

## Report of the Ecumenical Commission to the 183<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Convention:

There is much going on in the ecumenical and interfaith community in our area. It is encouraging to witness, and be a part of, so many worship services and ministries that involve Christians from many denominations and members of the Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and other faith communities. There are ministries to the poor and homeless as well as social justice initiatives which folk of various faiths work together in a common calling from God.

Members of the Ecumenical Commission represent the diocese in these ministries and services. Among the various opportunities each year for ecumenical/interfaith services is a memorial for those homeless who have died on the streets during the year. Sometimes they are never identified, and we list them according to the location where they were found. I recommend this service to all as it is quite moving. Unfortunately, there will not be one this year because of COVID. Also because of COVID, the last time the commission attended an event was in the spring for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference (LIC) which is headed by Fr. Dan Krutz who is a member of the commission. Bishop Brown was one of the speakers for that event.

Normally I would tell of upcoming opportunities in the ecumenical/interfaith world, but that is not possible now. However, I do ask for your prayers for this work and to remember the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which will be between January 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Respectively submitted,

The Rev. Stephen Craft, Chair