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The Galilee Episcopal Camp and  
Conference Center is a community  
with a reputation for a safe,  
aesthetic and spiritual environment  
to promote renewal, education,  
healing and fellowship.

Mission

To create a welcoming  
environment and professionally  
managed camp and conference  
center that honors each person and  
provides a spiritual place for  
renewal, celebration and learning.

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Presenting 2006 - A Good Year at Galilee

It was impressive! At the Diocesan Convention when those who had served at any time on the Galilee Board of Trustees or on a Galilee committee were asked to stand, quite a number of people stood. When the follow-up question was asked requesting everyone who had experienced Galilee at one time or another to also stand, over two-thirds of the assembled body rose. That was impressive! Those two questions were posed by the Vice President of the Galilee Board Betty Ihfe at the beginning of the Power Point presentation she and the 2006 Summer Youth Camp Director Jim Tousignant made to the approximately 192 clergy and lay delegates attending the Fallon convention.

After introducing the current Board, Ihfe announced that in addition to continuing to work on achieving the mission and goals of Galilee, this Board has carried-on its financial legacy by maintaining a positive financial position. She said that Galilee's budget is over \$200,000 and noted it is one of the largest budgets in the Diocese. Giving credit to the former Resident Director, Resident Chefs and Camp Registrar for assisting in this accomplishment, she affirmed that Galilee has been in the black for nine consecutive years since re-opening in 1997. That drew enthusiastic and appreciative applause from the audience.

Tousignant, known to campers as Mr. T., then clicked off a series of photos from the six-weeks of youth summer camps. How he feels about Galilee was expressed in the theme he chose for the six-week, "Galilee-Where Heaven meets Earth". He spoke about the value of counselor training that is conducted at Galilee the week before the campers arrive. He explained some of the team building activities they use with the campers and described a-day-in-the-life of a camper. He also made an extemporaneous plea for the Diocese to support the youth by committing money to Diocesan-wide youth programs in the 2007 budget.

In the next section of the presentation, Ihfe highlighted the remaining two weeks of 2006 summer camps. She noted what a terrific opportunity it is for families throughout the Diocese to enjoy this Family Camp week at Lake Tahoe entitled "Get Away-Get Together" and invited families to try it next year. She acknowledged the dozen volunteers that made weeks seven and eight possible and noted that next year the camp for children of inmates will be getting a new name because there already is an established camp in the area with a similar name. The dates for Winterfest 2007 and Summer Camp 2007 were announced. (See Page Two)

In bringing the presentation to a close, Ihfe updated the delegates that the Board is currently engaged in setting goals to the year 2010. In addition to hiring an Executive Director in early 2007, other goals being considered are continuing to increase utilization, completing Frensdorff House, developing more accommodations for youngsters and creating housing that is more comfortable for adults. With slides of the sun setting across Lake Tahoe, the assemblage rose, held hands and joined in the traditional hymn sung each evening at Point Prayer.

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Resident Director Jason shares...

Usually in this space, Jason Arnold writes a message sharing what has been happening on site and describing the seasonal beauty of Galilee. After devoting eight years to Galilee, Resident Director Jason resigned his position as of August 31, 2006. To further his interest and career in the fire service which began when he was a senior in high school, Jason accepted a position with the Nevada Fire Safe Council, a 501 (c)(3) organization. In his position as the Tahoe Basin Regional Coordinator for the south and east sides of Lake Tahoe, Jason facilitates projects and manages federal dollars for fuels reductions for fire safe chapter communities.

Jason came to Galilee in October 1998 to take care of the property succeeding Henry Corales. With his Bachelor of Science degree in Health Services Administration, when his skills and education became evident, he was promoted to Resident Manager. Just a few years ago he was entrusted with more responsibilities with the title Resident Director. Jason has welcomed thousands of people to Galilee. He has made countless improvements to the property throughout the years especially with his talent with wood. Jason was recently honored with a well-deserved Resolution of Appreciation at the Diocesan Convention in Fallon. The Board of Trustees appreciates Jason's years of dedication to Galilee. Jason and his faithful, now eleven-year old dog and property protector, Dodger, made many friends at and for Galilee and everyone wishes them God-speed and the best of everything in the future.

Many of you know Galilee's Resident Chef Mitchell Tufts who is a marvelous chef and friendly person. Mitchell has been asked by the Board of Trustees to serve as the Interim Resident Director for the remainder of the year until a Resident Executive Director is hired. Applicants for that position are currently being screened and interviews will take place later this month. Please keep Galilee in your prayers asking the Lord to send the best person to help guide this spiritual, magnificent place - Galilee at Lake Tahoe.

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