

**Report of the Committee on Congregational Development to the
220th Diocesan Convention**

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“Equipping the Servants”

In our commitment to provide resources for congregations and workshops designed to enrich one’s personal spiritual life, explore new congregational ministries, and to provide new ideas for current ministries, the committee once again offered a Day of Workshops, entitled “Equipping the Servants”, held at Trinity Cathedral and the Diocesan House on Saturday, November 15, 2003. Drawing from the 2003 March Diocesan Convention theme, “Engaging the Mission of the Servant Church”, the committee invited members of the Diocesan Convention to offer workshops according to the gifts and talents which they might share with the Diocesan family. The committee then sought out additional persons to offer workshops. Except for Terry Parsons and Martha Gardner of the National Church, and The Rev. Barbara Crafton, all the presenters were people from our own diocese.

Workshop registrations were sent to all the churches. A total of forty-two workshops were offered. Roughly three hundred people flocked into the Cathedral and Diocesan House, representing nearly eighty congregations from around the diocese. The day began with registration at 8:00 AM, followed by prayer and words of welcome by Bishop Councill. Participants were impressed with the presenters’ professionalism, quality, and depth of knowledge. The day was an overwhelming success. Many thanks were expressed to the presenters, the Diocesan and Cathedral staff, and volunteers who offered their assistance.

The goals of the committee for 2004 are as follows:

- Have a display table at Diocesan Convention
- Create a Resource Booklet and/or a link in Diocesan Web Site for Congregational Resources
- Offer a workshop Day (May 1) for children at Trinity Cathedral
- Offer a Diocesan Day with The Rev. Charles Fulton, III, of the National Church to speak on “Churches in Transition” to be held On Saturday, September 25, 2004 at Trinity Cathedral

Recognizing that the above goals are all encompassing and ongoing, it is our hope that we will continue to be a resource committee to serve the congregations of the diocese.