

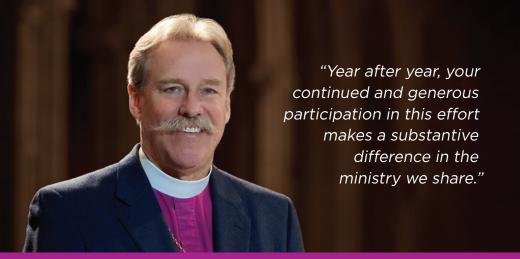
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The Bishop's Annual Appeal | 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio







## THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear friend and colleague,

In 2016, as we prepared to celebrate the Diocese of Ohio's bicentennial year, you and 558 other donors to the Bishop's Annual Appeal provided more than \$265,000 of mission and formation resources.

Year after year, your continued and generous participation in this effort makes a substantive difference in the ministry we share. I see it every day, as the people of our Diocese live out their faith and demonstrate a common commitment to "Love God. Love Your Neighbor. Change the World.®"

It is not difficult to quantify the impact of your giving. We can count the number of individuals and families served in the soup kitchens, community meals, and food pantries of our parishes. We can track the number of people who are homeless for whom we provide shelter month after month. We can observe clearly the spiritual growth and faith development of seminarians, young adults, and youth whom we support in their formation, diocesan gatherings, and mission work.

What we can't easily measure is the hope, the encouragement, the security, and, most importantly, the love of God that countless men, women, and children experience each year as a consequence of your largesse. We know, however, that it is life changing for both the one who receives and the one who gives.

Please know how very much I appreciate your generosity.

Gratefully,

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.

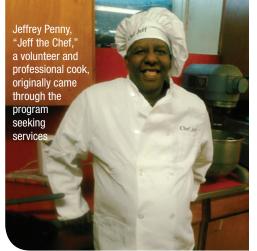
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### MEETING THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS

For more than 30 years, the St. James' Lunch Program in Painesville has been serving a hot mid-day meal for up to 4 days a week. The church serves more than 20,000 meals each year. Seniors, families with children, the working poor, and people experiencing homelessness are among the scores that rely on these meals. It is one of the primary safety nets for those experiencing hunger in Lake County. Volunteers from St. James and more than a dozen other churches work collaboratively to prepare the meals. The program is one of 30 parish-based outreach programs that are funded through Episcopal Community Services and the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Other

funded programs include those that provide help for people who are homeless, support youth and education, increase access to healthcare, and that reach out to veterans and countless others in need.



"'Feed my sheep.' These words from Jesus resonate deeply at St. James. Our feeding program provides a hub of loving security for our economically and socially marginalized neighbors: underemployed, elderly on fixed incomes, people with severe mental illness or addiction, transient families, and people who are lonely. Our time and energy can remain focused on service rather than fundraising because of generous donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal."

The Rev. Vanessa Clark, St. James, Painesville

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## RAISING UP LEADERS

The Diocese of Ohio is creating new opportunities for communicants to explore lay and ordained leadership alike. We continue our commitment to providing engaging and formative experiences for youth and young adults that introduce them to the vocation to Holy Orders. In 2016, the Diocese had nine postulants enrolled in seminary programs, three of whom were participating in an innovative and locally based course of study that employs Bexley Seabury Seminary's low-residency Master of Divinity

program. Thanks to support from the Bishop's Appeal, we are able to provide these students with three-year parish internships with exceptional clergy mentoring. Thus, by the end of their training, they will have received a superior academic education along with the equivalent of a parochial curacy.

"Being a part of a seminary cohort has allowed me to put theory and practice together. Doing field work in the Diocese has allowed me to deepen my relationships and roots with this community of bishops. clergy, and laity as I study, grow, and experiment, all of which creates an environment of both support and accountability."

Anna Risch, Seminarian in the Low Residency Program





### SUPPORT FOR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS

Finding oneself in a new leadership role presents novel challenges for both the clergy and the church. Newly ordained priests must shift from a focus on their religious education to the realities and responsibilities of helping lead a congregation. Curacies, the traditional 3-year model for this, have all but disappeared in today's church. The Bishop's Appeal helps to fund opportunities for the newly ordained to be placed in a parish with an experienced mentor. As a curate, the new priest develops pastoral, liturgical, and leadership skills under the guidance of exceptional lay and clergy

leaders. The curates are given opportunities to engage with the congregation in as many ministry contexts as possible: homiletic, pastoral, liturgical, educational, spiritual, ecumenical, and social. In this way, they also engage their parishes in the life of the larger church and in the formation of future priests.

"It was a blessing to return after seminary to the Diocese where I grew up. The curacy position at St. Peter's in Lakewood has been a wonderful opportunity. I get to serve with a thoughtful, generous, and honest group of people who are concerned about the communities and the world in which we all live. My time as a curate (Latin word meaning care) enables me to try new things, figure out what it is to be a priest and have responsibilities, all while being supported in a web of people around me."

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	Received in 2015 for 2016	Received in 2016 for 2017
Gifts - Not Designated	\$227,995.26	\$233,462.64
Gifts - Designated for ECS	33,498.98	27,322.94
Gifts - Designated for youth	8,676.00	5,000.00
Total Bishop's Appeal Gifts	270,170.24	265,785.58
GRANTS from Invested Funds		
(Brayton, Cooper, Darnell, etc.)	63,133.80	69,667.92
Totals	\$333,304.04	\$335,453.50
Total Donors	652	559

Funds Expended by Ministry in 2016

\$333,304.04

 Health / Homelessness (ECS)
 .\$44,500.00

 Hunger (ECS)
 .68,300.00

 Youth, Education & Growth (ECS)
 .49,425.00

 Newly Ordained Clergy
 .100,000.00

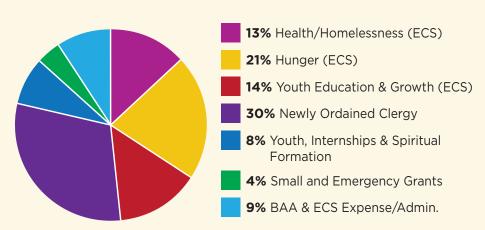
 Youth, Internships & Spiritual Formation
 .28,157.80

 Small and Emergency Grants
 .13,292.18

 BAA & ECS Expense / Administration
 .29,629.06

 Total
 \$333,304.04

# Funds Expended in 2016 by Percentage



Dollars received in one calendar year are expended the following year; for example, gifts received in 2016 fund programs and ministries in 2017.



### **ENSURING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION**

Funding from the Bishop's Appeal ensures that there are opportunities for every generation to be meaningfully engaged in God's mission. From mission trips to summer internships in the

Diocesan offices, youth and young adults are encouraged to get more deeply involved with their faith, their parishes, and the Diocese. These opportunities are intended to help them with their spiritual development, their knowledge of the Episcopal Church, and their exposure to the issues and challenges facing all of our communities.

"When I discovered youth events, I found a community of people my age to grow with and share in the deepening of our faith. My world got bigger as I joined a new community of people with similar issues and hopes but entirely different lives and passions. It was an entirely new way to experience God, and one I now take with me in my daily life."

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