

Over the top!

We've done it. We're over the top. As of June 30, with all of our congregations participating, our Together Now campaign met its \$20-million goal. And, it's amazing that nearly \$12 million in additional funds has been raised by 39 congregations in collaboration with our diocesan campaign for their own local projects.

We did all of this through generous gifts from individual donors; through the parish collaborative campaigns; from parish pledges; from Sunday morning in-pew collections; and from gifts from independently run parish campaigns. Large and small, individually and collectively, we've done it, and we've done it together. Thank you for your gifts and for all the ways each of you and your congregations have joined one another in an effort that has emboldened our diocesan community.

Back in 2011, when we launched our campaign, I asked you to imagine with me our diocese so drawn outside itself into places of need that we would find ourselves meeting Jesus, again and again, and being changed through those mission encounters.

Our diocese doing everything we can to restore and knit together all of God's creation.

Our diocese renewing itself and its mission by nurturing new generations in the love and knowledge of God, welcoming children, youth and young adults and sending them forth to tell the Gospel story with their own lives.

Our city and suburban and small town congregations bound up in ministry with one another, embracing changing circumstances and bringing collective gifts to bear where there is most need and

potential, and God giving growth to all as a result.

All of this realized around a spiritual center that extends Christ's radical welcome and witnesses to our common worship and mission—a house of prayer for all people.

Today, as we pause to celebrate and give thanks, this remains a vision of all of us answering God's urgent call and answering it together, not merely for the sake of growth in numbers or perpetuating traditions and an institution we love, but because the world needs what God has given us to offer, now.

Already we are growing into this vision through the new mission initiatives made possible by the success of our campaign. Global mission grants are making service projects and partnerships possible. "Green" grants are fueling simple acts of environmental stewardship and larger-scale church building improvements and energy efficiency. Mission hubs are forming, through which congregations are extending themselves cooperatively in service to their communities in ways none could do alone. A Mission Institute, a new joint venture between our diocese, Episcopal Divinity School and Episcopal City Mission, is creating new resources for congregations working to transform communities.



Already-successful programs are strengthening and expanding: B-SAFE for city children; the Life Together young adult intern program; our Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center. Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul is putting on a new face and anticipating renovations to transform it for mission into the next century.

The projects that are coming into being because of our campaign have the potential to draw every single one of us deeper into our discipleship, our stewardship and the building up of the community of the church. The Holy Spirit continues to lead us, with gifts of knowledge and wisdom about what's needed in God's world, and the counsel and courage to act in answer to God's urgent call.

We're doing it, and we're doing it together. Thanks be to God.

—M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE

Our \$20-million campaign

\$2 million

Tithing for mission beyond our diocese

\$2 million

Caring for God's creation

\$4.5 million

Equipping congregations for strategic local mission

\$7.5 million

Raising up new generations in faith and service

\$4 million

Transforming our cathedral church

For more information about each of the campaign initiatives, please visit: www.diomass.org/together-now-campaign

Lives changed, joy found: three stories of transformation and thanks

Offering hope and building bridges in the Diocese of Jerusalem

As part of the Together Now campaign, you took seriously the biblical call to tithe, offering the campaign's first \$2 million to mission projects outside the borders of eastern Massachusetts. In late 2011, two grants were awarded by your Diocesan Council to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, to be administered through the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ): \$80,000 to equip the teaching kitchen in the hotel school of the the Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Center in Ramallah, and \$70,000 to health care ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

The **EPISCOPAL TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER'S HOTEL SCHOOL** graduates 30 high school students each year for professional careers in the hospitality industry. The graduates are sought after in a region where an unemployment rate of 50 percent among young men is the new norm. The school offers economic development, academic education and Christian values all in one package. And AFEDJ can attest that the students—now graduates—are proud and happy! You and your gifts have changed lives.



Bishop Suheil Dawani with students from the Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Center's hotel school

GOING GREEN at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Watertown

As a response to the energy crisis in the 70's, the Church of the Good Shepherd, under the guidance of Ed Nilsson, a young "green" activist-architect who was active in the parish at that time, did all the right things—installing fluorescent lighting, programmable thermostats, insulation, window double glazing and Stratofans in the sanctuary—to cut energy use and costs.

