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CPC Sunday **May 1, 2011**

Church Periodical Club Sunday is a “movable feast,” which may be celebrated at any time convenient for the parish, but usually is done in May. This is an opportunity for the people in the pews to learn about and support the ministry of the printed word, CPC programs and projects.

Church Periodical Club volunteers have been carrying out these programs and projects by granting money for Christian periodicals, books, audio, video and DVDs, computer software to those who need them in the United States and overseas for almost

Observing CPC Sunday can be as simple as putting up a small poster, using free prayer cards in the service or distributing five CPC literature. Any collection that day should be sent to the diocesan director or to the New York office with a note stating what parish is sending the money and that the contribution is from CPC Sunday. Monies collected on CPC Sunday traditionally go to the National Books Fund.

The National Books Fund, known as NBF, was the first national granting effort of CPC. All grant applications are endorsed by a bishop who believes that ministry in his jurisdiction will benefit from the grant.

Help fund these grants, help promote and carry out a CPC Sunday. With your help, we can ***change the world one book at a time.***

These words were written by Ethel Marple in 2007, but are as true today as when she wrote them.

Ursula Baxley
Your President of CPC

NBF **Deadline** **April 15**

Grant applications for the National Books Fund are due no later than April 15 at our headquarters in NY. Granting of NBF funds will be awarded in October 2011.

CPC **Sunday** **May 1**

If this date is not convenient for your Church, please contact your rector and select another date that will accommodate your parish calendar.

THE QUARTERLY MAILING LIST

As noted in our Fall issue, it was decided that it was time to purge the mailing list. In doing so, many individual names were dropped and it continues again with this issue with the removal of ECW's, churches and individuals that were retained waiting for renewal memberships.

Who Receives The Quarterly?

Life Members as well as those who support CPC with an annual membership. Complimentary issues are sent to the Presiding Bishop, all sitting US Bishops, CPC National Board members, Diocesan Directors, publications and Editors of Diocesan Newsletters presently on our list.

Attention CPC Parish Chairmen

To continue receiving the ***Quarterly***, please send in your **\$20 renewal membership to New York by May 1, 2011**. Your help in supporting the Church Periodical Club is appreciated.

WHAT IS A PENNY?

A penny is that small coin that is usually left on the street. It is the coin that is talked about being dropped by the Department of the Treasury. It is the coin that is given away in stores in “take one, give one” containers.

Yet the penny is the cornerstone of a grant program for children’s books. In 1988 to help celebrate the 100th birthday of the Church Periodical Club, the then president Janice Cook founded the Mile of Pennies Grant Fund. For several years, pennies were collected and in 1990 grants started being made. Pennies were collected by dioceses in miles, that is \$844.80. It is also granted in miles with the largest grant given being \$844.80. All collected pennies get sent to New York, and like UTO funds, they can’t be spent by the parish, diocese or province.

In the space of these 20 years, over 380 miles of pennies have been given. A lot of these pennies have been collected in large jars in parish halls and children’s collections. Please give when you see these. Children’s grants have gone all over this country and in several overseas dioceses. We granted 24 of these in 2008, 19 in the United States, 1 in Haiti, 2 in Kenya and 2 in Tanzania. In 2008, we granted \$17,222.05. Most years the amounts given are similar.

All of this from a coin that is worthless for most people to lean over and pick up. Yet, it changes lives and has enriched children all over the world. It is a penny that says “**In God We Trust**”, and in the collecting and sending, we are trusting God to help us spend them wisely.

Article authored by
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for the **ECW Communiqué**.

Pennies

Pennies *and more*

PENNIES

Where do the Pennies go?

Jackson-Field Homes, a girls’ residential home and treatment center in Jarrat, VA was founded in 1855, and merged with another in 1925. Many of the girls are sent there by the court system. The on-campus Gwaltney School is a licensed alternative school. In 2009, its 20 graduating seniors were part of the largest graduating class in the history of the school. Miles of Pennies covered the cost of special educational materials.

St. Ann’s Episcopal Church in Old Lyme, CT, held a weeklong simulcast vacation Bible school with **Camp Hispaniola**, a community of Haitians surrounding sugar cane fields in the Dominican Republic. Together 30 American and 200 Haitian children, ages 5-12, learned about Noah’s ark, sang and prayed together. Books and CDs were purchased with a grant from Miles of Pennies.

The **Diocese of Lexington** (KY), the **Diocese of Southern Ohio**, **Christ Episcopal** and **Coe College** in Cedar Rapids, Iowa are three examples of sponsors of summer reading camps to help under-privileged children in grades 3 and 4 improve their literacy skills and self-confidence. In Iowa, the day campers are mentored by Coe College students, Christ Church and community adults and teens. In Ohio, each overnight camper goes home at the end of the week with a book bag filled with at least 3 new and several used books. In Kentucky, the camper takes home two book bags full of new books. Miles of Pennies helped with the cost of the books.

