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**OFFICE OF BISHOP**

**Assistant to the Bishop**

"We live by faith and not by sight."

I am writing this annual report for the year 2006 with only having served less than a month as assistant to the bishop. I accepted the call to serve Christ and the church with the hope that my gifts can be put to good use in this position. I am fortunate to follow Dean Bard, as he has been a faithful servant and a good model as assistant. However, I'm only too keenly aware of how I have to learn in this position. My by-line has been "I don't know!" (Please feel free to fill me in on the details!) I eagerly look forward to understanding the church in a new way.

Several items are worth mentioning. The staff at the synod office is so helpful and knowledgeable. I thank them in advance for all the direction they will give me! Second, I am amazed at the broad scope of ministry taking place cooperatively within the synod. There are so many people in the synod freely sharing their gifts above and beyond the work of the local congregation. Third, I'm looking forward to working with the Mission through Congregation Team. Fourth, I anticipate my continued work with the candidacy committee as a representative of the synod staff. Finally, I have been encouraged by the prayers offered at synod staff meetings for individual needs of rostered leaders and families, as well as for congregations. I invite you to continue your prayers for the staff at the synod office as well.

I look forward to serving our Lord with you. May the peace of Christ be with us on our journey!

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