More recently, we were able to take another giant step in energy savings. With the support of a \$10,000 diocesan Green Improvement Grant funded by the Together Now campaign, we have completed several projects that totaled approximately \$30,000. We converted the oil burner of our steam boiler system to a dual-flame gas/oil burner, taking advantage of the much lower carbon emission and far lower cost of natural gas. And we installed tankless domestic hot water and a circulating hot-water loop to the church office, using steam heating only for our large spaces. With the now greatly reduced price for natural gas compared with

heating oil, our yearly heating costs have been reduced by two thirds, or more than \$12,000. Almost all (99) light fixtures have been replaced with ones using either compact fluorescent or T8 bulbs. Exit signs, outside lanterns and our parish hall are now outfitted with LEDs, affording dramatic cost savings. Overall, our estimated yearly electrical energy use has been reduced by about 40 percent. Bishop Gayle Harris blessed our new burner, and our building, as we celebrate its 125th year, during her episcopal visit on May 5, 2013.

We are using this remarkable example to motivate similar gains for our parish as a whole, by launching a program to track parishioners' energy use and cost, thereby multiplying this positive impact on God's creation.

Another aspect of our Going Green program is developing community gardens and educating about food justice in Watertown. A Simple Acts of Stewardship Grant, also part of the diocesan Creation Care Initiative funded by Together Now, supported a Vacation Garden School (VGS), led by the Rev.

Amy McCreath, Priest-in-Charge, and the Rev. Louise Forrest, that engaged 22 eager kids about soil, growing food and food justice. Grace Church, Newton also contributed to the project, and the Rev. Margaret Schwarzer worked tirelessly with us. This summer we will hold a 2nd annual VGS, and we are planning for 26 children. These kids will be our future leaders in the Going Green effort.

As our parish participated in the Together Now campaign through an in-pew campaign in the fall of 2012, a sense of gratitude undergirded our giving, inviting us to a place of giving back so that other congregations may make a similar offering toward stewardship of God's wonderful creation.

—Stephen Steadman, Chair
Creation Care Committee



ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, NABLUS, WEST BANK is a full service hospital with particular expertise in neurosurgery and neonatal intensive care. It has a state of the art emergency room and is expecting delivery of its first MRI machine.

Prenatal care is not widely practiced in this region, so there are many premature and underweight babies struggling for survival each day. The compassionate care for mothers of all religious and ethnic backgrounds makes St. Luke's the hospital of choice for obstetrics. Rooms are shared by new mothers of many different backgrounds.

ST. ANDREW'S CLINIC, RAMALLAH, WEST BANK: Because of travel restrictions and poverty, many persons in the West Bank go without basic health care that would improve quality of life and eliminate public health crises. The Diocese of Jerusalem addressed these needs by building an outpatient clinic that will provide both primary care and specialized treatment for the complications of diabetes, which is especially prevalent among Palestinians. As a result, a manageable condition will not become a permanent disability.

AL AHLI ARAB HOSPITAL, GAZA CITY, GAZA: From mammography to plastic surgery for burn victims, Ahli Arab

Hospital delivers compassionate medical care, modeling Christian values for all to experience. Today it is the last Christian hospital in Gaza, a refuge of peace for all persons regardless of religious, ethnic or economic background.

Your foresight in selecting these institutions for early direct grants and your trust in AFEDJ in administering them is truly appreciated. The Diocese of Jerusalem, the Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Center and the hospitals are deeply grateful. Thank you, thank you.

—Anne Lynn, President,
American Friends of the Episcopal
Diocese of Jerusalem

Mission Tithe Matching Grant changing lives in El Salvador

Can the joy of life be found
In simple gratitude?
And is gratitude
As simple as perspective?

—TWILA PARIS

A change of perspective is one of the gifts we receive when we visit our sister community in El Ocotillo, El Salvador. Theirs is a life with almost none of the things we take for granted as basic necessities. One of these things is education.

The families of El Ocotillo place the highest priority on the education of their youth, but few of the families in the area can afford to keep their children in school past the elementary years. Though tuition is free, there are many associated costs, such as uniforms, shoes, books and transportation, that prevent students from staying in school. In 2007 the Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton began raising money to provide stipends for junior high and high school students. It has been very rewarding to see three of

“our” students recently graduate from university.

