in the ground. We definitely will have a bigger bell to ring sometime in 2004. The money in place to fund this effort has been in place for several years.” Sally Buchanan

September 2003 - New shades are installed in Brown Hall.

October 2003 - AC replaced in Brown Hall

December 2003 – There is a surplus of more than \$14,000 at the end of 2003.

*“As 2003 began, we were finishing up our “meet the rector” visits and lunches, giving me a chance to get to know you personally, and for you to get to know me. But quickly we moved into a new phase where the focus shifted to me getting to know you **as a parish family**, and you getting to know me as a visionary leader. Together we began to set a direction for moving into the future to which we sense God is calling us. In my installation sermon on January 22, I shared my growing sense of who we are as a parish family, and how my leadership connects with Reconciliation's past, current reality and future. Two priorities were obviously supported by a general consensus of the parish when I arrived, based on prior planning and the rector search process: (1) renew our Youth Program, and (2) increase our attendance, especially from younger adults and young families. We have made significant progress this year in both areas.” Rev Robert Woody*

2003 - Choir director, Barbara Murphy, and organist, Kristin Roach, complete their second year as music ministers at Reconciliation. Instrumentalists from the parish contribute to our worship services throughout the year and include: Penny Compton, Jennifer Fuller, Karen Kline, Phyllis Kline, Peter Kline, and Scott Seely. Assisting at the piano were parishioners Kaye Judson and Cassandra Keeling.

2003 - Ten youth confirmed lead by the direction of Julie Woody and Carol Westerkom. They include the following: Rachel Arata-Maiers, Laura Beeson, Adrian Branch, Kaye

Judson, Kyle McClure, Clayton Swann, Stewart Swann, Mary Katherine Szustak, Jonnell Williams, and Seth Woody.

2004 - 2nd Sundays with creative artist and others preparing presentations in lieu of traditional sermons, which began with Rev. Joe Brown, are revived.

2004 – Two projectors are installed in the Sanctuary to use Power Point programming to project Sunday services, prayers and announcements.

“This video installation had been a dream of Rev. Joe Brown, but technology of the time was inadequate. The dream was finally realized.” Janet Flohr

July 2004 – The Bell Tower is completed with a bell from an old railroad locomotive donated by Bruce Flohr.

September 2004 – Parish holds a Family Retreat at Camp Capers.

October 2004 – The Outdoor Labyrinth is designed by Randy Rogers and Matt Stevens of Blue Heron Designs, Inc. and Specialty Concrete.

2004 – The Vestry establishes the Reconciliation Endowment Fund.

2005 – Rev. Robert re-introduces Children’s Sermons.

January 2005 – REC celebrates its first Recovery Sunday, believed to be the first service of this type in the Diocese.

February 2005 – A new sound system is installed in the Sanctuary and in Brown Hall.

April 2005 - Contractors make significant repairs to the walkways, parapets and brickwork on campus.

May 22, 2005 – The parish celebrates Sunday service with a Jazz Band.

July 2005 – Through a grant and the leadership of REC artist volunteers led by Patsy Sasek, a summer art program invites children from the neighborhood to experience and learn about the arts. The program is Breakfast with the Arts.

Summer 2005 – Seminarian Judith Alexis from Haiti joins REC’s staff.

January 2006 – Greg Richards joins the staff as Minister to Youth and Community.

“Greg Richards joined us as our Minister to Youth and Families. Greg’s impact on our youth and our whole parish family, with his relational, teaching and preaching skills and his vibrant faith, has been beyond our expectations or dreams. In June, Abby Richards joined our staff part-time as our Godly Play Coordinator and Newcomers Coordinator,

bringing lots of creativity and organizational skills, and engaging warmth to those ministries.” Rev. Robert Woody

February 2006- Vestry approves a new vision statement: “A welcoming community living the reconciling love of Christ.”

Summer 2006 – Seminarian Amy Moenke joins the staff.

September 2006 - Geoffrey Waite begins as Interim Organist. Abby Richards begins as Newcomer Ministry and Godly Play Coordinator working with Annis Marshall, who served as Director of Children’s Ministry until January 2010.

“Looking back on 2006, I will remember it as the year that “Renewal” really began to take root in the Life of our faith community. Many of the fields we had plowed and seeds we had planted in the past few years began to yield fruit.

“For example, for several years we have been taking little steps toward integrating children and youth into our regular worship. Three years ago we started calling the services on the 1st Sunday of the month, “Family Services” with children’s sermons and occasionally the children’s choir. Two years ago we changed the time of Godly Play to 9:15 am and initiated Children’s Chapel, so that children could be a part of every service, with children’s sermons every Sunday, and the children’s choir as a regular part of our worship. Now, when I ask members what the favorite or most meaningful part of our regular Sunday worship is, you often say the children’s sermons or that moment when I invite the children to come forward and suddenly they seem to appear from everywhere running and tumbling towards the altar area. Two years ago we began to occasionally have children and youth serve as lectors to read the Scripture lessons; now they are included in our regular schedule.” Rev. Robert Wood

2006 - O.W.L.S. group announces a new leadership team, consisting of Jimisu Stuckey, David Ferguson, Joe Smith, Saradell Crawford and Anne Ferguson.