Lydia’s Place, Inc., in Pittsburgh, PA, sponsors “A Mother’s Voice”, a storybook project where mothers who are Allegany County inmates can read and record stories for their children. The books were purchased by a grant from Miles of Pennies.

Stories compiled by **Mary Lou Sharp**
Miles of Pennies Chair

THANK YOU NOTES FROM NBF RECIPIENTS

From The Rev. Mary Lord
Taft, Oklahoma

Thanks so very much for Grant 11044 from the Church Periodical Club awarded for Books of Common Prayer and NRSV Bibles with the Apocrypha for prison ministries have in the Diocese of Oklahoma. I was able to purchase 44 prayer books and 25 Bibles.

The two facilities that will receive the books are the Eddie Warrior Correctional Center for Women in Taft and its counterpart Jess Dunn Correctional Center for Men, also in Taft. Both are minimum security facilities located about two miles part. In the picture below are some of the women who regularly attend Episcopal services at Eddie Warrior CC proudly holding Bibles and prayer books.



For background information about this ministry, please go to the **Happenings** section of our website.

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From **Sydney H. Verinder**, People Reaching People
Diocese of Toliara, Madagascar

My heart jumped with joy on receiving your email informing us that our grant had been funded. I give such praise to the Lord for his goodness and provision and abundant thanks to the Church Periodical Club for the NBF grant to support evangelism and education efforts in southern Madagascar.

Bishop McGregor has recently returned to Madagascar after a short trip to the United States, and I'm sure that he is thrilled with the ability to purchase new theological reference works – especially those printed in the Malagasy language. These resources are so valuable in the training process but most students here lack funds to purchase any basic materials for their theological training. Thank you again for your generosity – this is a true blessing.

Postscript from the Bishop: Greetings in the Name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is great news, and we look forward to purchasing Malagasy theological books for clergy and evangelist to have in their libraries. The leaders will be so excited to receive these gifts in March when we gather for leadership development programs. Thanks once again for the gift.

Serving Christ Together. + Todd

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

A NEW BEGINNING – A NEW YEAR

for **CPC in the Diocese of Missouri** under the leadership of **Annie Rayman**, CPC Diocesan Director. With the help of **Penny Jr.**, a Cardinal bear – red with white paws and face, she hopes to raise a mile of pennies before the next triennial in 2012.

With the broken pieces of a dollar – those pennies, dimes, nickels and quarters all asking to be gathered in, Annie says that this is one way Church Periodical Club in Missouri can change the world one book at a time. She's inviting all 45 churches within the diocese to work together to accomplish this goal. CPC is not only for women – men are more than welcomed to participate as well as the youth.

In 2009, Miles of Pennies awarded a full grant to the **Episcopal City Mission** who provides hope and healing for children in detention. With their grant of \$844.60, Bibles were purchased for the youth. Another grant was awarded to a school in their companion **Diocese of Lui**.

According to Annie, it's now time to **pay it forward**.

If anyone in the Diocese of Missouri would like Penny Jr. to visit their parish, you can contact Annie at 314-395-1227.

Be sure to visit the **Happenings Section** on our website to read all about Penny Jr. as she travels around her diocese raising money for the Miles of Pennies Fund.

HAPPENINGS HIGHLIGHTS

From **Connie Osborne** – Province VII
“An Act of God” – Diocese of NW Texas
Story with photo

From **Annie Rayman** – Province V
Penny Jr. – “Her Beginnings” – Diocese of Mo.
Story with photo

From The **Rev. Samuel Maduma**
NBF Grant Recipient, Diocese of Kiteto, Tanzania
Story with photos

From **The Rev. Mary Lord**
NBF Grant Recipient – Learn more about her
prison ministry

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THE IMPACT OF ONE GRANT

The Hispanic congregation of St. John's Episcopal Church, Sparta, WI was approved for a National Books Funds grant of \$362 in Anaheim, 2009. This small but faithful congregation had been singing a cappella for two years and wrote a grant to purchase hymnals, keyboard accompaniment and other materials including CDs for the hymns.

The **Rev. Leigh F. Waggoner** right after their celebration of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe – Our Lady of Guadalupe said, “I just love you people of the CPC. It’s hard to describe what a difference this gift has made in the life of our Spanish-speaking congregation. It has changed everything, having our Hispanic hymnals. We are very, very grateful.”



Deadline for the Spring *Quarterly* is May 15. Please send material, stories, digital photos and ideas to Editor: Linda Vaill, 47 West Shore Drive, Otisfield, ME 04270 or lvail@hughes.net

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