Along with these successes, though, we reached a financial dilemma: the students we started supporting in 2007 are now at the university level. Although our parish has stepped up to cover their greater expenses, we do not have the funds to support the next generation of youth.

This spring, the Church of the Good Shepherd applied for and is now very excited to receive a Diocesan Mission Tithe Matching Grant. These matching funds will enable us to help meet the educational needs of a new group of younger students while we continue to support our current university students. This will make a huge difference to the community, where many younger teens and their families have been waiting and hoping for the opportunity to continue in school. The community will select the most promising young students to join the scholarship program at the start of the next school year.

Our new appreciation for the gifts that we often take for granted has led us to help provide educational opportunities to these Salvadoran youth; they are responding in gratitude not



Kathleen Zawicki of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton with her friend, Noelle, in El Salvador, where the parish provides stipends that keep kids in school.

only in words to us but in recommitting themselves to their community. It is our hope that with this help from the Together Now campaign, we can begin to shift the dynamic from a community which depends on donations from outside to one where a larger number of individuals, because of their education, can earn a decent living and will be able—and proud—to pay it forward with grateful hearts and help support the next group of youth with their education. Together with our diocesan community, we are enlarging the circle of gratitude and with it, finding more joy in our lives.

—Jessie Brumby Panek

100% PARTICIPATION

THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION OF EVERY ONE OF the congregations of the diocese, we have demonstrated that together, no matter size or location, we can offer something much bigger than ourselves, and be renewed and transformed in the process. Thank you to each of the congregations listed here for the gifts and bold witness that are helping to build God's kingdom here in eastern Massachusetts and far beyond. More than 4,000 individual gifts are represented. For the spirit and sacrifice that are behind each one of them, we offer great thanks to God.

—Lynd Matt, *Director of Development*

ALL OF US. TOGETHER.

Collaborative Campaigns

Arlington, St. John's Church
Boston, Cathedral Church of St. Paul
Boston, Emmanuel Church
Boston, St. Stephen's Church
Brookline, All Saints Parish
Burlington, St. Mark's Church
Cambridge, St. Peter's Church
Duxbury, Church of St. John the Evangelist
Gloucester, St. John's Church
Hanover, St. Andrew's Church
Haverhill, Trinity Church
Holbrook, St. John's Church
Holliston, St. Michael's Church
Hopkinton, St. Paul's Church
Lynn, St. Stephen's Memorial Church
Malden, St. Paul's Church
Marion, St. Gabriel's Church
Mattapan, Church of the Holy Spirit
Medway, Christ Church
Methuen, St. Andrew's Church
Middleborough, Church of Our Saviour
Natick, St. Paul's Church
New Bedford, Grace Church
North Andover, St. Paul's Church
Roxbury, St. Cyprian's Church
Roxbury, St. John St. James Church
Salem, Grace Church
Salem, St. Peter's/San Pedro Church
Scituate, St. Luke's Church,
Sudbury, St. Elizabeth's Church
Taunton, St. Thomas's Church
Vineyard Haven, Grace Church
Walpole, Epiphany Parish
Waltham, Christ Church
Wayland, Church of the Holy Spirit
Westford, St. Mark's Church
Westwood, St. John's Church
Winchester, Parish of the Epiphany
Wrentham, Trinity Church

In-Pew Collections

Acton, Church of the Good Shepherd
Andover, Christ Church
Arlington, Church of Our Saviour
Attleboro, All Saints' Church
Belmont, All Saints' Church
Beverly Farms, St. John's Church
Boston, Church of St. Augustine and St. Martin
Braintree, Emmanuel Church
Bridgewater, Trinity Church
Brookline, Church of Our Saviour
Brookline, St. Paul's Church
Cambridge, St. Bartholomew's Church
Cambridge, St. James's Church
Charlestown, St. John's Church
Chatham, St. Christopher's Church
Chelmsford, All Saints' Church
Chestnut Hill, Church of the Redeemer
Dover, St. Dunstan's Church
Everett, Grace Church
Fall River, Church of the Holy Spirit
Fall River, St. Luke's Church
Falmouth, St. Barnabas's Church
Framingham, St. Andrew's Church
Groveland, St. James's Church
Hingham, Parish of St. John the Evangelist
Ipswich, Ascension Memorial Church
Lawrence, Grace Church
Lincoln, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church
Marshfield, Trinity Church
Melrose, Trinity Parish
Needham, Christ Church
New Bedford, St. Andrew's Church
Newburyport, St. Paul's Church
Newton, Grace Church