“Second Sunday Presentations in 2006 included the paintings of Clay McGaughy, a longtime friend of Reconciliation, Recovery Sunday from our Recovery Ministries team, two “cowboy” stories from Art Kirby, the Passion Narrative on Palm Sunday illustrated by classical artists, Youth Sunday, a home-grown Jazz Mass featuring many of our own musicians, a “Family” Instructed Eucharist, a Hymn Sing and Advent Lessons & Carols from our choir, the All Saints presentation of James Reigle telling the story of the founding of Reconciliation through the eyes of a newcomer, and a Hunger Sunday sponsored by our Bread for the World Team. On behalf of the parish I want to thank not only the presenters for these special worship experiences, but also our staff, and especially Priscilla, Barbara, Kristin, Geoff and Esther who do all the extra work and planning necessary to make our “2nd Sundays” unique and powerful worship experiences.” Rev. Robert Woody

November 2006 - A Reconciliation member offers to repair the main parking lot as their 2007 pledge.

December 2006 - New outside lights with motion-detector are installed by the kitchen, entry of Brown Hall and at the southeast corner of the Sanctuary.

"Thanks to team members Gordon West, Carl Srating, Paul Conly, Bill Schiller, Jerry Corso, Pegi Mill, Gerry Bezaire, Carol Gothard, Bill Swann, Michael Gentry, Christie Smith, Jerry Bingham, Michael Gray, and Brian Huddleston; to Anne Ferguson for her care of the bell tower garden; to Janice Kaiser for her care of the garden near the back parking area; to Suzanne Wade for providing lunch on spring and fall work days; and to all who helped on the work days." Jan and Fred Riley

December 2006 – REC hosts Alternative Gift Campaign which is believed to be unique within the Diocese.

2006 - Katrina Relief Effort. The parish assists two families. For one of the families, which has 3 young children, we assisted with some medical concerns and reliable transportation. Both families relocated. Special thanks to all the parishioners who helped with this effort, especially Marise Melson, Ken Strickland, Fred Bock, Hall Hammond, Liz Newhouse, and Rick Kenney.

2007 - Capital Campaign to revive the campus receives \$930,000 in pledges.

2007 – The Outdoor Labyrinth begins.

2007 - Cancer Support Group forms led by Abbie McLennan.

June 2007 - Seminarian Matthew Wise joins the staff.

September 2007 - The Gay Lesbian Episcopal Fellowship of San Antonio holds a potluck dinner meeting at Reconciliation.

"There is evidence of Renewal everywhere: the year-round welcome and peace of the outdoor chapel and labyrinth, the new face of the sanctuary and the kitchen in Brown Hall, as well as so many other little bits of renewal throughout the campus. I am especially grateful to Bill Swann, Christie Smith, and James Reigle – the leaders of our Renewal Action Team – for making Reconciliation's Renewal a reality!" Melaine Christenson

"Thanks to the incredible generosity and vision of our faith community and friends, and the steady leadership of Renewal Action Team and vestry, we are seeing the fruits of renewal breaking out all over our campus and in our life and ministry. Our faith community quickly responded to our ambitious goal presented in March of 2007 of raising \$1 million dollars over a three years period, and by the end of 2007, we had received pledges totaling \$930,000! By the end of the year we had also received

contributions of over \$450,000.” Liz Newhouse & John Szurek, Chairs Renewal Campaign

“Choir director, Barbara Murphy Frank, and organist, Geoffrey Waite, continue as music ministers at Reconciliation! Both shared their talents in performing and planning music that enhanced and supported the worship experience. These collaborative efforts have provided powerful ‘Second Sunday’ worship experiences for this congregation. The ‘Trinity Jazz Project’, Tina Karagulian’s September presentation, and ‘Lessons and Carols’ were some of the highlights of 2007.” Barbara Murphy Frank, Choir Director

2008 - Exploratory work begins on installing solar panles under the direction to Hal Hammond.

2008 – The Outdoor Chapel and Labyrinth completed.

2008 – REC creates and trains a Liturgy Commission and Diverse Worship Team, made up of lay members, to help plan seasonal liturgies and Second Sundays

2008 – A new sign is installed at corner of Starcrest and Barrington.

June 2008 -Rev Matt Wise joins the staff as Assistant Rector.

June 2008 - Second Sunday presentation features the Kairos Prison Ministry.

