

## **REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY HILLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The mission of Canterbury Hills Conference Centre is to be a place which heightens awareness of God's presence in the world and in our lives; a place of peace and justice providing facilities and resources for conferences, retreats and programs where all people are welcome to enjoy, celebrate and preserve our unique Carolinian forest environment.

The past year has been very full and busy as Canterbury Hills provides a ministry of hospitality for church and not for profit groups and organizations.

Canterbury Hills is also the site of the diocesan summer camp. This year the camp operated at near capacity for each session. This is a testament to the popularity of the camp and the quality of the camping program. This summer was also the first year of leadership for new Camping Co-ordinator, Courtney Evers. Through careful planning and effective staff training Courtney ensured a smooth transition in camp leadership.

After six and a half years as the welcoming face and voice of Canterbury Hills, Martha Hill our Office Manager chose to retire to enjoy more time with family, friends, and to travel. Martha's warm personality was a valuable asset to the ministry of Canterbury Hills. This is also a time of welcome for Laurie Gallagher our new Office Manager. Laurie has adjusted quickly and ably to her new surroundings. Laurie continues the tradition of being the friendly, helpful first contact for clients.

The Board of Directors of Canterbury Hills welcomed Rev. Canon Bill Thomas as recording secretary (non-voting) after many years of service as a member of the Board. We appreciate his continued commitment to and involvement with Canterbury Hills.

Many site improvements were completed over the past year. The guest rooms in Bagnall Lodge were refreshed with new paint and carpeting. St. Francis Chapel at Bagnall Lodge has been made much more comfortable for summer clients by the addition of two air conditioning units. This makes the space much more versatile for year round use. Last year a renovated Asbil Hall joined Farrell Hall as a small group venue on the camp side of the property. These two facilities were further improved this year with the addition of outdoor meeting areas.

Maintenance of the site is a continuous and sometimes surprising process. In the spring an underground oil tank was re-discovered on the property. The removal of the tank required several steps to drain the remaining oil, inspect the surrounding soil, fill in the hole from the tank, and complete all the necessary inspections to receive a clean bill of health.

For the coming year the leadership of Canterbury Hills will continue to be intentional about protecting and improving the site for our conferencing clients as well as continuing to be good stewards of this Diocesan resource. We hope to increase mid-week usage of the facilities. We also encourage Parish Councils to make use of this marvellous facility for group retreats and parish activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mr. Greg Murray, Chair

## **REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY HILLS SUMMER CAMP**

Summer 2006 at Canterbury Hills Camp meant different things to different people. As a registrar, it meant the camp was 95% full for the residential camping program, and 101% full for the day camp program. It meant 535 camper spots filled over the course of the summer. As an administrator, Summer 2006 meant a successful re-accreditation year with the Ontario Camping Association.

For parents, it meant opportunities for children to experience the unique forest setting and Christian community of Canterbury Hills. This year, we continued our partnerships with agencies that help families offer the camping experience to their children. We are able to offer the joy of camp to campers through St. Matthews House and the Children's Aid Society. Our relationship with R.E.A.C.H. for the Rainbow continues to grow stronger as campers with special needs are integrated into camper units for a full camp experience. This summer also marked the start of a new relationship with Angel Tree – a Christian ministry of prison fellowship. Through Angel Tree we were able to assist children of prison inmates in experiencing the friendship and faith of camp. Further, through generous donations from parishes, individuals, and Canterbury Alumni, we are able to offer the experience of camp to families in need through the Canterbury Hills Bursary Fund.

For campers, Summer 2006 meant memories. Memories of campfires, camping out in the woods, seeing a deer for the first time, getting muddy in the creek, making new friends, planning a week of fun activities, swimming on a sunny day, reaching the top of the climbing wall, singing cheers over grilled cheese in the dining hall, getting the bull's eye at archery, and praising God in the beautiful outdoors.

As a staff member, Summer 2006 meant fellowship. It meant being part of a faith community that is united in a common vision – to create something truly special for the campers of Canterbury Hills. It meant long days, lasting friendships, and a sense of teamwork that can not be matched. It meant an environment of learning and growth, as young leaders shone in the Leader-In-Training program, preparing for future leadership at Canterbury and throughout the Diocese. This was a staff team committed to the ministry of Canterbury Hills. This commitment was seen throughout the summer with fundraisers for the Bursary Fund, involvement in training and leadership opportunities, and unfailing focus on the reason for being at Canterbury Hills: the campers.

This past summer at Canterbury Hills clearly held different meaning for all those involved. For me, as Camp Coordinator, it meant an opportunity to do God's work, in God's country, surrounded by God's children. I feel truly blessed for the opportunity, and I thank you for your generous and continued support of the youth and children's ministry offered by Canterbury Hills Camp.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ms. Courtney Evers  
Canterbury Hills Camp Coordinator

**REPORT OF THE  
ANGLICAN CHURCH MINISTRIES FOUNDATION (ACMF), NIAGARA**

The Board of Directors of the Foundation has continued to supervise the financial results of the funds entrusted to the Foundation:

**Endowment Funds**

The seven funds previously established to receive capital gifts from members of the diocesan family continue:

- Education and Training Fund
- Outreach Fund
- Divinity Students Endowment Fund
- Clergy in Transition Endowment Fund
- Youth Ministry Endowment Fund
- Evangelism Endowment Fund
- The Bishop's Company Endowment Fund

These funds complement the Planned Giving Program of the Diocese. The Foundation has developed brochures and web-site information to advise potential donors on the ways in which the Foundation is able to address the objectives of donors who wish to endow capital funds.

**Financial Report** (please see the 2005 audited financial statements on the pages following)

The Foundation had Fund balances totaling \$2,058,590 as at December 31, 2005. Investment results continued to be strong for the year 2005.

The Foundation is mandated to both protect and grow the capital funds entrusted to the Foundation on a long-term basis. The results for 2004 reflect success in this regard.

I would like to thank all the members of the Board of Directors for their continuing support and dedication. I would particularly like to recognize Gordon Archbell, Secretary for continuing to maintain our records in a professional manner and Robert McKinnell for the excellent financial and investment information that he provides to the Foundation. The efforts of both of these gentlemen greatly assist the deliberations and decision-making process of the Foundation.

**Directors - 2005**

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- Mr. Andrew Bucknall, Vice- President
- Mrs. Joyce Frank
- Mr. James Sweetlove, President
- Mr. Gordon Archbell, Secretary
- Bishop Ralph Spence
- Mr. Robert McKinnell, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,  
Mr. James Sweetlove, President