

Forward Movement Publications

A. MEMBERSHIP

Forward Movement Publications is an agency of the General Convention, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop. Its mandate has been renewed by each Convention since 1934. An outgrowth of what was originally a Joint Commission on the Forward Movement of the Church, it has been governed since 1940 by an Executive Committee appointed by the Presiding Bishop. The present membership of the Committee is:

The Rt. Rev. John M. Krumm, Tustin, California, *Chairman*
The Rt. Rev. Edward W. Jones, Indianapolis, Indiana, *Vice-Chairman*
Mr. N. Beverley Tucker, Cincinnati, Ohio, *Treasurer*
The Rev. Charles Henry Long, Cincinnati, Ohio, *Secretary*
Mr. Barron Krody, Cincinnati, Ohio
Mr. James Lied, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky
Mr. Paul D. Myers, Cincinnati, Ohio
Mrs. Naomi Stoehr, Cincinnati, Ohio

Dr. Long is also Editor and Director of Forward Movement Publications with general oversight of both the editorial and business offices. Mrs. Jean Scott is Business Manager and Assistant Treasurer.

The editor is assisted in the selection of manuscripts and in the development of editorial policy by an Advisory Board of men and women from different parts of the Church. Sally B. Sedgwick joined the staff in 1990 as Associate Director, in charge of production and marketing. The Rev. Robert Horine of Lexington, Kentucky, continues as Associate Editor.

There have been two changes in the the membership of the Executive Committee. Glenn A. Biggs died in December 1988 after fifty-two years of service to the Forward Movement in various roles, since his appointment as Treasurer in 1936. Barron Krody, a partner in the Cincinnati advertising firm of Wolf Blumberg and Krody, is a new member of the committee but not new to Forward Movement. For more than twenty years he has designed the covers of *Forward Day by Day* and been art and typography consultant to the editor.

B. THE PAST TRIENNIUM

Sales of *Forward Day by Day* have increased from 1,062,000 to 1,183,000 copies per year, including a new Spanish version called *Dia a Dia*. This daily devotional guide, based on the Prayer Book lectionary, is published four times a year, in English, Spanish, large print, braille and audio cassette editions.

Annual editions of the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* have proved a valuable service to the entire Anglican Communion. This calendar of intercessions for every diocese and bishop throughout the world has continued to grow in circulation and is used in many languages through local translations. According to the Archbishop of Canterbury it has become an indispensable bond of affection linking scattered churches in prayer and, week by week, educating the membership concerning the scope and needs of the whole Church.

Forward Movement has become the publisher or principal distributor in this country of inter-Anglican studies and the documentation of ecumenical dialogues, including

THE BLUE BOOK

in the past triennium reports of the Lambeth Conference, the Eames Commission and Lutheran-Episcopal proposals.

Services to parishes include a list of more than two hundred titles of tracts, booklets and small paperbacks on a wide range of devotional and pastoral subjects. Sales amount to nearly 900,000 items a year, many of them for distribution in church tract racks. During the last triennium we have introduced a new line of translations of our most popular booklets into Spanish, increased the number of titles in Large Print editions, added several well-received aids to Bible study and cooperated with Church Center staff in the production of materials for national church programs such as the Decade of Evangelism and responses to the HIV/AIDS crisis.

During the triennium we have published 12 issues of *Forward Day by Day*, at 96 pages each; 3 annual editions of the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*; no less than 97 new pamphlets, booklets and paperback books on a wide range of subjects; we have acted as distributors for 32 books published by others, for a total of 144 new titles added to our catalog. This does not include the revision and reprinting of many old favorites and the preparation of catalogs and mailing pieces four times a year to the clergy and others on our mailing list.

