

Christian Formation Commission Report to 2013 Convention

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The diocesan Christian Formation Commission (CFC), in consultation with the diocese, Finance Committee, and several Christian Education, Devotional, and Spiritual leaders directed most efforts toward the anticipated resulting needs of the parishes around the diocese after the expected court decision that would return properties to The Episcopal Church. For those purposes, a variety of presentations, education, informational, and teaching of history, theology, governance, and practices of The Episcopal Church were prepared for dissemination to all groups.

However, the resulting court decision negated the anticipated immediate needs and the CFC rallied to assess the current and near-term Formation needs around the diocese. The CFC discussions, in consultation with the Canon to the Ordinary, resulted in what will be diocesan formation presentations to be offered in Advent and Lent. Most are planned to be visiting speakers of a variety of spiritual, theological, and pastoral leadership to share what the rest of the church looks like, within the seasonally appropriate presentation and meditations to assist individual and groups in focus of church growth and community outreach.

The need of outreach to clergy and lay people for encouragement and spiritual healing and nurture of mission and ministry should be a part of any programs. All of the current diocesan leadership (clergy and lay) have served well in the past five years and need continued support and encouragement for the months and years ahead. Spiritual healing is a recognized need.