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### **A REPORT TO THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA -- NOVEMBER 2010**

Philadelphia Theological Institute continued its ministry of theological inquiry in the Diocese of Pennsylvania with varied and unique program for 2009-10

October 8-10, 2009: Co-sponsored a symposium “Imagining Ourselves: God Calling Women To Action” with Dr. Jane Williams and other women leaders of the DIOPA. The event was hosted at St. Thomas, Whitmarsh and St. Luke’s, Germantown.

November 3, 2009: Dr. Tony Campolo led a Preaching Day at St. Mary’s Cathedral Road. This event was quite popular as Dr. Campolo is an inspiring and engaging speaker. His stories, insights and illustrations held the attention of everyone who attended.

December 6-9, 2009: An advent retreat “Preparing the Way-Unexpected Expectation” with The Rt. Rev. Frank Griswold and Ms. Barbara Braver. Held at Daylesford Abbey more than 20 people from around the USA attended.

January 28-Feb 7, 2010: A pilgrimage to the Holy Land-Israel and Palestine was hosted by PTI’s Executive Director, The Rev. Canon James L. Shannon. A group of 15 pilgrims visited holy sites in Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the West Bank.

May 17, 2010: A talk and discussion with Mr. David Waters of the Washington Post was held at St. Mary’s Church Wayne. Mr. Waters now directs the Washington Post blog. He shared “Ten Commandments for Religion Writers.”

July 5-11, 2010: J2A Pilgrimage to Salisbury with The Church of the Holy Spirit Harleysville. COSH continued their pilgrimage program by asking PTI to help plan and organize the pilgrimage. Canon James led a group of 24 to Sarum College where the group participated in the full life of the Cathedral..

September 14, 2010: PTI co-sponsored with the Free Library of Philadelphia a reception and book signing for Eliza Griswold who presented a talk on her new book, The Tenth Parallel: Dispatches from the Fault Line Between Christianity and Islam. The event had more than 400 people in attendance at the Free Library.

October 9, 2010: PTI co-sponsored with Philadelphia Liturgical and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia a liturgical conference at Rosemont College. “Sacred Mysteries: Enriching the Celebration” was attended by a broad ecumenical group.

The Rev. Thomas McClellan is the current chair. The Rev. Canon James L. Shannon serves as Executive Director.

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