

**BEMENT/WATERFIELD EDUCATIONAL GRANTS COMMITTEE**  
**REPORT TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION – 2009**

The Committee received 47 applications for grants this year. Applications were summarized by Committee members and a set of all Summaries distributed to all members. Interviews of Applicants were held from mid-March through May 10. Once again, Committee members were struck by the global interests and caring involvement demonstrated by the Applicants, and their genuine concern for the needs of our planet and its people.

At our Spring meetings on May 27 and June 9, 44 grants were awarded, ranging from \$200 to \$1000. Our budgeted amount of \$35,000 for 2009 was reduced to \$30,000 due to the diocesan budget shortfall, and after calculation of grants previously made for the first half of 2009, we felt we could award about \$30,000 for the 2009-10 academic year. This year's grants consisted of \$24,700 in Bement Grants and \$5,100 in Waterfield Grants, for a total of \$29,800.

Grant recipients this year represented six of the seven Deaneries and 21 of the 67 congregations in the Diocese. 27 grants were awarded to young women and 17 to young men, all active members of their parishes. 14 grants went to entering Freshmen; 11 to Sophomores; 8 to Juniors; and 11 to Seniors. 25 recipients had also been awarded grants last year and reapplied; 19 were new.

Our Annual Policy Meeting is scheduled for August 29 at Christ Church Cathedral.

We are most grateful again this year for the use of facilities at St. Paul's Church, Holyoke, for our Spring meetings, and for the warm welcome and hospitality of the Rev. Barbara Thrall. Our thanks go also to Susan O'Hare who efficiently oversees much of the application process at Diocesan House and consistently appears in Holyoke with the necessary paper work, beverages and supplies.

The thanks of the Chairs goes also to our dedicated members who genuinely enjoy connecting with the students, who reflect the diversity of our diocese, and in sharing their enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Sullivan and the Rev. Richard Clarke,  
Co-Chairs

Other Committee Members:

Sally Allen	Eleanor Parke
Christine Bercume	Donald Rudge
Jean Burnett	Neel Smith

The Rev. Donna Trebilcox