

## Forward Movement Publications 1997-2000

### MEMBERSHIP

Forward Movement Publications is an agency of the General Convention, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop. An outgrowth of the 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*

The Rt. Rev. J. Clark Grew II (Ohio), *vice chair*

Addison Lanier II (Southern Ohio), *treasurer*

N. Beverley Tucker (Southern Ohio), *assistant treasurer*

The Rev. Edward Stone Gleason (Southern Ohio), *secretary*

Margaret Graham Beers (Washington)

James R. Leid (Lexington)

Naomi Tucker Stoehr (Southern Ohio)

The Venerable Lorentho Wooden (Southern Ohio)

The Rev. 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. Sally B. Sedgwick, associate director, is responsible for production and marketing. The Rev. George Curwood Allen II is assistant 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 66-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. Bishop Krumm's place on the Executive Committee has been assumed by Bishop Grew of Ohio, who is vice chairman. Roland S. Homet, Jr. of the Diocese of Washington has resigned from the Executive Committee and his place was taken by Margaret Graham Beers of the Diocese of Washington.

### SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

Forward Movement was established in 1943 "to help reinvigorate the life of the church." It was early determined that this mission would best be furthered by supporting persons in their lives of prayer and faith. Our devotional quarterly, *Forward Day by Day*, was first published in 1935. Quarterly distribution (in regular and large print and Spanish language editions) has moved from 1,295,564 in 1996 to 1,468,305 in 1999, an increase of 13.3%. New orders are received every day. *Day by Day* is also available in Braille and on audio cassette. Our newest format is an e-mail subscription. After only three months availability, more than sixty (60) people receive it daily, world-wide. In October 1998 and again in March 2000 we held our first retreats for *Day by Day* readers, both very well received.

The 25th consecutive edition of the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* published by Forward Movement for 1999-2000 was the first two-year edition, made necessary by the increase

of the number of dioceses. The prayer cycle was created with the close cooperation of the Anglican Consultative Council and the understanding that the Anglican Communion exists because we pray with and for one another.

Forward Movement's consistent and continued involvement with the world-wide Anglican Communion, Episcopal youth, and military, prison, and health care chaplains has guided the production of our materials for such groups and for our presence at Lambeth and the Episcopal Youth Event in Terre Haute and "The Work and Wonder of Our Ministry" conference for chaplains in Kanuga.

As the mission of Forward Movement has unfolded, it has been further fulfilled through the publication of more than four hundred other publications, varying in length from two to four hundred pages, interpreting, describing, and explicating aspects of the faith and life of Christians and members of the Episcopal Church. The clear traditions of Forward Movement that continue to define our publications are brevity, clarity, and quality. Annual sales of these—all other books and tracts—totaled 677,433 in 1996 and 670,894 in 1999, a decrease of 1%.

All publications are fully described in an annual catalogue issued in May. Each quarter (February, May, August, November) Forward Movement publishes one or two books or booklets and four to six pamphlets, while often re-issuing well-used, time-tested materials that serve the church. All time best-sellers include: *Prayers for All Occasions*, *Prayers New and Old*, *For Those Who Mourn*, *Discovering the Episcopal Church*, *Brother Lawrence*. The total number of new titles offered this Triennium is 155. Forward Movement established meetings on Ecunet in November 1995 and has maintained a website since 1996 ([www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org)) that provides a convenient shop-cart service for all FMP titles.

Forward Movement is deeply grateful for the many authors who have contributed work, often anonymously and with small financial compensation. 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, J. Clark Grew II, Frank Tracy Griswold III, Edward W. Jones, Philip A. Smith, William E. Swing, C. Cabell Tennis

### **Clergy:**

George W. Alexander II, Mary Katherine Allman, Gerald C. Anderson, Ernest Ashcroft, Judd H. Blain, Vaughn P. L. Booker, Allen Brown, Jr., Joan C. Bryan, James Lee Burns, Richard A. Busch, Catherine Anne Caimano, Edmund D. Campbell, Jr., Stephen J. Chinlund, Charles H. Clark, C. Blayney Colmore III, Louise R. Conant, James H. Cooper, William L. Dols, Jerry W. Drino, Edward S. Gleason, Joseph W. Goetz, Holt H. Graham, Daniel H. Grossoehme, Margaret B. Gunness, J. Stephen Hines, Robert B. Horine, Alanson B. Houghton, William K. Hubbell, F. Reid Issac, Matthew Johnson, Richard J. Jones, W. Paul Jones, James W. Kennedy, Susan C. Keppy, Samuel Thames Lloyd III, Charles H. Long, Ernest McAfee, Jr., John Edward Merchant, M. Dutton Morehouse, Jr., Alton Motter, J. Patrick Murray, Murray L. Newman, Herbert O'Driscoll, Margaret Peacock, Jennifer Phillips, Charles P.

