

Christian Formation Missioners Report for 2009

We have now gone through one full year with a Christian Formation Missioner in each corridor, and we are happy to announce a rather successful beginning. The Christian Formation Missioners have diligently worked with churches around the diocese on their Christian Formation programs for children through adults. We have talked to churches about evangelism and church growth. We've discussed building use and space concerns. Perhaps the bulk of our time is spent with individual churches doing consultations. We've had on going relationships with about half the churches in the diocese!

In addition to these individual congregation assessments the Christian Formation Missioners have developed a new curricula specifically designed for small churches. The Rotation Workshop based program is for children ages 5-12 in a one room school house setting. Loosely based on the lectionary it provides space for families to dialogue about the Biblical stories they hear in church each Sunday. The curricula even provides two fun family take home lessons each rotation. To learn more about this program simply contact Jill Williams at jwilliams@diocesewma.org.

We've also launched several new continuing education opportunities. We have committed as Christian Formation Missioners to providing at least four workshops for Christian Formation volunteers at the annual Wardens, Vestry, and Lay leaders day. We also provide an article on resources and formation in every addition of E-matters. And, now we have launched a conference for adults to earn their diocesan license in the following canonical areas Pastoral leadership, preaching, worship, LEM/LEV and catechist.

The resource center has been updated with materials and we will continue to send out the list of new seasonal materials via e-matters. To make an appointment to use the Resource Center simply contact your corridor's missioners.

In the absence of a specific youth formation missioner the Christian Formation Missioners will offer a youth retreat for this years confirmand's (look for information in the upcoming addition of e-matters). And, we are currently developing curricula for "youth groups" in the diocese. We hope this will be fully developed by June of this year in time for the fall start up. For more information contact: jwilliams@diocesewma.org.

As always we are pleased to serve you and please contact us anytime with needs or questions.

In Christ,

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