

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

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The ministry focus of the Diocesan Mission Project is to provide disaster relief through a call to mission work by Diocesan parishioners. The names of E.R.D. Parish Representatives are attached. There is one Diocesan Conference each year.

The highlights of the 2008 program were the two mission trips. The trips were for hurricane relief along the Gulf Coast. Thirty-seven volunteers went to New Orleans in May. Thirty-one volunteers went to Long Beach, Mississippi in September. The sixty-eight parishioners were from eighteen Diocesan Churches.

The goals for this program year are to once again return to New Orleans and Mississippi to aid Episcopal Relief and Development in its ongoing commitment to the Gulf Coast. The mission movement will also consider helping Diocesan churches in W. Michigan that request help for parishioners who are victims of local disasters. Needs include communication within the organizations of the Diocese regarding mission trips, such as parishes, committees, commissions, and the Executive Council. Fund raising to defer costs for mission trips is also needed.