June 2008 – REC celebrates service with a Jazz Mass.

Summer 2008 – The newly renovated Administration Building has an Open House.

September 2008 - Rev Matt Wise initiates First Fridays a social gathering of young adults.

September 2008 - Sylvia Maddox is an enthusiastic leader for a class from Sept. 14 to the end of October called “Return to the Center: Claiming the Heart of Christian Spirituality.” Her classes were excellent preparation for a November city-wide workshop here at Reconciliation led by Phillip Newell, author and spiritual leader. The workshop entitled, “One: The Spirit, The Earth, and The Human Soul.” Bobby Maloy

August 2008 - Cindy Sanchez joins the staff as Organist and Choir Director.

"Sam Gilliam and Matt Wise lovingly kindled the deep readers within all of us, helping us to find the 'meeting place' between our own bodies and voices, and God's voice within the Word. It was wonderful to have the class culminate in a Lessons and Carols service that was moving to congregation and lectors alike." Pat Booker

November 2008 - Phillip Newell, author and spiritual leader, conducts a city-wide workshop at Reconciliation. The workshop is entitled, "One: The Spirit, The Earth, and The Human Soul."

December 2008 - Sam Gilliam performs a Second Sunday service entitled *The Visitation*.

December 12, 2008 – REC celebrates 40th Anniversary. Rev. Matthew Wise is ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Gary Lillibridge as part of the celebration.

"As I think back on 2008, what excites me most is that our renewed commitment to being intentional about the ministry of reconciliation has begun to bear visible fruit and is pointing us towards even greater possibilities in the future. We witnessed and celebrated many reconciliation experiences for our members, from long-awaited weddings to anniversaries of sobriety. To better equip us as reconcilers, we studied together the core values of faith-based reconciliation in our Lenten Study. A group of Reconcilers has served as a major catalyst and energizing force for the organization of the first anti-racism training in our Diocese in May of 2008, and the formation of a Diocesan Reconciliation Commission to carry on this work. And perhaps most powerfully, this community has been a place of reconciliation and unwavering support for a member who made serious mistakes and as a result is walking a difficult path through our judicial and penal systems. This simple witness to the power of reconciliation continues to reverberate in this community and the wider community in ways that we may never fully appreciate." Rev Robert Woody

January 2009 – The choir acknowledges Black History Month and the anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr. with a combined worship service at St. Phillip's Episcopal.

2009 - Adult Bible Study classes begin under the direction of Rev. Matt Wise which are later led by Greg Richards.

2009 – Rev. Woody takes sabbatical in Rwanda and focuses on the reconciliation effects between Hutu and Tutsi.

March 2009 - The Texas Bach Choir combines with the Choir for Sunday service.

2009 - Rev. Wise becomes Associate Rector.

"In my absence, with the strong support of our stewards and vestry, Matt came into his own as a priest and leader of this faith community. When I returned it was clear that we could no longer be "rector" and "assistant." We are now partners in leadership; and I am deeply blessed and privileged to share this responsibility and opportunity with Matt." Rev Robert Woody

"One of the reasons Robert felt confident in leaving us for four months was because of his trust and faith in Matt's ability to carry the full load of leadership. That faith was not misplaced. Matt preached superbly, lead the Vestry through financial thickets, visited the

sick, comforted the dying and incarcerated, lived through the audit, started up the First Friday young adults group and attracted many new young families. He even raised funds for a suitcase full of deflated soccer balls with pumps that Julie carried to Rwanda making the Woodys by far the most popular visitors ever.” Janet Flohr, Senior Steward

October 2009 – Reconciliation’s Cursillo Commission led by Joe Straube serves on the host diocese logistics team for the National Episcopal Cursillo Conference held in San Antonio.

November 2009 - Solar panels installation begins.

2009 - Lisa Mason performs fieldwork at Reconciliation before being called to St. David’s San Antonio as assistant rector.

January 2010 - Greg Richards resigns as Youth Minister to become Director of College Missions with the Diocese of West Texas. Abby Richards becomes Director of Youth and Children Ministries.

2010 – Missional Movement is introduced to Reconciliation, shifting a big part of our focus to connecting with and serving our very diverse neighborhood.

2010 – Reconciliation is instrumental in the formation of a Neighborhood Coalition.

2010 - RMI Friends (Reaching Maximum Independence) becomes part of REC’s campus and faith community. RMI is an organization that assists individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to reach their maximum level of independence.

February 2010 – Reconciliation begins taking a group to Big Bend to study the Big Book of Creation. This tradition continues every year through 2019.

2011 - At Rev Robert Woody's request, Lilas Harvey became the chairperson to activate Prayer Teams for our Sunday morning services. Lilas has had 30 years experience in the Order of St. Luke, a non-denominational healing ministry started by Ira Banks and Agnes Sanford.