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EMMANUEL CHURCH, BOSTON: THE DIOCESE IS US!

Emmanuel Church in Boston experienced at least two miracles during the Together Now campaign. First, we changed a 50-year-old narrative that our building is an albatross to an understanding of our building as a mission asset. Through our pledging, we declared that Emmanuel Church as a parish and as a mission center has a future worth investing in.

Here's an even more unlikely miracle: When we began drafting our case statement, we had the pie chart graphic from the Together Now campaign indicating priorities of the diocesan campaign, and we had our Emmanuel pie chart. With only one fundraising priority (repointing our back alley wall), our pie had no slices, and it looked very uninteresting. We worried about how to make a case for the Together Now

mission commitments when our own needs were so great.

One of our team members suggested, "What if we combine the charts? And what if we make the combined chart into the shape of our parish logo star? And what if we fill in the portions of the chart with photographs rather than solid color?"

We began to look through photographs and realized that we could find pictures of Emmanuelites participating in each of the Together Now priorities: volunteering at the B-SAFE program, on a mission trip to Rwanda, in the Life Together program, in working to reduce our carbon footprint. Suddenly, the leadership team realized that the campaign wasn't raising money for our parish and for the diocese separately. We realized that we have met the diocese and the diocese is us! And we achieved 130 percent of our \$600,000 goal! We are so grateful to everyone across the Diocese of Massachusetts who has worked together to make this campaign possible and successful. Thanks be to God!

*The Rev. Pamela L. Werntz,
Rector*



100% PARTICIPATION CON'T

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In-Pew Con't

Newtonville, St. John's Church
Norwood, Grace Church
Plymouth, Christ Church
Rockport, St. Mary's Church
Saugus, St. John's Church
Somerset, Church of Our Saviour
South Weymouth, Church of the Holy Nativity
South Yarmouth, St. David's Church
Southborough, St. Mark's Church
Waban, Church of the Good Shepherd
Wakefield, Emmanuel Church
Wareham, Church of the Good Shepherd
Watertown, Church of the Good Shepherd
West Roxbury, Emmanuel Church

Parish Pledges

Amesbury, St. James's Church
Auburndale, Parish of the Messiah
Ayer, St. Andrew's Church
Barnstable, St. Mary's Church
Beverly, St. Peter's Church
Boston, Christ Church (Old North)
Boston, Church of the Advent
Boston, Church of St. John the Evangelist
Boston, Trinity Church
Canton, Trinity Church
Chelsea, St. Luke's/San Lucas Church
Cohasset, St. Stephen's Church
Danvers, All Saints Church of the North Shore
Dedham, Church of the Good Shepherd
Dedham, St. Paul's Church
Dorchester, Parish of All Saints
Dorchester, St. Mark's Church
Dorchester, St. Mary's Church
Edgartown, St. Andrew's Church
Fairhaven, Church of the Good Shepherd
Foxborough, St. Mark's Church
Franklin, St. John's Church
Harwich Port, Christ Church
Hudson, St. Luke's Church
Hyde Park, Christ Church
Hyde Park, Iglesia de San Juan
Jamaica Plain, St. John's Church
Lowell, St. Anne's Church
Lowell, St. John's Church
Lynnfield, St. Paul's Church
Mansfield, Church of St. John the Evangelist
Marblehead, Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew
Medfield, Church of the Advent
Milton, Church of Our Saviour

