

Community Ministry Collaborative Report to Annual Council 2015

Community Ministry Collaborative (previously called Collaborative Fundraising Working Group) was brought together in 2013 by Bishop Wright, with the expressed purpose of conversation between the various diocesan ministries regarding how ministry groups might seek ways through partnership that could reduce their dependence upon the diocesan budget.

During 2014, the collaborative did indeed find conversation, about much more than budgets and finances. Rather, CMC identified opportunities to both share and develop resources. The group name was changed to Community Ministry Collaborative (CMC) feeling this name was a better fit for this unique collaboration. CMC hosted ***Hearts to Serve***, a diocesan ministry summit focused on Outreach and Jubilee Ministries. CMC received a \$2,000 grant from the Innovative Ministries Fund for this summit.

In 2015 CMC has continued the collaborative nature of the organization by engaging in intentional discernment to refine the purpose of CMC; identified innovative ways to educate and subsequently serve as a model of how to do these kinds of education; and brought new members to the group.

In July 2015, Bishop Wright signed the Jubilee Letter of Agreement re-establishing Atlanta as a Diocesan Jubilee Ministry. He appointed Vicky Partin, retired Lay Missioner of the Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry as Diocesan Jubilee Officer (DJO).

CMC ministries and representatives are:

- Airport Ministry @ Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International (Donna Mote)
- Appleton Episcopal Ministries (Julie Groce , Anne Eubanks, Joseph Shippen)
- Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry (Martha Robert)
- Church of the Common Ground (Beth King, Mary Wetzel)
- Diocesan Budget Committee (Chuck Dale)
- Diocesan Canon for Ministry (John Thompson-Quartey)
- Diocesan Treasurer (Bennie King)
- Emmaus House (Joseph Mole, Greg Cole, Kenya Smith)
- Emmaus House Lokey Center (Ann Fowler)
- Episcopal Charities Foundation (Ginny Heckel)
- Holy Comforter (Alexis Smith)
- Jubilee Ministries (Vicky Partin)
- Peter and Paul's Place (Lois Shingler)
- The Road, Episcopal Service Corps (Laura Bryant)
- Path to Shine (Lesley-Ann Drake, Janet Tidwell)
- Convener: Christopher Lemley.

The accomplishments of CMC in 2015:

1) Collaborations:

- Donna Mote, Chaplain (Airport Ministry) hosted a CMC meeting at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport where Chris Lemley led a discernment conversation and process to respond to Bishop Wright's charge to define our purpose, not what we do, but why; and to direct future activities of CMC;
- Organized and presented a Webinar: ***Developing Financial Resources to Sustain Mission*** (Chaired by Chuck Dale);
- Began planning for a 2016 Ministry Summit on the topic of ***Food Insecurity***. Julie Groce has agreed to chair the summit.

2) Added new members: Appleton Episcopal Ministries and The Diocesan Canon for Ministry.

3) Intend to recruit new members by the October 2015 meeting: Deborah Betsill, Commission on Sex Trafficking; and Catherine Meeks, Chair, Beloved Community: Commission on Dismantling Racism.

Ginny Heckel, Scribe
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