2011- Reconciliation becomes the first church in San Antonio to install Solar Panels.

‘Since the early 1980’s the Matthew 25 Team of Church of Reconciliation has been volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Society to feed the homeless in Bexar County. Once a month, every third Sunday of the month, we volunteer at the new Haven for Hope homeless shelter. On January 15th of this year, we helped feed over 320 souls. We are named for the scripture from Matthew “...for I was hungry and you gave me food.” Among those who volunteer are; Christie Smith, Bill Swann, Sylvia and Peter Maddox, Pegi Mill, Sally and Bob Buchanan, Sally Scurlock, Gilbert Garcia, Priscilla Coppock, Julie Woody, Melody Ann Rutledge, and others.” Bill Schiller

2011 – The parish begins the Appreciative Inquiry Visioning Process with leadership by Larry Winn.

Summer 2011 – Reconciliation serves the children of Serna Elementary, hosting a Summer Enrichment program. The program is staffed and run by Jeff Price, principal of Serna and four dedicated teachers giving their time to teach kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Over 50 Reconcilers volunteer. Additionally, the San Antonio Food Bank is enrolled to feed the children for the six-week program.

2011 – 2018 Sam Carter Gilliam creates a series of one-woman performances as Mrs. Barrington. Her first, entitled “Abundance,” is performed at Reconciliation. In 2011 she performs “Fertile Soil” at the DWTX Council and in 2012 at Council she presents “Abiding Joy.” In 2018 at the Diocesan Council she performed “Woman at the Well.”

February 2011 – A summit meeting is held with the parish community to report on interviews taken for the Appreciative Inquiry.

2011 – Security lighting and cameras are installed on campus.

2012 – Reconciliation initiates Same Sex Blessing conversations in the parish that is expanded to include sister parishes.

“So now we begin 2012 with the challenges and opportunities of many great transitions. We have renewed our Vision and named our Strategic Priorities to make that vision a reality. But now we have to make those dreams and plans a reality. We have a new leaner staff structure that will require greater leadership and participation from the parish, and challenging transition for me as rector, for Matt in his shared ministry, and for the rest of our staff, vestry and lay leaders. The opportunities for life-changing ministries in our partnerships with Serna Elementary, RMI and our Neighborhood Coalition will continue to multiply. We cannot do it all by ourselves. That is why our vision is to be “catalysts and connectors unleashing God’s abundance” not just in our own faith community, but throughout our neighborhood and city so that we can do our part to “bless and transform ourselves, our neighborhood and our world.” Rev Robert Woody

March-December 2012 – Rev. Wise becomes part time at REC, St. Marks and the Workshop. He resigns at the end of 2012 to become Chaplain at Texas A&M.

2012 - Larry Wynn leads the parish in an Appreciative Inquiry process to help us revise our Mission, Vision and Values and to set priorities developed through our Missional Movement focus.

2012 – Reconciliation begins the Serna Summer Enrichments Program.

2012 – The fencing on South Boundary opens up both as a practical and symbolic gesture to invite neighbors into campus.

2012 A basketball court with exterior lighting is built for the neighborhood youth in the back parking lot.

2012 Sanctuary windows are tinted to help conserve energy.

2012 – Barrington Neighbors, a non-profit outreach organization to serve the neighbor, is created.

2012 – Diverse Worship leads the parish in Recovery Sunday Service followed by another service on Pentecost.

2012 - A Community Garden is created on the side of Brown Hall and between the apartments under the leadership of Steve Behr, Garden Steward.

2013 – Reconciliation began collaborating with St. David's, Resurrection, and St. Matthews in our Holy Week services, including artistic Stations of the Cross.

"The Community Garden. The Oaks/Rec community garden is a year and a half old and doing well. We have 32 garden plots now. There are about 27 gardeners in our community garden program. Each has their own garden, or in a couple of cases they have two gardens. We have gardeners from Oaks Apartments, Reconciliation and the surrounding community. Even though we have not had rain of any consequence since around Christmas, we still have 900 gallons of water in our rain water collection tank. Our final Green Spaces grant money was used for 7 stone benches on that path as well as 4 wooden benches near the playground and the gardens providing a nice community gathering place. Thanks to Mayra Martinez, Steve Gilliam and the Reconciliation Art Fund for garden mural. Finally, we have been approached by Serna Elementary School to help them set up 10 new gardens at Serna for the kids of the school to learn gardening." Garden steward, Steve Behr

2013 – Under the leadership of Jim Chandler, Reconciliation joins in the Open Table ministry. Our community joins the St David's community to fill two tables of 10-12 volunteers to support homeless graduates from Haven for Hope on a weekly basis for the coming year.

