

Committee on Life-Long Christian Formation
Minutes September 19, 2007

The opening meditation was a Godly Play presentation on Isaiah led by Emily Griffin.

Members present: Vicki Cuff, Deb Elwood, Donna Devlin, Kep Short, Emily Griffin, Sue Legnani, Lisa Hoffman, Gina Walsh-Minor and Greg Bezilla.

The minutes of May 16, 2007 were approved.

Sub-committee reports:

Equipping the Servants will be held on Oct. 27 at Trinity Cathedral. There will be four workshops in the Christian Formation track: Basics of Youth Ministry, Kep Short and Debi Clark; Young Adult Ministries, Greg Bezilla and Valerie Balling; Children in Church: Blessing or Curse?, Polly Kasey and Stewardship and Children, Donna Devlin.

Christian Educators' Day with Our Bishop will be held on January 19, 2008 at Trinity Cathedral. Mike Redpath is the coordinator. He will be contacting Joanne Eppley-Schmidt to be the keynoter.

The Godly Play teacher certification training to be held in Princeton will be on March 6-8, 2008. Note the change in the date. Lodging will be at Princeton Theological Seminary's continuing education center. Meals will also be at the Seminary. The trainers will be Dawn Stewart and Emily Griffin. Linda Twining will be the coordinator. The Christian Formation Committee will offer half scholarships for participants who need aide.

Gina Walsh-Minor tried contacting Cynthia MacFarland about the Christian Formation web page, but did not get a response. She reported that there is a possibility of putting a survey question about education materials or programs used in mission churches. She suggested asking about what events or training they are attending.

Old Business:

The following Resource Center Guidelines were approved:

- Material may be borrowed from the Resource Center only by clergy and members of congregations of the Diocese of New Jersey.
- Material will be loaned for a period of thirty days.
- There will be a limit of two pieces of material per person.
- No new material may be borrowed until borrowed material is returned.
- Curriculum may not be taken from the Resource Center. Small pieces of the curriculum may be copied for review only.
- No fines will be charged for late material. Reminders will be sent by email or phone.

- Replacement fees will be charged for lost or damaged material. A charge will be made after sixty days for material that is not returned.

New Business:

Donna Devlin reported that the Ecumenical Training Conference will not be held this year. This group is supporting the Hightstown Conference that is held in March.

Sue Legnani reported that Louane Frey and Blake Hutson have moved away. She asked for help in recommending new people for the committee. The following names will be sent to the Bishop:

Debbie Cook, Grace, Haddonfield
Lisa Caton, All Saints, Princeton
Jennifer Wrzszcs, Trinity, Princeton
Sheila Clark, St. Paul's, Westfield
Andrea Haddon, St. Augustine's, Asbury Park
Lori Cooper, St. Matthew's, Pennington

Sue also recommended that the Committee look into an e-newsletter service called Constant Contact. This would eliminate the need for a paper newsletter and the associated cost of mailing and upkeep of mailing lists.

The next meeting will be October 19, 2007 at noon, Diocesan House.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Legnani
Co-Chair