

## RECOVERY MINISTRIES:

### Membership?

You can support the important work of Recovery Ministries by becoming a member or by making a contribution. Go to [www.episcopalrecovery.org](http://www.episcopalrecovery.org) or fill out the form below and mail to our offices.

#### Annual Membership

\_\_\_\_ Individual \$35  
\_\_\_\_ Parish \$125  
\_\_\_\_ Diocese \$250  
\_\_\_\_ Lifetime \$500

#### Contribution

I wish to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_

to support the mission of Recovery Ministries.

Total enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name: (with preferred form of address) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
**RECOVERY MINISTRIES** OF THE  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INC.  
and mail to  
PO Box 40764  
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## RECOVERY MINISTRIES: Why?

### Facts of Alcoholism and Addiction

- An estimated 20 million Americans chronically misuse alcohol and other drugs— licit and illicit.
- Half of all auto accident deaths (about 28,000 a year) are related to alcohol.
- Every 14 minutes another someone dies due to prescription drug abuse or misuse.
- One in ten of us will become chemically dependent; in certain areas with high rates of alcohol consumption, that figure is one of eight.
- One in every three families is affected by addiction.
- The total overall cost of addiction to society including productivity, health and crime related costs exceed \$600 billion annually.
- Less than three percent of those with addiction fit the stereotype of “street person” or “skid row bum.” In truth, alcoholics and addicts are functioning in every profession, every trade, every parish.

## THE CHURCH'S POSITION

Beginning with the 66<sup>th</sup> General Convention Resolution on Alcoholism in 1979, the Episcopal Church committed to actively support those suffering from addiction and to raise the collective national church consciousness of the disease. The 1982, 1985, 1988, 1991, 2003 and 2009 General Convention Resolutions on addiction affirmed and expanded upon the 1979 resolution.

The resolutions call for each diocese to establish a committee, provide extensive education, develop written policies and treatment procedures on addiction. They define standards for the use of alcoholic beverages in parishes and recommend development of church employee assistance programs similar to those in secular jobs. The resolutions support the use of Recovery Sunday materials, commend this organization for its work and recommend it to Dioceses and Parishes as a resource.

# Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church

## Membership Brochure



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## RECOVERY MINISTRIES: What?

Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church is a national membership organization with a mission to those who, through addiction, have lost their health and freedom. This ministry seeks to:

- Help the addicted, and those who love them, connect with spiritual resources and find lasting recovery,
- Witness to Christ's unfailing mercy by welcoming unchurched members of Alcoholics Anonymous and other twelve-step programs into the Episcopal faith community,
- Raise the awareness of Bishops, other clergy and lay leaders about the disease of addiction and the redemption and grace found in recovery,
- Strengthen recovering Episcopalians in the work of their recovery and help proclaim the Gospel in the world and carry their recovery into the Church.

## RECOVERY MINISTRIES: THE MISSION

Recovery Ministries is an independent organization serving the whole church comprised of dioceses, parishes and individual members, many of whom are recovering persons, who share the conviction that the church is responsible to offer God's healing to persons afflicted by addictive illnesses, and give strength, guidance and succor to those who love them. Governed by an elected Board of Directors of laity and clergy from across the country, Recovery Ministries pursues this mission.

Recovery Ministries is called to offer our congregations constructive spiritual responses to the major health problems of alcoholism, drug addiction and the full spectrum of addictive illnesses which our culture fosters.

Recovery Ministries seeks to educate bishops, clergy and laity about these illnesses so they may better recognize them in their congregations and families, and be able to access resources for prevention, intervention and treatment.

Recovery Ministries seeks to establish a local active recovery ministry in every diocese through which to encourage persons toward recovery and to help mitigate the devastating impact of these maladies among our people.

Those in our pews and pulpits suffering from these illnesses need the help of their Church family to accept the mercy and healing of Jesus Christ through Spirit-centered programs of recovery.

Many of us in this ministry have heard God's invitation to wholeness and health and new life. We can do no less than try to assure that our Church embrace those who have yet to hear His voice calling them to healing and re-creation.

This is God's Call.

We pray you will join us.

## RECOVERY MINISTRIES: THE BENEFITS OF THE R/M NETWORK

Through its national office, Recovery Ministries serves its members as a resource center for networking, and provides educational materials concerning alcohol, drugs and other addictions that affect many members of the Church community.

- **Newsletter:** Four times a year Recovery Ministries publishes a newsletter. This newsletter contains timely information of interest to laity and clergy with a wide range of concerns in the field of addictions and church ministry and disseminates news from the Recovery Ministries network.
- **Annual Gathering:** Recovery Ministries Annual Gathering brings members from all over the church together for information and inspiration. Speakers, seminars, and informal social events give participants an opportunity to learn what is working elsewhere and to share their joys and frustrations.
- **Recovery Sunday:** Each year Recovery Ministries members receive a complimentary copy of the Recovery Sunday publication, if requested.
- **Networking with dioceses and the national church:** Through a grassroots organization, in cooperation with the national church, Recovery Ministries works closely with the leadership of the Church.