2013 - Reconciliation leads facilitated conversations on blessing of same-sex unions with other parishes.

2013 – Greg Richards leads weekly Wednesday Bible Study.

March 2013 - Maundy Thursday Lenten Dinner and Service is offered under the leadership of the Diverse Worship Team at St. David's Church.

March 2013 – Bill Swann is named Director of Staff & Administration.

Fall 2013 – Rev Bill Allport teaches a new class for individuals interested in serving on the Liturgy and Diverse Worship Teams.

Summer 2013 - Parish replaces the AC in Brown Hall.

August 2013 – Susan Stanley becomes Financial Officer.

2013 –Neighborhood Coalition led by Reconciliation creates a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. (Later to become Barrington Neighbors.)

December 2013 – Choir sings at the Army Retirement Community.

2014 – The Diverse Worship Team coordinates additional services: “Hands and Feet,” written by Elizabeth Cave, and Mother’s Day Service.

2014 – Church of Reconciliation leads facilitated conversations at Diocesan Council on blessing of same-sex unions.

September 2014 – The first Season of Creation is celebrated at Reconciliation focusing on environment and God’s creatures, and has continued every year since.

“We introduced the Seasons of Creation which was held for 4 Sundays in September and the first Sunday in October (St Francis Day). This season started in the Episcopal tradition several years ago, and now has spread to other denominations. In it we focus on God as creator and our creative responses. Special music was written for the occasion, we had a Refrigerator Art shows of kid's drawings (over 200), pot luck featuring our various cultures, new altar weavings in gold to reflect the season, blessing of the animals, visit by Eve to tell the true story of what happened in Eden, sermons on trees, water and wilderness, liturgies written especially for this season, special music, poetry written and read by poets of the congregation, bible studies on creation and our response, and a lot more. Many people expressed appreciation for this season of reflection and we will have one again this September, with added emphasis on what we can do to care for God's creation.” Sam Gilliam

2014 - Mrs. Barrington (Sam Gilliam) does a video for DWTX Council to facilitate conversations surrounding same sex blessings. Reconciliation leads the Diocese in conversations.

2014 – Joy McGaugh is named as part-time Executive Director for Barrington Neighbors.

2014 – Bequest from Polly Mitchell’s estate allows for significant repairs and service maintenance.

“This year was also a wonderful year of “growth” for our parish, not only in terms of new members, but in an increased diversity in ages and cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds. We have been blessed with many new younger families. We have more

youth, adults and families from the neighborhood participating in worship and other activities at Rec. We continued to be blessed with a diversity of retired clergy from the Episcopal and other traditions, who are making significant contributions to our pastoral care, worship and ministries.” Rev Robert Woody

2014 – The Community Garden Team coordinates the installation of gravel walkways on campus. 10 stone benches designed and crafted by Steve Behr are placed along the trail.

2015 – Reconciliation participates with other faith communities in creating the San Antonio Sponsoring Committee, a community organizing group to help faith-based communities collaborate with each other in serving their neighborhoods and our city.

“As events in our country brought into focus the reality of institutional racism, we studied The New Jim Crow, and we have begun to look for ways to acknowledge and let go of our “white privilege” and to better connect with our brothers and sisters of color.” Rev Robert Woody

2015 - Reconciliation receives permission to give same gender blessings. Later Bishop Gary Lillibridge approves same-gender marriages in the Dioceses of West Texas.

2015 - Outside Baptism Font installed.

“Re-Visioning Process in the summer and fall of 2015, with the leadership of Tiffany Simpson, one of our newer members, which included a workshop gathering of a diverse group of leaders and a “Town-Hall” gathering open to all Reconcilers. We reaffirmed our Vision, Mission and Core Values, with a few minor tweaks to wording, and updated our Strategic Priorities.” Rev Robert Woody

2015 - Romeo and Juliet, a gathering of REC elders, begins at the Barn Door Restaurant. Carl Strating proposes the name of ROMEO. A month later at the second lunch Janet Flohr joins and the group is renamed: ROMEO and JULIET (Real Old Men Eating Out and Just Unique Ladies into Eating Too).

