

Diocesan Council Report

for

Grandparenting Ministry

Grandparenting Ministry started 2026 with its usual enthusiasm. St John's Parish had its monthly Grandparents at Prayer (aka G@P). After their extended prayer time for the grandchildren represented, John and Patti Sosnowski lead a study on praying for your family. They used the book, *Ten for Ten*, by Christian Grandparenting Network as their guide. The Sosnowski's also encouraged the grandparents to journal in their Quiet Times.

Christ Church Anglican in Mt Pleasant met on January 18. Twenty-eight people were present. After a potluck dinner, the group watched Dr. Rob Rienow's video on, "Never Too Late, Encouraging Faith in Your Adult Children". The meeting was closed with prayer time for the spiritual growth of 105 grandchildren.

The Prime Timers at St. Paul's Anglican in Summerville met and planned a Lenten devotional for all grandparents and grandchildren. This devotional will be focused on The Stations of the Cross with time allotted for grandparents to pray with their grandchildren, preparing their hearts for the celebration of Easter. Plans were also made for a summer gathering, a fall teaching and an Advent devotional.

Sherry Schumann continues her work across the nation under Renewation. This Christian organization is directed by Dr. Josh Mulvihill. Representing this group, Sherry attended the Children's Pastor's Conference in Florida in early January. They were able to talk to several hundred grandparents during the conference thus encouraging them to Biblical grandparenting. Sherry also taught Sunday School to the grandparents at Old St. Andrews on January 11. Sherry continues to work with Father Fred Onyango in building a team to take to Kenya, August, 2026, to lead a GrandCamp. Over 100 participants are

expected to attend. Sherry's team will be using the 2026 GrandCamp curriculum, currently being written by the Grand Core Team.

GrandCamp 2026 has opened its registration. Camp will be the week of June 15 – 19 at Epworth by the Sea. The focus of the week will be “The Miracles of Christ. As of February 1, 15 adults and 10 grandchildren have registered. That does not include staff and their grandchildren. Registration will be open until April 1. Please note that one of the most influential people in encouraging grandparents to attend GrandCamp is you, the priests and leadership of this Diocese! This week has proven many times to be the best way to encourage grandparents in their relationship with the Lord as well as building life-long memories with their loved ones.

Finally, our Grand Core President, Wanda DeLorge, spoke personally with Canon Ken Welden about ways for the grandparents of our Diocese to support Camp Jubilee. Some of the Grand Core Team plan on attending the upcoming Day of Jubilee on March 7 to observe how we can support that day for the Diocese as well as how to encourage Biblical grandparenting. We look forward to organizing a partnership of grandparents investing in Camp Jubilee.

Prayerfully submitted,
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