Nantucket, St. Paul's Church
New Bedford, St. Martin's Church
Newton Centre, Trinity Church
Newton Highlands, Parish of St. Paul
North Attleborough, Grace Church
North Billerica, St. Anne's Church
North Easton, St. Mark's Church
Oak Bluffs, Trinity Church
Orleans, Church of the Holy Spirit
Quincy, Christ Church
Quincy, Parish of St. Chrysostom
Randolph, Trinity Church
Rockland, Trinity Church
Sandwich, St. John's Church
Sharon, St. John's Church
Shirley, Trinity Chapel
Somerville, St. James's Church
South Dartmouth, St. Aidan's Chapel
South Dartmouth, St. Peter's Church
South Hamilton, Christ Church
Stoneham, All Saints' Church
Stoughton, Trinity Church
Swampscott, Church of the Holy Name
Swansea, Christ Church
Taunton, St. John's Church
Topsfield, Trinity Church
Wellesley, St. Andrew's Church
West Newbury, All Saints' Church
Whitman, All Saints' Church
Wilmington, St. Elizabeth's Church
Winthrop, St. John's Church
Woburn, Trinity Church
Woods Hole, Church of the Messiah

Tithes and other gifts from independently run parish campaigns

Bedford, St. Paul's Church
Buzzards Bay, St. Peter's Church
Cambridge, Christ Church
Concord, Trinity Church
Lexington, Church of Our Redeemer
Marblehead, St. Michael's Church
Medford, Grace Church
Milton, St. Michael's Church
Newton Lower Falls, St. Mary's Church
Osterville, St. Peter's Church
Provincetown, Church of St. Mary of the Harbor
Reading, Church of the Good Shepherd
Weston, St. Peter's Church

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, SOMERSET: ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT

Over the years, our relationship with the wider diocese was distant, at best. We on the South Coast felt far away and, sometimes, forgotten. So, when the question arose of how the Church of Our Saviour would participate in the Together Now campaign, we on the vestry were full of questions and doubts. Could we do it? And if so, how? We deliberated, in meeting after meeting, for a full year. Far from foot dragging or ambivalence, this was a season of heartfelt discernment and prayer.

Eventually, the vestry came to embrace the partnership. Why? What shifted? We have worked hard here at the Church of Our Saviour to learn to listen to God, to take the time we need to pray and discern. This is the heartbeat of our life as a parish. Through the diocese we have received Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) training, a substantial Green Improvement Grant, local Life Together mission interns and, soon, two B-SAFE programs for our most vulnerable

children. Our dreams for mission and those of the rest of the diocese are joining.

So, with unanimous vestry support, we began to tell the Together Now story to the parish, through sermons and testimonials, as part of an in-pew campaign to raise our goal of \$25,000. We weren't sure what would happen. A turning point came when Life Together intern Elizabeth Malkin gave a passionate sermon. She thanked the diocese, and us, for supporting her work with homeless families at the Super 8 Motel in Somerset. People were moved. Inspired.

Our congregation started to see that we are very much a part of the Diocese of Massachusetts and we can make a difference - together. We are one body, one Spirit in Christ. The in-pew campaign result? We far exceeded our goal by raising nearly \$36,000. We are amazed at how this campaign has deepened our own sense of God's purpose, and we are proud to support Together Now.

—Sue Parchesco



The Rev. Virgilio Fortuna and the Rev. Kate Cress of the Church of Our Saviour, Somerset assisting the Rev. Jeremi Colvin as she celebrates the Eucharist with Bayside Fellowship, a ministry with homeless persons based at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River



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TOGETHER NOW CAMPAIGN

Statistics as of 8-19-13

TOGETHER NOW CAMPAIGN GOAL

\$20,000,000

Amount raised from leadership gifts

\$11,664,816

Diocesan share of pledges received from collaborative campaigns

\$4,733,162

Parish pledges

\$837,018

Amount pledged from in-pew collections

\$1,759,430

Gifts to diocesan campaign from independently run parish campaigns

\$1,055,400

TOTAL RAISED FOR TOGETHER NOW CAMPAIGN INITIATIVES

\$20,049,826

Parish share of amount raised in collaborative campaigns

\$11,871,717

AMOUNT RAISED FOR DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN INITIATIVES PLUS AMOUNT RAISED FOR LOCAL PARISH INITIATIVES

\$31,921,543

Number of gifts to Together Now

3,995