

**Forward Movement Publications
(1994-1997)**

MEMBERSHIP

Forward Movement Publications is an agency of the General Convention, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop. An outgrowth of a 1934 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) *Chair*
N. Beverley Tucker (Southern Ohio) *Treasurer*
The Rev. Edward Stone Gleason (Southern Ohio) *Secretary*
The Rt. Rev. J. Clark Grew II (Ohio)
Roland S. Homet, Jr. (Washington)
Addison Lanier II (Southern Ohio)
James R. Leid (Lexington)
Naomi Tucker Stoehr (Southern Ohio)
The Ven. Lorentho Wooden (Southern Ohio)

Edward S. Gleason serves as Editor and Director of Forward Movement Publications with general oversight of the editorial and business offices. Jane L. Paraskevopoulos is Business Manager and Assistant Treasurer. Sally B. Sedgwick, Associate Director, is responsible for production and marketing. The Rev. Dr. Robert B. Horine, of Lexington, Kentucky, serves as Senior Editor. An Advisory Board of twelve men and women from different parts of the country with skills in communication and a wide acquaintance with the needs of the church meets once a year.

In 1991 Bishop Jones of Indianapolis became the third Chairman in the 63-year history of the Forward Movement, succeeding the retired Bishop of Southern Ohio, John M. Krumm. Bishop Krumm continued his active involvement with Forward Movement, first as Assistant Chairman and then as Chairman Emeritus, until his death on October 23, 1995. Barron Krody continues his work of over twenty years as designer for Forward Movement but has resigned as a member of the Executive Committee; he has been replaced by the Venerable Lorentho Wooden. Addison Lanier II has been added to the Executive Committee.

SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

Forward Movement was established in 1934 "to help reinvigorate the life of the church." It was early determined that this mission would best be furthered by supporting persons in the life of prayer. Our devotional quarterly, based on the lectionary, *Forward Day by Day*, was first published in 1935. Quarterly distribution in this Triennium has moved from 1,220,557 in 1994 to 1,311,156 in 1997, an increase of 7.4%. New orders are received every day for the regular print, English edition. *Day by Day* is also available in Spanish, large print, Braille and on audio cassette.

Forward Movement will publish the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* in 1998 for the 24th consecutive year with the understanding that the Anglican Communion exists because we pray for one another.

As the mission of Forward Movement has unfolded, it has further been fulfilled through the publication of nearly four hundred publications, varying in length from four to two hundred pages, interpreting, describing, or explicating aspects of the faith and life of Christians and members of the Episcopal Church. The clear traditions of Forward Movement continue to define our publications: brevity, quality, clarity. Publications are described in a new and larger annual catalogue. Each quarter (February, May, August, November) Forward Movement publishes two or more new books and half a dozen new pamphlets, while continually republishing well-used, time-tested, materials that serve the church. Our all-time best-seller, *Prayers New and Old*, has now sold a million and a half copies. The total number of new titles offered during this Triennium is 171. Forward Movement established meetings on Ecunet in November 1995 and has maintained a website in cooperation with the Media Services office at the Episcopal Church Center since July 1996.

The Diocese of Southern Ohio continues to provide office space at a nominal rent for the work of the Forward Movement in the Jane E. Procter Memorial Church House, 412 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati. The Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson, Jr., and his entire diocesan staff, are genial and supportive hosts and neighbors, and Forward Movement is deeply grateful for this significant support of our work for the Episcopal Church.

Forward Movement is also deeply grateful for the many authors who have contributed work, often anonymously and with small financial reward. Forward Movement has always been a fellowship of Christian writers whose words are offered as a gift for the benefit of the entire church. Work by the following contributors appeared in the past triennium:

Bishops: Edmond L. Browning, Mark Dyer, Richard S. Emrich, Wesley Frensdorff, Edward W. Jones, David Joslin, John M. Krumm, Hayes Rockwell, William Scarlett, Onell Soto, John S. Spong, Desmond M. Tutu, Arthur E. Walmsley.

