

Committee on Life-long Christian Formation
Minutes of March 29, 2006

The meeting opened with lunch.

Members present: Rev. Blake Hutson, Rev. Emily Griffin, Deb Ellwood, Donna Devlin, Gina Walsh-Minor, Rev. Mary Jean Metzger, Rev. Louane Frey, Sue Legnani and Mike Redpath, co-chairs. Connie White, co-chair of the Ministry Institute also joined us.

Blake Hutson opened our meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

- Evaluations from the Christian Educators' Day with our Bishop were distributed.
- **Joint conference** with the Commission on Ministry with the Disabled: May 6, 2006
 - 8:30 - 9:00 Registration
 - 9:00 Key Note speaker Jeffrey Cohen
 - 10-11 First Workshop:
 - Autism: Jeff Cohen
 - Downs: Joan Nester
 - 11-11:15 Break
 - 11:15-12:15 Second Workshop:
 - Pastoral Care: Br. John Baptist
 - Education: (Donna will contact someone)
 - 12:15-1:15 Lunch/gift shop
 - 1:15-2:15 Third Workshop:
 - Worship: Bob Thomas
 - Outreach: Donna Devlin
 - 2:15 Closing

Set-up will be at 8:00 a.m. in Synod Hall. We also have space reserved in the Guild Room. There is a \$12.00 fee for the workshop. The speaker will receive \$200.00 with half of it coming from the Commission with the disabled. The other workshop leaders will receive \$50.00.

- **Resource Center:**

Sue met with Bill Breedlove and a librarian at PTS, Reiger Reading Room in order to clarify the classification and storage of some of our material. The last of the material is being cataloged and will have labels and cards placed on them.
- **Ministry Institute:**

Mike Redpath and Connie White explained the work of the Ministry Institute. This group has broad responsibilities that will include the advertising of the workshops and conferences offered by the committees and commissions of the diocese as well as help with registration. One of the goals is to make it possible to offer many of these workshops in more than one location.

Connie also spoke about a set of standard workshops that would be offered each year that would be set around tasks tied to a particular ministry. Not all programs have to be provided by the diocese, but could also be from outside the diocese as well.

Equipping the Servants will be held on Oct. 27, 2007.

- **Confirmation Committee:**

Mike Redpath gave a report on the progress of the Confirmation Committee. This committee has been looking at program and standards for our own diocese. It chose to use the model from the Diocese of Mass. and to adapt it for our own use.

In relation to the Ministry Institute, the committee will have to look at the licensing of the catechists who will be teaching the Confirmation classes.

The next meeting with Bishop Council will be May 2, at 9:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Our next meeting will be May 24 at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Legnani