

Forward Movement Publications

A. MEMBERSHIP

Forward Movement Publications is an agency of the General Convention, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop. In 1994 it celebrates its sixtieth anniversary. An outgrowth of what was in 1934 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. Edward W. Jones, Indianapolis, Indiana, *Chairman*
The Rt. Rev. John M. Krumm, Irvine, California, *Vice-Chairman*
Mr. N. Beverley Tucker, Cincinnati, Ohio, *Treasurer*
The Rev. Charles Henry Long, Cincinnati, Ohio, *Secretary*
Mr. Roland S. Homet, Jr., Washington, D.C.
Mr. Barron Krody, Cincinnati, Ohio
Mr. James Lied, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky
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. Jane Paraskevopoulos 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 country with skills in communications and a wide acquaintance with the needs of the Church. Sally B. Sedgwick, Associate Director, is in charge of production and marketing. The Rev. Dr. Robert Horine, of Lexington, Kentucky, continues as Senior Editor.

In 1991 Bishop Jones of Indianapolis became the third Chairman in the 60-year history of the Forward Movement, succeeding the retired Bishop of Southern Ohio, John M. Krumm; Bishop Krumm continues an active role on the Executive Committee as Vice-Chairman. An orderly transition to a new generation of leadership continues in other ways. After service on the Executive Committee for more than four decades, Mr. Paul Myers of Cincinnati has retired and been replaced by Roland S. Homet, Jr. of Washington, D.C. Mrs. Jean Scott, much beloved and indispensable Business Manager, retired in 1992 after 42 years on the staff. At the end of 1994, Dr. Long also plans to retire after sixteen years as Director and Editor.

B. THE PAST TRIENNIUM

Sales of *Forward Day by Day* have increased to 1,247,000 copies per year, including a new Spanish version called *Día a Día*. 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 Communion.

In 1993 Forward Movement merged with Episcopal Worship Resources to promote and distribute the service bulletin covers and lectionary inserts produced for many years by a group of Episcopal clergy in the diocese of Chicago. The Forward Movement catalog now includes separate sections of worship and liturgical resources such as the above; FMBooks; and the pamphlets and booklets intended for tract rack use.

Our catalog has more than three hundred titles on a wide range of devotional and pastoral subjects. Sales amount to 800,000 items a year. During the last triennium we have introduced new translations of our most popular booklets in Spanish, increased the number of titles in large print editions, added several well received aids to Bible study, and cooperated with Executive Council staff in the production of materials for national church programs. During the triennium we have published 12 issues of *Forward Day by Day*, at 96 pages each; three annual editions of the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*; no less than 105 new pamphlets, booklets and paperback books, and a four-color poster on the Eucharist. We have acted as distributors for 17 books published by others, making a total of 137 new titles added to our list. This does not include the revision and reprinting of old favorites and the preparation of catalogs and mailing pieces four times a year to the clergy and others.

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. 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 channel through which those with a gift for written communication share that gift for the benefit of the whole Church. Among our contributors in the last triennium have been the following:

BISHOPS: Frank K. Allan, Frederick Borsch, George Carey, Richard S. M. Emrich, John E. Hines, Edward W. Jones, John M. Krumm, Michael Nazir-Ali, David Rose, Onell Soto.

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RELIGIOUS: Elizabeth J. Canham obl OHC, Mary Michael SSM, Richard Rohr OFM

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 records during the triennium in both dollar volume and volume of sales. Gross sales at the end of the last fiscal year (June 1993) had reached \$955,000.

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, who was its Chairman for forty years. The Trust now amounts to approximately \$240,000, 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 FOR THE NEXT TRIENNium

1. Increase collaboration with other publishers and with the Executive Council staff to meet the changing publishing needs of the Episcopal Church.
2. Find new ways to identify and respond to the needs of local congregations for worship resources and educational materials.
3. Continue a 5% increase in sales of *Forward Day by Day* and work towards a 10% annual growth rate in book and pamphlet sales.
4. Reduce inventory and the number of titles in the catalog by phasing out unprofitable or outdated materials and targeting specific audiences whose needs are not now being served.
5. Review policies for selection and distribution of Spanish language publications in order to reduce deficits and increase circulation.
6. Find ways to increase sales and services to the Anglican Church of Canada.

E. RESOLUTION

Resolution #A052

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

The Rev. Charles H. Long
Director and Editor