Clergy: David H. Barnhouse, Ruth Tiffany Barnhouse, David M. Baumann, Rachelle Birnbaum, Richard Bolles, James L. Burns, Edward Chinn, John R. Claypool, Christopher T. Connell, Barbara Crafton, Michael Curry, David L. Edwards, James C. Fenhagen, Lee W. Gibbs, Edward S. Gleason, Linda L. Grenz, Robert H. Grindrod, Bert Hatch, Christopher Herbert, Robert B. Horine, Alanson B. Houghton, Malcomb A. Hughes, Alan Jones, Joel T. Keyes, Russell J. Levenson Jr., Charles H. Long, K. Casey Longwood, William R. Martin, Adam McCoy, L. M. McFerran, Stephen E. Moore, N. Patrick Murray, John Powell, Michael P.G.G. Randolph, Isaias A. Rodrigues, Donna Schaper, John W. Setzer, Carroll E. Simcox, Beaumont Stevenson, William H. Swatos Jr., Barbara Brown Taylor, Ken D. Thompson, John Throop, Beverley D. Tucker, David L. Veal, Gale Webbe, Christopher L. Webber, Edward N. West, Anne Wridler.

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Laity: Hubert J.B. Allen, David Booth Beers, Avery Brooke, Virginia A. Brown-Noland, Edmund D. Campbell, Bo Cox, Peggy Eastman, John Fandel, Julie Gochenour, Terence L. Gutsell, Kevin R. Hackett, J. David Hawkins, Christine Heffner, E. Glenn Hinson, Lovelace Howard, Kristen Johnson Ingram, Ruth Jones, Anne S. Jones, George L. McGonigle, Doris T. Myers, Victor M. Parachin, Christopher C. Reilly, Brenda Saylor, Sally B. Sedgwick, Elizabeth R. Sites, Ilene Smith, Betty Streett, Stokley P. Towles, David Urion, Robert C. Vanderet, Catherine M. Wallace, Corrine Ware, Richard E. Wentz, Ann West, LaDonna Wind, Edgar S. Woolard Jr.

Religious: Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM, Mary Cartwright, ACL, Aiden Kavenaugh, OSB, Thomas Ryan, CSP, Justus Richard VanHouten, SSF.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 1995-97 TRIENNIUM

Forward Movement is self-supporting, sustained by the consistently conservative fees set for our literature. The support Forward Movement receives from the church through the purchase of these materials continues to increase. Gross sales at the end of the last fiscal year (June 1996) were \$1,346,537.25 as compared with June 1993 when they were \$954,506, an increase of 41%.

The work of Forward Movement is further sustained by two special funds established by the gifts and bequests of readers throughout the years:

1. *The 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 *Day by Day* and other works. The FMP Investment Account stands at \$692,694.20, with \$344,575.12 of that amount designated to the Braille Fund.
2. *The Henry Wise Hobson Fund* was established in honor of the founder of Forward Movement, who served as chairman for forty years. The Hobson Fund now totals \$272,921.63. The income is used to provide free literature for use in prisons and hospitals and for others unable to pay. The increase of this Fund would greatly strengthen the work and mission of Forward Movement.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMING TRIENNIUM

In the next triennium, the Committee's goals are to:

1. achieve quarterly sales of *Day by Day* of 500,000 and annual sales of 1,000,000 pieces of all other literature by the year 2000;
2. increase the offerings of Forward Movement on our web site;
3. explore and develop materials made available on CD-ROM;
4. establish a Forward Movement presence on the Odyssey Channel;
5. continue to increase the number and quality of materials available in Spanish;
6. create an annual Forward Movement retreat for the readers of *Day by Day*;
7. develop a network of The Friends of Forward Movement throughout the United States; and
8. undertake a concerted effort to increase the size of The Henry Wise Hobson Fund.

Resolution A054 Continue Forward Movement Publications

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