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Price, Raggs Ragan, Allen Robinson, Isaias A. Rodriguez, Robert M. Ross, Joseph P. Russell, Benjamin Santana, Daniel Holt Schoonmaker, Edmund K. Sherrill II, Beaumont Stevenson, John Paul Streit, Jr., Barbara Brown Taylor, John Throop, William M. Tully, Philip W. Turner III, David L. Veal, Edwin H. Voorhees, Francis W. Wade, Edward Waldron, Thomas R. Ward, Jr., Richard C. Weymouth, Roger B. White, David R. Wilt, Heather B. Wiseman, N. T. Wright.

### ***Laity:***

Elizabeth Allan, Owanah Anderson, Katherine Bainbridge, David Booth Beers, The Bereavement Group, All Saints', Chevy Chase, Md., Jayne Blankenship, Barbara S. Borsch, Gloria Thames Bottom, Peggy Brown Buchanan, Edmund D. Campbell, Mary "Carter" Coleman, Bo Don Cox, Betty Creighton, Leland Davis, Nara Denar Duncan, Helen Dyke, James Dyke, Marty Eckes, Sally Fairfield, Suzanne Farnum, Chris Folwell, Caren S. Goldman, Sarah L. Grew, Phoebe W. Griswold, B. Barbara Hall, Mari Hampton, Maryanne Hannan, Elizabeth A. Hart, Valerie Hillsdon-Hutton, Patricia O. Horn, Karen E. Howe, Mary B. Howe, Amanda Millay Hughes, Sherry Hunt, Janet Irwin, Jerrie Jacobus, Joan Jecko, Mary Page Jones, Gretchen B. Kimsey, Jane M. Lamb, Ira Pauline Leidel, Nancy I. Long, Tommy Lovelace, Manning Marable, Mac McLeod, Mark S. G. Nestlehutt, Victor M. Parachin, Rebecca A. Parsley, Barbara K. Payne, Lundy Penz, Nina L. Pratt, Mariann Price, E. Ashley Rooney, Philip Roskam, Anne Rowthorn, Valerie L. Runyan, Timothy F. Sedgwick, Mary Carol Shahan, Jan Sidebotham, Karen Sisk, Carole Smalley, Diane Stanton, Betty Streett, Janet Terreau, David K. Urion, Jan Wantland, Larry Waynick, Mary Lee Wile, Wendy Wimberly, Anne Winterrowd.

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 1997-2000 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 1999) were \$1,637,470 as compared with June 1996, when they were \$1,346,537, an increase of 21.6%.

The work of Forward Movement is further sustained by three 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 \$1,410,432 (\$429,235 of that amount is designated as 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 \$777,960. 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 continues to strengthen the work and mission of Forward Movement.
3. The Mamie and Edgar Woolard Memorial Fund was established in 1999 to provide support specifically for Forward Movement materials provided for the use (free of charge) of patients in hospitals. The Woolard Fund was established by Edgar S. Woolard, Jr., and currently totals \$124,000 (included in the FMP investment account).

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMING TRIENNIUM

Forward Movement Publications is presently involved in a strategic planning process to define long range goals and undertake implementation steps, including:

1. Forward Movement should continue to reach a wide audience that truly reflects the diversity within the Episcopal Church and be recognized as an important resource. It is necessary to
  - a. research the present audience
  - b. create ways for ongoing feedback
  - c. make sure our materials are recognized by brand
2. Forward Movement needs to seek out and listen to those whose vision and needs are important to our mission.
3. Consistent excellence should be the hallmark of our products.
4. Create a strategy that supports FMP's mission, program, and image.
5. Develop long range financial goals in response to strategic plan.
6. Continue to strengthen business practices.

### **Resolution A059 Continue Forward Movement Publications**

- 1           *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the Presiding Bishop
- 2   be authorized to continue Forward Movement Publications under his supervi-
- 3   sion and to appoint such staff members and commissions as may be required to
- 4   maintain its work.