

REPORT OF CANTERBURY HILLS

Canterbury Hills Camp and Conference Centre as its name implies is in essence a two part entity. One part of the operation is the summer camping program. The other part is the Conference Centre. The two parts operate separately but with a shared administrative structure.

This past summer saw another very successful camping season unfold. Staff provided excellent leadership to the campers in their care. There were six residential camping sessions and 7 day camp sessions. Most sessions ran at or near capacity. Camp alumni continue to be involved by providing much needed support for registration and arrival times.

The program at Canterbury Hills provides a safe, memorable camping experience for campers from a variety of backgrounds and a variety of needs. Blended with the regular campers are campers sponsored by various community agencies: St. Matthew's House, Reach for the Rainbow, Children's Aid Societies and Angel Tree.

For the Conference Centre the past year of operations has been very challenging. The greatest challenge is financial. Over the past few years the gap between revenues and expenditures has grown to become a major concern. The Board is working closely with the Diocese to address this issue.

The second challenge with the Conference Centre is that the facility is showing its age in many ways. It is an increasing challenge to keep all the building systems operating properly and to stay on top of needed maintenance and repairs.

This was also a year of change for Canterbury. After many years of dedicated leadership and stewardship the Reverend Canon David Linn retired from his position as Executive Director of Canterbury Hills. The Board is very thankful for David's skill and personal commitment to Canterbury.

The Board is fortunate that the Reverend Canon Paddy Doran accepted the position of acting Executive Director. As he manages operations the Board is busy determining future directions for Canterbury Hills and planning for the transition to a new Executive Director. Paddy brings a personal history and passion for Canterbury Hills to his leadership role.

Lastly it is important to recognize the staff and the many volunteers who believe in the role of Canterbury in shaping lives and living out the mission of the Diocese. It is their work that ultimately makes a difference to the people using Canterbury Hills.

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