

Committee on Life-long Christian Formation  
Minutes of May 24, 2006

The meeting opened with lunch.

Members present: Rev. Greg Bezilla, Nancy Miller, Rev. Louane Frey, Sue Legnani, Charlotte Hayden, Mike Redpath, Rev. Emily Griffin, Rev. Blake Hutson, Rev. John Thompson-Quartey and Linda Twining.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. John Thompson-Quartey.

Old Business:

- The overall evaluation of the joint conference with the Commission with the Disabled was very positive and participants asked that we hold similar conferences in the future. We would like to have more participation from our own committee members in the future.
- Sue Legnani reported on the Ministry Institute meeting that was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The thrust of the work of the Institute is to promote life-long learning for lay as well as clergy. Connie White asked that each of the committees and commissions keep her informed of the workshops and conferences that they will be holding in the next year so that they can be included in the listing of offerings of the Institute. She gave us deadlines for the material that will be sent out for a winter and spring semester. They will also assist with registration and mailing lists.

New Business:

- Christian Educators' Day with Our Bishop is scheduled for January 20, 2007 at Trinity Cathedral. The committee discussed possible topics and the consensus of the group was to have the focus be around the Baptismal Covenant (Growing into the Full Stature of Christ). Possible keynote speakers: Clara Tammany or Kesha Brennon). The suggestion was also made that we have two tracks, one for children's formation and one for adult formation.
- General Convention resolution A105 was presented by Donna Devlin, the Province II ECCE representative. ECCE (Episcopal Council of Christian Educators) has raised the concern that the word "children" has been removed from the resolution and that there is only an emphasis on young people. This has caused a lack of focus on life-long learning and will also cause funding to be lost for children's ministry at the National Church level. ECCE is working on making a change to the wording of this resolution at General Convention. This also raised the question of where our diocese is in the process of hiring a Director of Christian Formation. Mike Redpath and Sue Legnani will talk to Bishop Councill about this issue.
- Mike Redpath reported on the work of the Commission on Ministry. The new changes in

Canon 3 are defining a new life-long ministry model for those who have a strong call to ministry but not to ordained ministry. There will be a change to the Diocesan canon that is reflected in the Commission on Ministry. This Commission will have a Committee on the Priesthood, Committee on Deacons and Committee on Life-long Christian Formation. The Ministry Institute falls under Christian Formation. Because of the changes in the structure of the Commission on Ministry, the Committee on Christian Formation will look at forming two sub-committees for children and adults to address the particular needs of these two groups. Members of the committee will be asked to choose on which of these sub-committees they would like to serve. Sub-committees will meet one hour before our regular meeting each month.

- The creation of classes within the Committee on Christian Formation will help us conform to the changes in the diocesan canon on ministry.
- The following are the dates for our 2006-2007 Committee meetings:

Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 13, Jan. 17, Feb. 14, March 21, Aril 18, May 16. All meetings will be at noon in the conference room behind Diocesan House.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Legnani