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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It is a very exciting time to be president of the Church Periodical Club. As president, I get to hear from directors from all over the country. School, prison and hospital libraries have all been helped by your gifts. Numerous priests have been able to learn and they in turn have changed countless lives. It is you who work in your church, vestry, outreach committee or just in your circle of friends to raise the funds to do this. It is your faith in our ministry, the ministry we and countless others have done for the past 122 years. **Can we continue to make a difference?**

In reading an article by the Presiding Bishop, she talks about the Millennium Development Goals. The Church Periodical Club's mission and ministry dovetail into so many of these goals: education and literacy being the first two to come to mind. Over the years, we have been asked for and have been able to supply many grants for books involving health, wells and water treatment plants. **Can we continue to help?**

The question which comes to mind, and I don't mind telling you, is
"can we keep helping others to the extent we have in the past?"
The answer to that simple question is **"no"**.

It has been years since more than a handful grants were fully funded. We are still working hard to raise funds and we are still raising about the same amount of funds each year. The challenge is that each year we are asked by many more people for lots more money. **Can we continue to change the world one book at a time?**

During the last few years, this problem has only applied to the National Books Fund, but now it has spread to the Children's book fund or, as we call it, The Mile of Pennies Fund. So as your church penny jar, or whatever your church uses to collect funds gets full, please send them to New York for disbursement by the MOP committee. All those who love CPC know it takes \$844.80 to make a mile. Our latest grant as of mid-July has gone to help the Lillian Valley School in Blackfoot, Idaho. It is located on the Fort Hall Reservation in eastern Idaho. This school was started by the Episcopal Church.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of seeing your work on such a broad scale.

URSULA

WHERE DO THE PENNIES GO?

The **Forest Park Elementary Library** is the recipient of a grant from the Miles of Pennies (MOP) Fund.

Volunteers at the library submitted a grant requesting \$806.32 worth of books for its young students – grades K-6. Recommendations from the community librarians, students and teachers guided the choices made when ordering the reading materials. Because of the financial difficulties the last few years, there has been no funding for library personnel or books. Volunteers maintain the library, help with classes, as well as fundraising. Everyone involved with the library was very grateful to MOP for its generous contribution.



Jean Eckerberg receiving MOP check from Teena Maki. Funds will used to buy new books.

A THANK YOU FROM ST. BRENDAN'S CHURCH, Sewickley, PA

Thank you so much for selecting us to receive a grant from the MOP fund. We started using the Beulah Enterprises Christian education materials in September 2009. Our Sunday school attendance has more than doubled.

I cannot tell you how much this grant means to us. Not only is it providing necessary financial support so that we can provide an appropriate program for our children, but we feel support from the larger church community.

Joyce Donadee, Sunday School Director 9/2009



St. Brendan's Sunday School Children

Church Periodical Club Annual Board Meeting October 21-24, 2010

The National Books Fund Committee under the leadership of its chairman, **Terri Crawford**, will present at the board meeting the 2010 grant applications received for books and related materials requested by individuals and other ministries from the United States, Indian Ocean, Kenya/Sudan, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda. The number of grant requests including the total dollar amounts is listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

If you would like to make a pledge to the National Books Fund, please let Terri know no later than Oct. 15. Her email address is willstop@windstream.net. As she has stated, the need for books is great and spans the globe. She prays you will continue to give generously to CPC.

A world without books is a difficult world indeed.

CAN CPC CONTINUE TO CHANGE THE WORLD ONE BOOK AT A TIME?

An Editorial Opinion

To answer this question, I did a little research by visiting each and every diocesan and/or province web site to gather information, as to the number of churches within the respective diocese and as well as a total for the province.

For all practical purposes, this report is not based on an exact number because some of the numbers not only included churches, but missions and summer chapels. So the total figures have been rounded off (+/-).

Province 1	-	650	
Province 2	-	825	There are approximately
Province 3	-	975	6,650 (+/-) churches
Province 4	-	1375	within the 99 (+/-) dioceses
Province 5	-	750	in the eight provinces.
Province 6	-	525	
Province 7	-	725	
Province 8	-	925	

Based on the estimated numbers above, if **one hundred parishioners in each of these individual churches** gave just \$1 annually to CPC for the **National Books Fund**, grants could be funded to provide books for seminarians, libraries and churches here and abroad. With \$665,000 available or even with half or a quarter of that amount, the Church Periodical Club would be able to continue their ministry of the **PRINTED WORD** by **CHANGING THE WORLD ONE BOOK AT A TIME**.

If each and every **diocese** collected and gave CPC an annual donation of one mile of pennies (\$844.80), **The Mile of Pennies Fund** could provide funding from these 99 miles for children's books and other materials in the amount of \$83,643.12.

In answer to our president's questions: "Can we continue to make a difference?"; "Can we continue to help?"; "Can we keep helping others to the extent we have in the past?"; and "Can we continue to change the world one book at a time?", my answer to all is yes, if we

ALL WORK TOGETHER.

On **CPC Sunday** – always the first Sunday in May (or any Sunday your rector will allow), ask each and every person in your parish to donate a single dollar and send your dollars collectively to CPC in NY. All CPC Sunday Funds go the NBF (National Books Fund).

Each parish in every diocese should have a **Penny Jar** available for collecting pennies for the Miles of Pennies Fund. Give these pennies to your CPC Diocesan Director so that they will be available to fulfill those wishes and dreams for books and other items for children that are in need.

Our goals should be:

National Books Fund: a dollar from each parishioner in every church each and every year.

Miles of Pennies Fund: a mile of pennies from each diocese in every province each and every year.

If you need help in arriving at this goal for your church or province, please check out our website: www.churchperiodical.com. Under the heading Directory, you will find the name of your province representative. If you click on the province, your diocesan director's name can be found. If your diocese does not have a director, call the province rep to volunteer and you can become a member of CPC.

Gentlemen, this isn't just for the ladies, men are more than welcome to join our very worthwhile ministry.

National Books Fund Grant Requests for 2010

Domestic:		
9 requests		\$20,091.23
Overseas:		
Indian Ocean:	1	\$606.25
Kenya/Sudan:	46	\$423,631.21
South Africa:	1	\$4,800.00
Tanzania	28	\$35,955.51
Uganda	1	\$629.80

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ETHEL MARPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

When the National Board set up the **Ethel Marple Endowment Fund** last fall, I promised myself that I would give you periodical reports on how it is doing. A lot of friends have given to it as Ethel's daughters put CPC as one of the places to send memorial contributions. The National Board decided the interest from this fund would be added yearly to the administrative fund. Ethel always said without an office and a secretary, we can't do our ministry. So far it totals about \$1,770. What a lovely tribute to one of CPC's best friends. If anyone wants to make a contribution, your check can be made out to CPC and on the memo line, please put "Marple Memorial". Checks can be mailed to Pam Stewart, CPC, Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, New York 10017



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