



# ACTS in ACTION

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## Looking Ahead

- ❖ ACTS Mission Board meets TBA @ St. Paul's.
- ❖ ACTS Board Meets April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm @ St. Paul's Rm #3
- ❖ Men's Retreat April
- ❖ Womens Retreat June
- ❖ Teen Retreat July
  - ❖ [Family Camp](#) Aug 15th



Dee Mason at the Gumbo Gala In February.

All ages had a great time!! good food, good friends, good deserts...what more could you ask for.



## Let's get acquainted..

Missions Board Member **Leora A. Houtary**  
 Spouse **None**  
 Kid(s) **Joshua Rauwolf, 13 yr old**  
 Place of Work **Murray & Associates PC**

First retreat year 2001

Times on team 5 Juneau, 2 Wasilla

Involved in outteam when? teen, men's since first retreat

Church do you attend? Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hobbies playing flute, painting (oils mostly), gardening, engineering/science

Types of service you have been/are involved in music, CCD

What do you see as a long term goal for ACTS in Alaska? To

build up the christian community in Alaska to be loving followers of Jesus Christ. On the ACTS missions board, I think we need a firm plan on how an ACTS retreat is brought to another community, outline of bylaws etc, and the financial reality of those traveling retreats, and have the money collected and dedicated for the retreats.

How would you suggest other people help with that goal? Reach out to our brothers and sister that have been on ACTS retreats, and those that have not. If we love everyone and show them that love they will want to be a part of what's going on in ACTS.

On Missions, support the fundraising activities, whether it is helping hands in service, talent, or treasure. And think of a community in Alaska that would benefit from an ACTS retreat, and we will put it on the list for potential next places for ACTS Missions to go!

How would you suggest other people help with that goal?

Encourage [retreatants] (financial if necessary, such as pay tuition [registration]) participation of Juneau Christian ministers/pastors. Get endorsement from Arch-Diocese.



## Policy Corner

The ACTS Board established the following age guidelines for the retreats.

**Teens** - high school age

Team members are high school students and young adults 18-21

**Women** - 21 & up

**Men** - 21 & up

These guidelines were established because the young adults have a difficult time relating to issues of those who are older and have more life experiences.



Blog



## ACTS Stats

### Teen Blog!! *Annie Fox Albrecht*

As one of the original team members of teen ACTS, I was able to see the retreat grow and change for the first 5 summers. I transitioned from teen to young adult to co-director in those years and experienced all the different and unique contributions made by each position. It was amazing to see the newer teens step in with enthusiasm to take the place of those who had graduated. Each year I participated, I witnessed the incredible love, service and tenderness the teens showed towards each other and, whether I was in the midst or more of a bystander, it was so easy to feel God's presence there. The teen ACTS retreat was a jumping off point for my own faith, and my closest friends, to this day, are those whom I worked with on team. God does use the ACTS retreat for His purpose, and it is my prayer that all those who participate in planning these events remember that we are witnesses to Him and our greatest call is simply to love.

Former Directors of Mens Retreats:

Larry	Lopez	1997
Mike	Monagle	1998
Bob	Conte	1999
Errol	Arnaud	2000
Lee Ray	Clements	2001
Dutch	Knight	2002
Sean	Nolan	2003
Bill	Peters	2003
Marty	Lentz	2004
Bob	Young	2004
John	Schauwecker	2005
John	Doogan, Jr	2006
Bill	Benning	2007

Next month former women directors will be listed

**Earthen Vessel** played music at Church of the Nazarene and at St. Brendan's Episcopal Church. Short testimonies were given and registrations were passed out.



Earthen Vessel at Church of the Nazarene  
LtoR John, Vincent, Nathan, Bill, (Ray is behind Bill) Chris, Rick (microphone), Jamey, Winston, LeeRay

### **Do you have ACTS pictures ???**

Send your pictures to [help@actsinaction.com](mailto:help@actsinaction.com)  
Be sure to include brief description and dates.

### **Committees**

have been established to help members stay connected and to participate in ACTS ministries. Contact the ACTS Board members below to get involved. Service ([Robin Dale](#) and [Lisa Lindeman](#)); Community Relations/Communications ([Margaret O'Neal](#)); Retreat Supplies ([John Boddy](#)); Retreat Support ([Harold Heidersdorf](#)); Follow-Up ([Jamey Young](#) and [Marilyn Monagle](#)). In Wasilla contact Bobbie Ackley.



(Above) Music ministry at Rick & Miriam's church



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(Above) Bob Young encourages St Brendan's parishioners to fall back and retreat. Brother Fr Bob is sitting behind.



Do you recognize this banner?

It was used at one of the men's retreats.

A 2 page/condensed newsletter was mailed.



Audience participation at Church of the Nazarene (prospective retreatants?)



*Glory Hole*

We ARE still actively looking for folks who can volunteer to cook and serve the last Monday of the month 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

In the month of February Ruth, Lloyd Mitchell, Fr. Bob, Hal, Robert and cooked and served at the Glory Hole. Hal headed up a hearty home made chicken soup. We served about 50 souls.

## Who do your recognize?



Fr Bob gives testimony at Church of the Nazarene  
[Registrations](#) are available on line.



Many ACTS members came to join the music ministry of Earthen Vessel.

### ***Do you have ACTS pictures ???***

Send your pictures to [help@actsinaction.com](mailto:help@actsinaction.com)  
Be sure to include brief description and dates.

If you want to be on the cooking or donate funds list please call 463-1554 or email [primroses@gci.net](mailto:primroses@gci.net).  
With Grace For Us All, Robert, Hal and Fr. Bob

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(above) Gina is inviting people to come to the retreat.



(Above) The Methodist Camp is BIGGER!! The addition is habitable.



(Above) Ray invites the teens to come to the Teen retreat in July.

(Below) team members checking out the trails....hummm... snow is still abundant in March.



(Below)  
Members of the men's April team are checking out the new addition at the Methodist Camp



Just wait until the place is full!!!

## ***Retreatant and Team Lists***

Team lists are included in the newsletter in the issue prior to the retreat. The women will be listed in the May newsletter and the teens will be listed in the June newsletter.



(Above) Warming up at St. Brendan's



(Above) The guys warm up at St. Brendan's.

The community seems pleased to have Earthen Vessel and the ACTS people who also attended the Sunday morning service. ACTS sister Stephanie Hall plays the piano at St. Brendans....she got to sit with her husband and sing with the congregation.



(Above) Social time at St. Brendan's church.



(Above) Thanksgiving ACTS gathering Nov 2007  
L to R Leora, Nathan, Chris, Lee Ray, Ray,  
Bill, John & Vincent



(Above) Folk Festival 2005 with original Earthen Vessel  
L to R John, Winston, Lee Ray, Kelly, Nathan, (can't see) Rick & Ray & Vincent



(Above) Folk Festival 2005...Earthen Vessel was the LAST group on a Tuesday night. It was 10pm when they played! Many ACTS people came to be in the audience to cheer them on.

## ***Retreatant and Team Lists***

Retreatant lists will be included also. The retreatant lists usually change as the retreat nears.

The lists are kept updated on the internet as frequently as the teams advise of changes and have date notations at the top. This allows the ACTS community to be able to write notes ahead of time.

Online the [published list](#) gives only first names and initials. There is a UNpublished list that ACTS members have access to. This

Unpublished list gives first and last names of retreatants & team members.

Please pray for these teams and their families as they prepare to do the Lord's work.



(Above) Brother Fr. Bob sits with the children for their gospel message. They share their cookies with Earthen Vessel as they leave.