

GRACE RECOVERY MINISTRY REPORT
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Last year I reported on the impact that COVID was having on the work of the Recovery Ministry. Grace has returned to service under a strict tracing regimen: service registration, masking and testing protocols. In April our Rector retired and the Sr. Warden and Clergy began scheduling for a 10:30am service each Sunday for both in church and live streaming. Until September this attracted many of our parishioners. Beginning in September our Interim Rector encourage opening the 8am service and finally in November we opened our Saturday service following the same protocols.

But alas, COVID did more than that; it ravaged the addicted and mentally ill. The challenges of recovery reached epoch proportions. From my perspective the worst of recovery is helplessness; the reward of recovery is that we can use our tools, one person at a time, and each makes a difference.

PARISH RECOVERY

One disappointment was not being called to hold a Recovery Eucharist during Recovery Month in Sept. We were welcoming our new Interim Rector and sorting out responsibility. In conjunction with the Sr. Warden we decided to do our traditional Recovery Eucharist during Lent 2022. As restrictions allow, we will plan a Recovery Service.

Employing rigorous anonymity the Recovery Minister at Grace handled 6 personal requests from individual and families for suggestions, referral and prayer. Clergy is informed when the individual seeking guidance grants permission to do so.

We also received numerous requests from recovery programs requiring fees. These for profit organizations request usually to be endorsement by our Parish and or Diocese. The policy of the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church (RMEC) is not to recommend the business model for families seeking recovery; this is reserved for individual choice. We do vet and align ourselves with local volunteer organizations.

NCG Addiction and Recovery Sub-committee.

- In 2020 I was asked to join the Addiction and Recovery Sub-committee Board sponsored by the Nevadans for the Common Good (NCG) an opportunity to network but has allowed me to expand my recovery tool box most particularly in Nevada. This year I will be involved in clergy training based on my experience at the National Church level. I am a member of the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church (RMEC) Committee on Parish and Diocesan Education Training development and am able to offer this training to other faith traditions in Nevada.

In February NCG Addiction & Recovery offered Narcan Training and kit distribution. That was in turn offered to parishes throughout our Diocese.

Foundation for Recovery

On September 29th 2021 Foundation for Recovery partnered with the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, offering a workshop on Interfaith Recovery Training. That continues to be available as a PDF. The Foundation also provided me this ministry with a resource directory which is also available as a downloadable file here: [Foundation for Recovery – Nevada's Statewide Recovery Community Organization](#)

Re-activating Grace Recovery in 2022 after COVID

No one needs to be told about the toll that has been taken on our entire population during lockdowns. This has been harmful to children teens, adults, parents and, grandparents. Addiction, suicide and depression have spread as rapidly as COVID. It is time to open our doors again.

Plans for 2022 include:

- Offering a Recovery Eucharist during one of the 5 weeks of Lent & accompanied with a live recovery meal or soup supper in the Parish Hall.
- Establishing a committee at Grace to cross train for this vital ministry.
- Pursuing monthly events for Recovery with speakers or zoom workshops.
- Securing adequate storage for recovery materials.

Respectively submitted, Susan Cooper