

**Report to the 223rd Annual Diocesan Convention
Committee on Congregational Development**

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The Rev. Dr. Henry P. Jansma	The Rev. Dr. Virginia M. Sheay, Chair
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The Rev. Harry Mazujian	The Rev. Robert Turner, Dcn.
The Rev. Canon Donald J. Muller	The Rev. Dr. Augustine Unuigbo

“I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

Our committee is committed to **develop** and **equip** disciples for their ministry that will make each congregation **thrive** and **flourish** to the glory of God, so that every congregation in our diocese will **go forth** in mission in the world!

The goals of the committee for 2006 were as follows:

- ∞ Provide resources, workshops and training in congregational development
- ∞ Enhance Diocesan Web Site for Congregational Resources
- ∞ Offer a Fall Workshop led by National Episcopal Church staff persons, the Rev. Dr. James Lemler, Director of Mission, and the Rev. Charles Fulton, III, Director of Congregational Development
- ∞ Continue to collaborate with Province II Congregational Development Committee members
- ∞ Provide training in Natural Church Development

To this end, the committee was active in the following ways in 2006:

Resources

- ∞ *Resources for Congregational Development*, a brochure, available at the 2006 Diocesan Convention, was mailed to all congregations, and is posted on the Diocesan Website. Log on at: www.newjersey.anglican.org
- ∞ A wide variety of resources were available at the Conference we hosted on October 21, 2006. Resources are also available at the Diocesan House through staff person, Debbie Crall.

Events

- ∞ March 11, 2006, at the Vestry Day with Bishop Councill, representatives from our committee, The Rev. Canon Lee Powers, and The Rev. Dirk Reinken presented principles of the Purpose Driven Church, and Natural Church Development. Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. George Councill spoke on the Baptismal Covenant.

- ∞ March 27, 2006, Virginia Sheay met with The Rev. Bruce T. Ewen, assistant to the Bishop in Mission Development and Support, at the Lutheran New Jersey Synod in Hamilton, to begin an ongoing relationship with the Lutheran Church, and to share resources in congregational development.
- ∞ May 16, 2006, Virginia Sheay gave a report to the Diocesan Council at their regular meeting to speak about the work of the committee.
- ∞ Saturday, October 21, 2006, The Rev. Dr. James Lemler, Director of Mission and The Rev. Charles Fulton, III, Director of Congregational Development at the Episcopal National Church Center, NYC, offered a conference for clergy and lay leaders using a new resource for congregational development called, "Groundwork: Digging Deep for Change and Growth." Find out about this resource by visiting www.episcopalchurch.org/groundwork for further information.

Training

- ∞ July and November – Debbie Crall and Harry Mazujian received training as coaches in Natural Church Development

Events Scheduled for 2007

1. February 10, 2007, Vestry Day: Purpose-Driven Church - The Next Step, The Rev. Dr. Henry P. Jansma.
2. Small Group Leadership: Building Biblical Community held on Saturday, April 28, 2007, from 9 AM – 3 PM at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Tuckerton. Details are listed in the Ministry Institute Course Offerings for Spring, 2007. For further information contact staff person, Deborah Crall at 609 394-5281, ext. 20 or dcrall@newjersey.anglican.org
3. October 27, 2007: "Equipping the Servants" Day of Workshops, Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, NJ
4. TBA Clergy Workshop: How to lead your Church through the transition to a Purpose-Driven Church, The Rev. Dr. Henry P. Jansma.

Goals for 2007

- ∞ Provide resources, training, workshops in congregational development through diocesan events, mailings, and diocesan website
- ∞ Identify two or three persons to be trained as leaders in Natural Church Development and to have each coach work with two churches in Natural Church Development
- ∞ Increase lay membership of the committee

Addendum

Effective at the March Diocese Convention, The Rev. Dr. Virginia M. Sheay will step down as chair of the committee and The Rev. Canon Donald J. Muller will assume the position. She will remain on the committee. Our thanks to Virginia for her several years of service as chairperson.