“ In 2015, we have been blessed and challenged and led on adventures in our worship together. Our Liturgy Team and Creative Worship Team have again done a wonderful job of carrying on our tradition and “DNA” at Reconciliation of being both (1) grounded in our liturgical traditions, which sustain and comfort us in worship and ministry, and, at the same time, (2) being open to creative and artistic ways of worshipping and experiencing God, Creation, Scripture, Liturgy, Life, Jesus, etc., that stretch and deepen our understanding of and relationship with the Divine. We were blessed with “Second Sundays” reflecting on our full diversity of our ministries through “Rec on Review”, the Armenian Genocide, an Instructed Eucharist, and our Healing Service liturgy. We were blessed with creative worship services for Tenebrae in Holy Week and All Saints Sunday. We were blessed with our second Season of Creation, reflecting on both God’s presence to us in, and our responsibility to be stewards of: creation, mountains, fellow creatures

and water. Our Choir blessed us with a Jazz Mass and Lessons & Carols. Rev Robert Woody

"In 2015 during Lent, Diverse Worship created a Tenebrae service at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church as part of our sister parishes' joint observation of Holy Week. Additionally, Reconciliation recreated a Maundy Thursday service in Brown Hall inspired by an earlier DW offering at St. David's. And, we were graced by the participation of several DW members for the Stations of the Cross at Los Patios. DW collaborated in various ways for our Season of Creation services. Sam Gilliam presented a performance / sermon on Water. And, we revised and updated our previous All Saints' Day service." Diverse Worship Report 2015 Annual Meeting

2016 – A new Sanctuary Lighting System is installed made possible by a donation from Sally and Bob Buchannan.

"In 2016, we enjoyed the third year of celebrating the Season of Creation over five Sundays. We collaborated with the Diverse Worship Committee to create a special liturgy for the season. Members from the committees met with Bishop Reed and Robert to discuss Rec's ongoing desire to offer a variety of liturgical worship both as a whole and for the Season of Creation; it was a time of deep listening and sharing ideas, and we were able to gain the Bishop's blessing and approval for a Liturgy filled with beautiful language celebrating the wonder of God's Creation.

We are grateful to Bishop Reed, Father Robert and the congregation for their faith and trust in us, and their recommendations and encouragement over this past year. We are also grateful to Cindy Sanchez for her amazing insight and intuitive understanding of hymns, anthems, and service music that enhanced each seasonal liturgy." Melanie Christenson, Liturgy Commission

October 2016 - ARTS @ REC becomes a ministry to celebrate and promote creative endeavor. The first presentation is Edward Albee's "Marriage Play." Reconciliation provides space for the production company to perform at the Classic Theatre and then perform in Brown Hall. A talk-back is facilitated by Art Kirby.

Summer 2016 – Rev. Robert Woody goes on his second sabbatical focusing on Asset Based Community Development. Rev Judy Rhodes serves as Interim Rector.

"With the generous support of our Rec family, Julie and I were able to do a seven week RV tour of the country, during which we did 16 interviews of faith based nonprofits, reaching out to serve their neighborhoods. We also attended an "Asset Based Community Development" training, which helps faith communities and nonprofits focus on the gifts and assets of their neighbors, as they imagine ministries and projects that would best serve their neighbors. These interview and training experiences are enabling and blessing us now as we plan our "Listening Project," reaching out to our diverse neighbors, which will help shape and form our Neighborhood ministries and Community Center. " Rev Robert Woody

“The blessing flowed to Reconciliation for all the gifts Judy offered pastorally, liturgically, etc., and as a woman, and a married lesbian. When I came back from sabbatical, something was definitely different at Reconciliation. We had taken another step, actually a giant leap in our journey of being open, welcoming, inclusive and reconciling. Even members who had to really stretch to welcome the LGBTQ community, fell in love with Judy.” Rev Robert Woody

2017- The Rev Judith Rhodes (Rev. Judy) joins REC as part time Associate Rector, and becomes the first openly GLBTQ priest in our Diocese.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1: 3-5

“These words of St. Paul to the church of Philippi are exactly true for me in describing my relationship to the Church of Reconciliation, San Antonio. The joy and privilege of being priest among priests in this parish is nothing short of a miracle. And these feelings have only deepened over the past seven months as I have served you in the capacity of part-time Associate Rector.

Sharing preaching and presiding with Robert, in procession with our amazing acolytes, patient and kind vergers, joyful crucifers, reverent chalice bearers, ministers of intinction, greeters, ushers, alms bearers, and our truly gifted and humble altar guild, what can I say but humble words of profound gratitude. And in thanksgiving for those who raise their voices in song and praise, I thank Cindy for her always open and generous heart to this priest’s musical suggestions!” Rev. Judy

Fall 2017 – Haley Bankey is appointed as Interim Executive Director of Barrington Neighbors.

2017 – Jennifer Murphy initiates “The Bible Challenge.”

“Weekly I meet with Jennifer Murphy as we make this journey together in sharing ministry on staff. I have been blessed by her love for Jesus, passion for our children, youth and families, and her insatiable love for all things biblical! What a year it has been with the Bible Challenge under her care and direction, the intergenerational Advent series that extended service projects within our parish, to our Veterans at Villa Serena, and to the precious children and community of Serna School! Youth group, mission trips, summer Bible gatherings at her home by the pool, picking up and dropping off neighborhood kiddos who join in our youth programs, feeding, celebrating and challenging our youth to be on fire for Jesus in the world... such are the gifts of shared ministry we are blessed to receive here!” Rev Judy

2017 – Reconciliation’s Military Matters Ministry is created with the leadership of Joanne Murphy, Rev Judy, Martha Hughes, Art Ramseur and others.

