

*For Kajo Keji and the Needy in Pennsylvania*

# Diocesan Council approves Capital Campaign to provide *New Hope*



*Photo by Charlie Barebo*

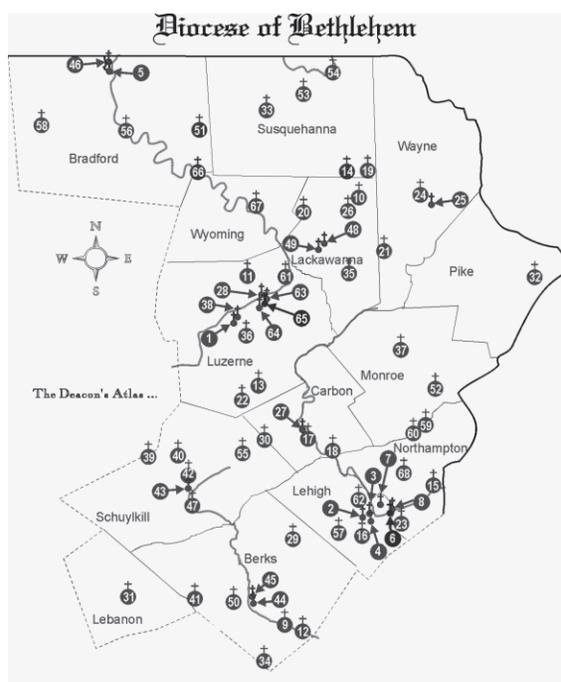
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*Bishop Paul Marshall*

*I have been waiting two years to make this announcement, and some of you have been waiting nearly that long to hear it.*

The feasibility study commissioned by Diocesan Council and begun at our convention last October was reported to Council at its February meeting and acted upon in the March meeting. We were seeking to learn what we could reasonably hope to accomplish in three areas: planting new churches in the diocese, care of the needy at home, and response to the requests of our partner diocese of Kajo-Keji in southern Sudan.



The firm that undertook the study has been in business for more than sixty years, and reported that without parallel in their experience our diocese has amazingly high awareness of our mission and very high commitment to it. Hearing that was a great gift to me and to the members of Council.



The priorities that members of the diocese are committed to are Kajo Keji (very high) and new ministries to the needy (high). There is not very much support for funds to plant new churches. The consultants found that \$3.6 million is an attainable goal for us.

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On March 8, Council accordingly determined to begin a campaign to raise that sum. The intention is to devote 75% of the money raised for Sudan, and 25% for new ministries to the needy at home. Council has engaged Kirby-Smith of Lancaster County to assist us in the effort. They have done very good work for a number of our parishes, most recently in Lebanon and Douglassville.

It is a great joy to announce to you that Mr. Charles Barebo has enthusiastically accepted my invitation to lead this effort. Charlie is a powerful lay witness to Jesus Christ and understands what the word mission means.

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"The Diocese" in the sense that the word means you and me stands to benefit tremendously from the experience of working together selflessly for God's

poor. The materially "least" of Jesus' brothers and sisters provide us the experience of his love for them.

Our doing this together provides us personal transformation as we increase our practice of creative compassion. It provides us corporate transformation as we intensify our commitment to that which is above other issues on which a wide variety of opinion exists, namely our commitment to being Christ's body in the world.

As you read this, a steering committee is being organized to lead us into action. You will be hearing from them directly. In the meantime I ask for your prayers for this mission as it takes shape.

Would it not be a marvelous witness to the presence of the resurrected Jesus if every member of our community joined in reaching in his name to those who have the least and need the most?

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