The Diocese of Southern Ohio has provided office space at a nominal rent for the work of the Forward Movement, at the diocesan headquarters, 412 Sycamore Street in Cincinnati, as they have since 1934! This is significant and generous support for a national church program, for which the diocese seldom gets the recognition it deserves. We also owe a deep debt of gratitude to the many authors who contribute their work with little compensation and often anonymously. From the beginning the Forward Movement has been a *fellowship* of Christian writers and a means by which those with a gift for communication might share that gift for the benefit of the whole Church. Among our contributors in the triennium have been the following:

Bishops: Edmond Browning, John M. Krumm, Henry Okullu, James Ottley, Donald Parsons, Jeffery Rowthorn, Robert Runcie, K.H. Ting

Other Clergy: Eric Abbott, Edward M. Berckman, Raymond E. Bierlein, Rollo M. Boas, John E. Booty, Paul Bresnahan, Frederick Buechner, Elizabeth Canham, Edward Chinn, Paul Clasper, Maurice A. Coombs, William Countryman, Michael W. Creighton, Philip Culbertson, Joe Morris Doss, O. C. Edwards, Tilden Edwards, Thomas Erich, Randolph Lloyd Frew, John Herbert Gill, John W. Groff, Jr., Christopher Hancock, John Hill, Robert Horine, Paulding James, David Enderton Johnson, Alan Jones, James Kennedy, Stewart Lane, James Elliott Lindsley, Charles H. Long, Dorsey W. M. McConnell, Pittman McGehee, Leonel L. Mitchell, Peter C. Moore, Henri J. M. Nouwen, David Paton, Monrow Peaston, Norman Pittenger, F. Lee Richards, Richard L. Rising, Peter Rodgers, Joseph P. Russell, Wayne A. Schwab, Carroll E. Simcox, Peter A. R. Stebinger, Beaumont Stevenson, Barbara Brown Taylor, James Trimble, Philip Turner, David L. Veal, Edward Waldron, Christopher Webber, Richard E. Wentz, Bruce E. Whitehead, Donald F. Winslow, H. F. Woodhouse

Laity: Jack Abell, Owanah Anderson, Taschia Ann, Philip Burton, Jenni Craycraft, Mary S. Donovan, Barbara Hall, Christine Fleming Heffner, Karen Howe, Arland J. Hultgren, Kristen Johnson Ingram, Janet Irwin, Ann Koepke, Jeanne Lowe, Richard Miller, Mary C. Morrison, Helen Oppenheimer, Parker J. Palmer, Kerreen Reiger, William Henry Scott, Cora L. Sherburn, Ilene Smith, Kathleen Stanfield, Douglas V. Steere, David Sumner, Frederica Harris Thompsett, Clariee Tynes, Evelyn Underhill, Mary Warren, Elaine Westerlund, Anita Wheatcroft, Mary Yeazell

Religious: Andrew Marr OSB, Herbert McCabe OP, John Charles SSF, Mary Margaret SSM, Thomas Ryan CSP

C. FINANCES

The Forward Movement has not in the past received any subsidy from General Convention and does not request one now. The support of the Church is in the form of the purchase and use of the resources we have been asked to prepare. That support has enabled the Forward Movement to achieve new record during the triennium in both dollar volume and volume of sales. Gross sales have increased from \$860,000 in the 1988 fiscal year to \$947,000 in 1990.

Most of our assets are in the form of inventory and a revolving fund from which we pay the cost of printing new materials. In addition there are two special funds built up by contributions and bequests from our readers over many years: The Forward Movement Braille Fund provides braille editions of *Forward Day by Day* (free) and the Prayer Book (at nominal cost) to any blind person and subsidizes large print editions of other works. The Henry Wise Hobson Trust was established in memory of the founder of the Forward Movement and its chairman for forty years. The fund now amounts to approximately \$160,000 and the income is used to provide free literature for the use of chaplains in prisons and hospitals and for others who are unable to pay. The Trustees keep this fund separate from other Forward Movement accounts and would be pleased to receive further donations, memorials and bequests.

D. GOALS

1. To increase the literature available in Spanish and Large Print editions.
2. To increase distribution of *Dia a Dia* to self-supporting level.
3. In addition to regular mailings to the clergy, to seek better ways to bring Forward Movement resources to the attention of lay leaders; and to improve "target marketing" of new titles to the specific audiences for which they are intended.
4. To collaborate with national and international church agencies and with independent societies devoted to evangelism, mission and renewal, in order to produce at the lowest cost the printed resources needed for the current priorities of the Church.

E. RESOLUTION

Resolution #A092

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

The Rev. Charles H. Long

Director and Editor