

**Report of  
The Commission on Ministry  
2007**

The structure of the Commission on Ministry has changed in response to the national canonical revisions of the Title III canons on Ministry which were approved by the 2003 General Convention. It was reported to the 2004 Diocesan Convention that Bishop Councell appointed a task force comprised of the leadership of the then current Commission on Ministry, the Committee on the Diaconate, and the Christian Education Committee to study the changes in the national canons which placed new emphasis on the task of ministry development for the ministry of all baptized members and not just those in the ordination process.

We have made our recommendations to the Bishop and to the Diocesan Convention and are currently functioning in response to those recommendations. The new make up of the Commission on Ministry consisted of the leadership of the following committees which come under the umbrella of the Commission: The Committee on the Priesthood, The Committee on the Diaconate, The Committee on Life-long Christian Formation, the School for Deacons, and the Ministry Institute of the Diocese of New Jersey along with staff support provided to Canon Elizabeth Geitz and Cecilia Alvarez.

The Commission meets quarterly to receive reports from these various committees and to coordinate ways that we can support each other in the sacred task of equipping all of God's Saints for the work of Ministry in the Diocese of New Jersey. Below we present to you the 2007 Reports from each of our committees.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. John C. Belmont, Chair