

Dear Parishes,

From 2000 to 2015, eight Millennium Development Goals addressed the needs of the poorest on earth with some success. Since 2006, The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee has supported the achievement of the MDGs by assigning 0.7% of our diocesan budget toward their achievement. The newly formulated Sustainable Millennium Goals (*see below) build on the progress made thus far, and at the 2015 Diocesan Convention our diocese resolved to support them.

The Commission on Global Reconciliation is seeking your input as we prepare to recommend distribution of our diocesan 0.7% SDG funds. The amount in this year's diocesan budget is \$5,752 (plus \$5,000 which pays the partial salary of the Coordinator of The Haiti Project.)

We will be meeting in July to consider your ideas, and will send our recommendations for distribution of the funds to The Executive Council for deliberation at their August meeting.

In order to decide between a number of worthy requests, we have established the following guidelines:

- a. That the money will be used to directly meet one or more of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- b. That there be a continuing relationship between the recipient and members of the diocese.
- c. That the funds do not go to a third party funding organization, but directly to a program that is administering/using the funds.
- d. That there be demonstrated accountability in the form of a report, letter, pictures, or the like.

Please take time to talk with parishioners and solicit their ideas.

In your recommendations please include:

1. The Name of the Agency.
2. Name and Address of Contact Person (and email if available.)
3. Amount Requested.
4. How and to whom funds are transferred for this program.
5. A description of the program, including specifics about how the money will be used. Feel free to include pictures if you have them.

We also post the above information on our page on the diocesan website. Please send your proposals no later than July 1st to:

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THANK YOU!

*The 17 Sustainable Development Goals for the period 2015-2030

1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all
8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
10. Reduce inequality within and among countries
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts (in line with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)
14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.