

Diocese of West Missouri

Christian Formation Commission

Our vision is to be a working group who will explore and commend available materials and who will encourage and support the work of Christian Formation – learning from one another and eager to be resources for others.

The six member commission meets monthly to share ideas and resources that support Christian formation. We have provided articles and material to the E Spirit. In September, 2010 we published our first E Letter, a communication sent directly to churches and interested persons with the intent of encouraging intentional formational programs for all persons, both young and old.

The full day conference planned in Spring, 2010 – Beyond Sunday School: Faith Formation, Every Step Along the Way – was cancelled at the last moment due to lower than expected registration. The scheduled keynoter, Jeffrey Harre, Associate Program Director for Children’s Ministries, The Episcopal Church, made a presentation at the College of Presbyters. He also met with the commission during his visit to Kansas City. He spoke on The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation, passed at the 2009 General Convention.

The commission has members that represent our diocese in the larger church. The Rev. Frank Sierra represents us on Province VII Christian Education Network and is one of two province representatives to ECCE, Episcopal Council of Christian Educators. Kim Snodgrass, a Youth Liaison member of Christian Formation, attends Province Youth meetings. We are excited to be able to bring news and information from the larger church to our diocese.

The Christian Formation Commission aspires to be an advocate for Christian Formation and an ongoing source of ideas and assistance to educators in our churches.

Submitted by Judy Kile, Chair