

Forward Movement Publications

The past triennium has been almost as difficult as the preceding one, but over the past few months of the triennium, business has improved slightly. However, at the end of each year we have been barely making the income which is essential for our existence, since we receive no subsidy from the Church.

We continue to price all of our publications as low as possible, hoping we can break even, but, unfortunately, some of our titles do not sell as well as others, and in these days every new publication is something of a gamble. However, the Director and Editor continues to seek new and helpful materials for the parish ministry, and has managed to publish quite a few new titles, both books and booklets, each year of the triennium.

One event during the triennium was the demise of "Response" which for ten years served as a devotional guide for the entire Anglican Communion, with the emphasis on praying for the mission of the church. However, on January 1, 1976, this was succeeded by "Partners in Prayer" which is an attempt to keep up the emphasis on intercession for mission, and to encourage the linking together of the entire Anglican Communion in daily prayer. This annual, one-volume successor to "Response," has received the commendation of the Anglican Consultative Council. A format and a schedule will be worked out with the Editor of the "Cycle of Prayer for Anglican Use," which will coincide with that of "Partners in Prayer."

The Director and Editor has also visited all of the seminaries during the triennium, and has held a number of feedback luncheons with clergy in cities around the country. These have been extremely helpful in evaluating our work and projecting the needs of the clergy in our publication plans.

The braille edition of *Forward Day by Day* continues to have a wide circulation around the world, and the large print edition is beginning to move above the five hundred mark.

A number of changes in staff have occurred in the Cincinnati office, and in Depew, New York at Arcata Graphics where we print, store, and ship. Esther Lingyel, who was head of our shipping department in Buffalo for over 25 years, died in 1975. Mrs. Jean Scott continues to do an outstanding job as manager of the Cincinnati office.

At this General Convention the Forward Movement celebrates its 42nd anniversary; Bishop Henry W. Hobson has been the head of the Forward Movement during the entire time, and has been a constant source of wisdom and strength. After General Convention he will be succeeded as Chairman of the Executive Committee by the Rt. Rev. John M. Krumm, Bishop of Southern Ohio. Also serving on the Executive Committee is the Director and Editor, and three laymen: Glenn A. Biggs; Paul D. Myers; and Stanley M. Rowe, Jr.

Forward Movement Publications is indebted to the support of the clergy for its continued existence. We try to keep them informed and up-to-date through three yearly announcements of new publications, and the newsletter, *Forward Notes*.

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Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the Presiding Bishop be authorized to continue Forward Movement Publications under his supervision, and to appoint such staff members and committees as may be required to maintain its work.

The Rev. Dr. James W. Kennedy
Director and Editor