

The House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development

A. MEMBERSHIP

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B. SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE'S WORK

The Committee is and continues to be the support and supervisory group for the Office of Pastoral Development. The chairman and all members of the Committee are appointed by the Presiding Bishop.

1980

A resources directory was published and circulated to all bishops. This directory sets forth services offered through the Office of Pastoral Development and other serving agencies. After circulating the directory, evaluation feedback was solicited. This produced affirmation of the value and utility of the directory and suggestions for improving future editions.

A colloquium on the "Theology of the Episcopate" was conducted at Nashotah House on July 20-22 for a representative group of bishops. This was reported to the House of Bishops; and the possibility of additional colloquia, held regionally, was explored. One specific result was that a seminar on "Theology and the Episcopate" was planned for the Bishop's Academy for 1981.

The Committee instituted a new program of orientation to the episcopate in conjunction with the Presiding Bishop's Consultation for New Bishops.

The Committee instituted a program for continuing education for bishops, entitled, "The Bishops Academy."

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1981

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- Funds were raised to carry out a study of current practices regarding the election of bishops. The Episcopal Church Foundation contributed \$7,500. The Committee raised \$17,000 from the bishops of the Church. Additional funding will be needed to complete this project. A subcommittee was organized to plan and oversee the project and the Rev. Charles Wilson was retained as research and project director.

- At the September meeting of the House of Bishops, a one-half day conference was conducted to evaluate the program of bishop-to-bishop consultation. Selected consultants and consultees were asked to share their experiences, observations, and recommendations for enhancing this program designed to assist newly consecrated bishops.

In consultation with the Presiding Bishop the Committee evaluated its work and clarified its function in relation to the general Church, the House of Bishops, and the Office of Pastoral Development.

1982

The Committee met in January. The major commitment for this year is to design and execute the study of the election process. Data is being gathered on a number of different election experiences throughout the Church. Different kinds of election procedures are being examined. The results will be published and offered as an aid to dioceses as they plan for episcopal elections. This is the culmination of 10 years experience in offering election plannings consultation through the Office of Pastoral Development.

C. FINANCIAL REPORT

Income	1980	1981	1982
Appropriated by the General Convention	\$6,900	\$ 6,780	\$6,780
Gift from Episcopal Church Fondation for election process study		7,500	
Gifts from individual bishops for election process study		17,000	
Total	<u>\$6,900</u>	<u>\$31,280</u>	<u>\$6,780</u>
Expenses			
Committee Meetings	\$3,052.01	\$3,128.44	\$3,155.01
Professional services	2,818.73	2,702.03	600
Other travel	1,119.29	699.95	
Total	<u>\$6,990.03</u>	<u>\$6,530.42</u>	<u>\$3,755.01</u>

D. OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

Overall Objective

The Committee on Pastoral Development is an instrument of the House of Bishops, its members appointed by the Presiding Bishop. It is charged with *thinking ahead in depth and strategically*. . . in relation to bishops as pastors. It is expected to spot significant trends or patterns, and to anticipate future issues related to the bishop's pastoral role in order that an alerted Church can take appropriate action. Thus the Committee studies, sponsors research, promotes pilot projects, publishes findings, keeps in touch with key leaders of the Church, and maintains liaison with other related groups such as the Council for the Development of the Ministry.

The Committee is dedicated to the continuing development of the episcopal pastoral role in light of changing circumstances or new learnings, yet in continuity with traditional understandings of the episcopate.

1983 Objective

- I. To complete and to publish for the House of Bishops and for the Church at large the research study on procedures used in planning and carrying out elections to the episcopate.

II. To promote and enable a Church-wide program of alcohol education through the Office of Pastoral Development.

III. To conduct a training conference for bishop-to-bishop peer consultation.

1984 Objective

To pay special attention to continuing education for bishops, for the purpose of reenforcing patterns of lifelong learning. To do this we have established these goals:

- Expand the Bishop's Academy to include an increased number of overseas bishops.
- Sponsor with the Church in Canada a summer school for bishops.

1985 Objective

To review the history of both the Committee and the Office of Pastoral Development as a way of evaluation of the contribution of Pastoral Development since its initiation in 1969; and to plan goals for the next decade of its life.

- To survey members of the House of Bishops in regard to needs bishops can identify and with which Pastoral Development can be of assistance.

- To provide to the new Presiding Bishop a proposed ten-year plan for serving bishops and fostering personal and professional growth.

- To review all pastoral development publications and determine what our goals should be in terms of developing educational resources.

E. BUDGET REQUEST

Resolution #A—92.

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That there be appropriated from the assessment Budget of the General Convention for the expenses of the House of Bishops' Committee on Pastoral Development the sum of \$19,050 for the triennium of 1983-1985.