

Grandparenting Ministry Report
The Diocese of South Carolina
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The Grandparenting Ministry of the Diocese of South Carolina continues to fiercely focus on becoming intentional in passing faith in Jesus Christ to the next generations. This fall there were five parishes with active ministry: St. Philip's, Charleston; Holy Comforter, Sumter; Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant; St. Paul's Summerville and Prince George Winyah, Georgetown. Each parish began the fall by celebrating Grandparent's Day. Some parishes observed this National Day of Recognition on September 8 while two of the parishes chose a later September date more convenient for their parish.

The ministry at these parishes varies from parish to parish. Most meet monthly for prayer. Christ Church Anglican adds a program component to their monthly prayer sessions by inviting various speakers to their meetings. This fall they watched "The Amazing Influence of a Grandparent" by Larry Fowler. Also, they recognize new grandparents by gifting to them favorite books for grandparents and grandchildren. Holy Comforter, Sumter, meets 1/month for personal and corporate prayer followed by some time of fellowship. St. Philip's, Charleston, calls its grandparenting group "Generations". They offer a variety of activities for both grandparents and grandchildren. In addition to their activities, they have three small groups that meet in private homes on a regular basis to study ways to pass faith in Jesus Christ to their loved ones. Often, they watch recorded speakers on DVD. Prince George Winyah meets monthly to pray for their grandchildren. St. Paul's Summerville has three components to their ministry: G@P for prayer, winter Sunday School for discipleship and a spring banquet for fellowship. Presently, they are prayerfully considering partnering with another St. Paul's senior ministry so that they can offer a strong program to all of the St. Paul's seniors.

Grand Camp continues to be a strong offering to our grandparents. The leadership team of Grand Camp meets once/month. This committee consists of Wanda DeLorge, chair, John and Patti Sosnowski, Sherry and Sammy Schumann, Dave and Jane Wright, Rich Giersch and Cathy Jacobs. Peter Rothermel assists as he is able. Grand Camp 2025 will be our 12th year. We will meet for the third year at Epworth by the Sea. We have made a \$5,000 downpayment to Epworth and have signed a contract. Our theme this year will be "Paul: Before and After". Registration opened December 1. The cost remains at \$425/camper.

Respectfully submitted,
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