"Military Matters Ministry is firmly anchored in our DNA and what a privilege it is to intercede and offer thanksgiving prayers for the men and women of our military, first responders, those who serve in places of violence, war, and danger and for their families who sacrifice so much to protect us all. Humble and grateful thanks to Joanne Murphy, USAF, retired, who has stepped up in leadership to our military matters ministry team and to each of the members of this team who continue to discern our way forward together." Rev Judy

April 2017 -ARTS @ REC presents a new play "To Be Honest: Voices on Islam for the 2016 Presidential Election."

2017 - Abby Richards accepts a call to serve at St. Marks as Director of Children's Ministry. Jennifer Murphy joins the REC staff as Director of Children, Youth and Families Ministries. She is assisted by Reconciliation parishioner Jessica Hardy.

"We have been blessed to have Jennifer Murphy join our staff as our Minister to Youth, Children and Families. Jennifer has been very creative in shaping and enriching our children's worship and formation, our youth program and activities, our nursery program and our families." Rev Robert Woody

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"Our church family here at Rec is AMAZING! But let's face it, we are all SO VERY BUSY, that it is hard to carve out additional time to hang out with one another! With Jessica Hardy's help, this is my goal for 2018. In addition to our "regular" events: Valentine's Day Dance, Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunts, etc., she and I are focused on planning events (not always major events, simple can be fun) where we can all just hang out, live life together, and make memories, aside from just Sundays at Rec! We are aiming for every other month and I encourage everyone to be "looking out" for these new "happenings!" You won't want to miss them! Also, our hope is to be able to raise enough money for a new playground! This is an extremely lofty goal, but we feel passionately about it! If you have any ideas, we would love to hear them!!" Jennifer Murphy, Family and Youth Minister and Jessica Hardy

2017 -ARTS @ REC presents a liturgical dance entitled "Wise Women Stirring," choreographed and coordinated by Jennifer Gwin. The company includes several dancers from the greater community and a large number of Reconcilers.

2017 - Kairos Prison Ministry is formed under the leadership of Jim Chandler.

“One of our biggest blessings in 2017 is that we were able to welcome Rev. Judy onto our staff as our part-time Associate Rector. I thank our fellow Reconcilers for donating more than enough to cover her salary for 2017. Her preaching, teaching, pastoral care and welcoming and inclusive personality have blessed all of us in many ways. With Rev. Judy’s support, we have been able to add a weekday Holy Eucharist and Healing Service. With her vast experience as rector of several parishes, she has been a very helpful source of advice for me. We have been blessed that our Bishop has licensed Rev. Judy as the first openly LGBTQ priest in our diocese to serve at Reconciliation.” Rev Robert Woody

2018 - Katheryn Cox and Sue Navarro co-chair the Altar Guild.

‘It was with great joy that we participated at Reconciliation's 50th Anniversary celebration in the blessing of our two new sets of altar linens, made by Katheryn Cox and embroidered by Melanie Christenson. As it was a service where almost the entire Altar Guild were present together, Father Robert took advantage to impart a Blessing of the Hands on all the members of the guild.’ Altar Guild Report, 2018 Annual Parish Meeting

2018 - ARTS @ REC presents three evenings of Alan Bennett’s “Talking Heads” featuring performances by Sam Carter Gilliam, Tim Hedgepeth and Susanna Morrow.

September 2018 – 5th Season of Creation.

*“In 2018 we celebrated the **Season of Creation** in our liturgy and worship in September and October for the 5th year. I think the Season of Creation has helped all of us have a deeper connection with Creation and with our Creator. This year was especially meaningful to me because I was assigned to preach on Sky. Two weeks before I was to preach, I went backpacking in Colorado, and focused a lot on the Sky. Preparing for my sermon caused me to see God much more often when I look up at the Sky. I now have a deeper connection with God as my Creator than I’ve ever had before. Thanks to Season of Creation.” Rev Robert Woody*

2018 – REC-ing Crew Softball.

“The oldest team in the Episcopal Softball League, last season REC fielded 26 players. As the team prepares for the 2019 season, Coach Steve “Afraid of the Ball” Gilliam will retire. Management is pleased to announce ESL All-Star Sister Super Stretch Maureen Leach will join the 2019 REC-ing Crew Coaching Staff. A long time REC player, Super Stretch has defined what it means to play first base in the ESL Super Stretch joined the team during Coach Emeritus Frank Cole’s tenure. At the time, Sister Maureen was a visitor to REC. One day Coach Frank told her, “if you are going to play ball with us, you ought to come to church.” Thank you Coach, as she has enriched our community

and softball team ever since. Steve “Afraid of the Ball” Coach Emeritus (3-33 record as team coach)

November 2018 – REC’s Mental Health & Wellness Ministry is formed under the leadership of Melisa Riley.

