

Friday, November 9, 2007
Presentation to Annual Convention

SALE OF THE TRIANGLE LAKE PROPERTY

**MY PORTION OF THE PRESENTATION REFLECTS THE
WORK COMPLETED BY THE TRIANGLE LAKE TASK
FORCE, WHICH WAS CHAIRED BY JANIS HANSEN.**

**THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE WERE
ENGAGED IN A THOROUGH EXAMINATION AND
ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION
OF THE TRIANGLE LAKE PROPERTY PLUS THE
FINANCIAL REALITIES IF CAMPING WAS TO BE
CONTINUED. THE PATH WAS CLEAR AND AN
APPROPRIATE BUSINESS DECISION WAS MADE.
BECAUSE OF LACK OF SUPPORT AND LOW
PARTICIPATION LEVELS, IT WAS DECIDED TO
CANCEL THE 2007 CAMPING SEASON AND “MOTH
BALL” THE FACILITY IN ANTICIPATION OF A**

HOPED FOR CAMPING SEASON IN 2008. IT WAS A CHALLENGING, EMOTIONAL AND TIME CONSUMING PROCESS. A BETTER CAMPING MODEL FOR THE FUTURE AND THE POTENTIAL OF REDUCING THE ON GOING FINANCIAL BURDEN WAS NEEDED AND THE POSSIBILITY OF SELLING THE TRIANGLE LAKE PROPERTY WERE TWO OUTCOMES FROM THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE.

THE TRIANGLE LAKE PROPERTY WAS NEVER PLACED ON THE MARKET AND LISTED FOR SALE. A FEW PARTIES TELEPHONED INTEREST. THE ONE AND ONLY OFFER WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW INDIANS. IN DISCUSSION WITH THE TRIBE REPRESENTATIVES I ASKED WHY THEY WERE INTERESTED IN THE TRIANGLE LAKE PROPERTY. THE TRIBE ELDER INDICATED THAT HISTORICALLY

**THERE WERE ABOUT 28 INDIVIDUAL TRIBES
OF FIRST NATION PEOPLE UP AND DOWN THE
OREGON COAST LINE. THEY WOULD MEET
ANNUALLY IN HARMONY FOR A CULTURAL
CELEBRATION AT TRIANGLE LAKE. I ASKED,
“WHY TRIANGLE LAKE ? “. THE ELDER SAID,
“ THAT’S EASY ,WE JUST FOLLOWED THE SALMON”.
THE TRIBE CONSIDERED THE TRIANGLE LAKE
PROPERTY AS “ HOLY GROUND” AND THEY WERE
VERY INTERESTED IN RECLAIMING IT FOR
CULTURAL AND HERITAGE CELEBRATION EVENTS
AND FOR CAMPING FOR THEIR YOUTH , TRIBE
MEMBERS AND GUESTS. IT WILL NOT BE DEVELOPED
OR USED AS A CASINO.**

**WE HAVE BEEN GOOD STEWARDS OF THE
PROPERTY WITH BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED AND
A NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLED. IN**

CONVERSATION WITH THE TRIBE IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THEIR RECLAIMING AND PURCHASING OF THE PROPERTY WOULD BE MORALLY AND SPIRITUALLY RIGHT.

IN PURSUING THE SALE PROCESS, AN UPDATED APPRAISAL WAS ORDERED AND RECEIVED FROM DUNCAN AND BROWN, R.E. CONSULTANTS IN EUGENE. A CASH OFFER FROM THE TRIBE OF 2.2 MILLION DOLLARS WAS RECEIVED. THE EARNEST MONEY OFFER WAS SUBMITTED, REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, APPROVED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY OUR BISHOP. THE APPROVED CASH OFFER IS SCHEDULED TO CLOSE FEBRUARY 15,2008.

THE DESTINCTION OF THE APPROVED OFFER IS THAT THE DIOCESE WILL NOW AVOID THE

**\$150,000.00 ANNUAL EXPENDITURE WHICH WOULD
HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AND SECURE
THE CLOSED TRIANGLE LAKE PROPERTY.**

**THE BENEFIT IS THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE
WILL CREATE AN ENDOWMENT AND CAMPING
SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUR CHILDREN THROUGHOUT
THE WHOLE OF THE DIOCESE. THE FUNDS ARE TO BE
DEPOSITED INTO THE DIOCESAN INVESTMENT
FUND FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF CAMBERSHIP
FOR OUR KIDS.**

**THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD
OF TRUSTEES NAME THE FUND “ THE ROBERT L. AND
JEAN A LADEHOFF CAMBERSHIP ENDOWMENT”.**

**CHUCK MARTIN WILL NOW OUTLINE THE PROCESS
AND PRESENT THE DIVERSE AND COMPREHENSIVE
CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES THAT AWAIT US IN 2008.**

