

## FORWARD MOVEMENT PUBLICATIONS

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Forward Movement Publications is The Episcopal Church's primary provider of devotional material. Chartered by the 51<sup>st</sup> General Convention in 1934 and charged to "reinvigorate the life of the church and to rehabilitate its general, diocesan and parochial work," Forward Movement is accountable to the General Convention through the office of the Presiding Bishop, who appoints the Forward Movement Board of Directors and serves as its president.

Publishing has been the means by which Forward Movement has sought to carry out its charge for the past 73 years. The quarterly devotional magazine *Forward Day by Day* has been published continuously since 1935. Circulation is now 285,000 copies per quarter, 89 percent of which is within The Episcopal Church, the rest going to other provinces of the Anglican Communion, primarily to the Anglican Church of Canada. Over 100,000 copies of *Forward Day by Day* are distributed each year, at no charge, to prisons, jails, hospitals, convalescent homes, juvenile detention centers and overseas military bases. Forward Movement also publishes 200 other titles, mostly tracts and booklets, on prayer, discipleship, worship, sacraments, Anglican history and spirituality and pastoral concerns. Roughly 25 new titles are issued each year. Distribution is through an on-line bookstore, parish churches and an annual catalog.

When the Presiding Bishop met with the Forward Movement Board in October 2008, she asked that inexpensive, timely materials be developed on two topics. The first was the Millennium Development Goals. Authors have been recruited, and a brief tract on each of the eight MDGs is now available. The other was Anglican identity, especially items for parishes and persons in places where Anglican unity is threatened by schism. Several new items on this topic are also now available and are being distributed to those who need them, in some cases free of charge through a gift from the Presiding Bishop's office. All these publications are available at the Forward Movement booth in the Exhibit Hall.

Two other new initiatives are also underway. In the past, Forward Movement has offered Spanish translations of its most popular English-language tracts. With the appointment of Isaías Rodríguez of Atlanta as Spanish editor, Forward Movement is now offering original devotional works by Spanish-speaking Episcopalians. A pilot program to guide young adults in exploring their faith is also being developed, headed by Sam McDonald of Lexington, Kentucky. This will be Forward Movement's first non-print ministry. Both these new programs are being underwritten by income from Forward Movement's growing endowment.

Forward Movement's offices are located in downtown Cincinnati and have been since the company's inception. Editor and Director Richard H. Schmidt oversees a staff of ten full-time and several part-time employees.

The Forward Movement Board of Directors meets twice each year to set goals for the company's ministry and oversee operations, including the annual operating budget of just under \$2 million. Forty percent of the expense budget goes for salaries and benefits for personnel, while nearly one fourth pays for printing. Other categories of expenses, in descending order of amount, are warehousing, office and building expenses, service and consultant fees, marketing and miscellaneous. Ninety-five percent of Forward Movement's income comes from sales of literature, with the rest deriving from gifts and endowment.

The Board of Directors is chaired by the Rev. James Lee Burns of New York, NY; and also includes the Rev. Richard Aguilar, Brownsville, TX; the Rev. Christine McSpadden, San Francisco, CA; Russell Palmore, Esq., Richmond, VA; Allene Russell Pierson, Baltimore, MD; the Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Jr., Columbus, OH; Michelle Rapkin, Forest Hills, NY; the Rev. Petero Sabune, Ossining, NY; the Rt. Rev. Stacy F. Sauls, Lexington, KY; the Rev. Jay Sidebotham, Lake Forest, IL; Janet K. Simpkinson, Cincinnati, OH; the Rev. Michael Spencer, Concord, NH; and Deborah Smith Douglas, Santa Fe, NM.

Meditations in *Forward Day by Day* have long been published anonymously. The following persons have contributed to *Forward Day by Day* during the past triennium: the Rev. Richard Aguilar, the Rev. George C. Allen, Jr., Dona Beavers, George and Virginia Benson, the Very Rev. Joseph H. Britton, the Very Rev. Sam Candler, the Rev. Carol Carlson, the Very Rev. Steven Charleston, the Rev. Cricket Cooper, the Rev. Barbara C. Crafton, Andrea Manchée D'Agosto, Deborah Smith Douglas, the Rev. Emmanuel Ekpunobi, the Very Rev. Ward B. Ewing, Tanya Ferdinandusz, the Rev. Roger Ferlo, Lyn M. Fraser, the Rev. Stephen Freeman, the Very Rev. Gary R. Hall, the Very Rev. Martha J. Horne, the Rev. Barbara A. D. Jensen, the Very Rev. J. R. Kevern, Robin Lind, Charlie Lovett, Sr. Mary Michael, SSM; Sarah Bryan Miller, Ann Moore, the Very Rev. Robert S. Munday, the Very Rev. Donn F. Morgan, Kathleen Phillips, the Rev. Margaret Rose, the Rev. Richard H. Schmidt, the Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg, Salley Shannon, the Very Rev. William S. Stafford, Mary Stout, Ann L. Thomas, the Very Rev. Douglas Travis, the Rev. John Van Nuys, the Rev. Francis H. Wade, and the Very Rev. Paul F. M. Zahl.

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION A182 CONTINUE FORWARD MOVEMENT**

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the Presiding Bishop be authorized to continue Forward
- 2 Movement Publications under her supervision and to appoint a Board of Directors as may be required to
- 3 maintain its work.