2018 – Thanks to the Landscape Teams

“Over all, our grounds are in good shape thanks to some unsung heroes, those who come nearly every Saturday and other days, to do mowing , gardening, trimming, leaf blowing, picking up trash, and other things. This faithful team includes Luis Navarro, Matt Matthews, Eddie Cox, Mark Tudyk, Bill Schiller, Leslie Allison, and Gordon West, the “ Riding Cowboy.” Landscape Report 2018 Annual Meeting

December 7, 2018 - 50th Anniversary Dinner and Celebration.

December 8, 2018 - 50TH Anniversary Worship Service. The following clergy attend: Revs. Sam Todd, Craig McColl, David Wendel, Doug and Mary Earle, Jane Patterson, Robert Woody and Judith Rhode. Lee Mick creates a 50th Anniversary Video Retrospective.

“Our Reconciliation community was blessed in so many ways in 2018, but from my perspective, the biggest blessing was our 50th Anniversary Celebrations, which gave us an opportunity to reflect on who we really are, where we came from, what has inspired us, and who we might become in this rapidly changing world.

Steve Gilliam and our 50th Anniversary teams did an amazing job of helping us remember and reflect on our history. We were so blessed by the story line Steve inspired and helped create in Brown Hall, and we were all given the opportunity to find and share the places where we have been deeply connected to and blessed by Rec, and where our founding members and friends have been connected and blessed. We were also blessed by the leadership of Brenda Moneer in preparing our 50th Anniversary Dinner/Dance Celebration. And we were blessed by all the former clergy who joined us for our 50th Anniversary Dinner/Dance and Worship service.” Rev Robert Woody

“But I think the most important aspect of our 50th anniversary celebrations was for each of us to discern and discover the true DNA of Rec that has been manifested in so many ways over our 50 years; a DNA that is so welcoming and inclusive, especially for those who have been rejected and demonized by our culture and often by the Church. Our 50th Anniversary Celebrations helped me and us to see the many ways Rec has stepped up to bring about change, and to truly love our neighbors, especially those who have been excluded and demeaned.

We aren’t perfect yet, as a faith community, and we will probably never be perfect. But we are a faith community that strives to open our eyes to see where hate and fear and prejudice overwhelms love, and to imagine how we can change things.” Robert Woody

This year marks Martha's and my third year in San Antonio! Whew! And it is by God's great grace that we have found this spiritual home where each and every one of us, regardless of age or circumstance serve as Reconcilers in this desperate and hurting world. Each time we gather around the Eucharistic table, each time we gather around the breakfast tables, or "coffee hour" tables, each time we meet around the various meeting tables, we are Eucharistic people, diverse people called to live openheartedly in the world in the name of the Love. We are people of the Way of Love, the Way of Jesus, given to each other and to the world, as healers, lovers, peacemakers, justice-seekers, servants in his holy name." Rev. Judy

2018 – Ushers: Joe Straube, Bill Schiller, Frank Cole, Jana Orsinger, Bill Orr, Jim Chandler, Joy McGaugh, Mark Gwin, Annis Marshall, Robert Marshall, Mark Tudyk, Michael Moneer, Mike Moneer, Randy Fitchen, Patsy Sasek, Edwin Sasek, Roxie Montesano, Phil McDonald, Sarah Murphy, Suzanne Scott, Laslie Allison, Bruce Flohr, Fred Spartz, Martha Sam, Eddie Cox, and Gordon West

2018 – Romeo & Juliet finishes four year of gatherings.

"Romeo & Juliet stands for Real Old Men Eating Out & Joyfully Unique Ladies Into Eating Too. Inspired by Carl Strating (who coined the name ROMEO) as a monthly gathering for lunch, fellowship and a time to reflect on the rich legacy of Reconciliation, R&J meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 in the Library for a brown bag lunch and to celebrate our stories. In 2018, R&J featured John Szurek, Lee Mick, Rusty Wilson, Bill Miller, Carl Strating, Betty Graham, Bud & Betty Storrs, Stella Brown, Priscilla Murguia, and Therese Petchulat." Steve Gilliam

January 2019 Priscilla Coppock retires as Parish Coordinator.

"We went through many transitions in 2018, some of them challenging. Priscilla Coppock retired as our Parish Coordinator, who has done a wonderful job of creating and serving in that position. And we have been so deeply blessed by her replacement, Erica Valle, who has also done an amazing job of supporting our staff and coordinating many of the details of our parish life." Rev Robert Woody