

**Committee on Congregational Development
Report to the 225th Diocesan Convention**

The Congregational Development Committee is committed to develop and equip disciples for their ministry that will help 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!

Members:

The Rev. Debra Bullock	The Rev. Canon Donald J. Muller, Chair (resigned)
The Rev. Sunil Chandy	The Rev. Jonathan B. Percival
Deborah B. Crall, Staff Liaison	The Rev. Canon Lee Powers, Staff Liaison
Jean Devitto	The Rev. Arthur P. Powell
The Rev. Justin Falciani	The Rev. Dirk C. Reinken
The Rev. Emily A. Griffin	The Rev. Christ Rodriguez
The Rev. Dr. Henry P. Jansma	The Rev. Dr. Virginia M. Sheay
Rich Macauley	Lawrence Stroud
The Rev. Harry Mazujian (resigned)	The Rev. Robert Turner, Dcn.
The Rev. Karin Mitchell	

Events:

- May 2-3, 2008: The Magnetic Church Conference with Andrew D. Weeks. The committee co-sponsored this event with the Right Onward Visioning Committee, as the conference topic reflected the visioning initiative "Growth through Welcome and Inclusion." The conference focused on helping churches attract, welcome and retain new members.
- October 25, 2008: Radical Welcome: Practical New Tools and Ideas with the Rev. Stephanie Spellers. The committee co-sponsored this event with the Right Onward Visioning Committee, as the conference topic reflected the visioning initiative "Growth through Welcome and Inclusion." The conference focused on identifying and acknowledging, and welcoming the outsiders in our communities.
- May 2008: The Rev. Canon Donald J. Muller resigned as Chair of the Congregational Development Committee.
- June 2008: Deborah Crall was appointed Chair of the Congregational Development Committee.
- Fall 2008: The committee began work on developing regional and/or convocation workshops to train and equip people for ministry in their local context. We are still working on this and hope to have a pilot program ready for Fall 2009.

Events Scheduled for 2009:

1. April 24-26, 2009: DOCC (Disciples of Christ in Community) presenter and facilitator training.
2. October 24, 2009: Equipping the Servants Day of Workshops at Trinity Cathedral. The 2009 vision initiative, Spiritual Renewal, is the theme for the day.
3. Fall 2009: Inauguration of regional training events.

Goals for 2009:

Increase regional representation among committee members.
Network with other diocesan organizations to sponsor regional training events.