

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2010 Annual Report

A rich year that built on the strong foundation established by Larry Tallamy and his committee members of 2009 and on Reverend Davis' profound understanding of Christian education and particularly adult Christian education.

A. Confirmed and affirmed our role to engage and encourage discussion among members and our communities on issues of Christian faith and focused particularly on what that means in every day, modern lives.

B. Continued outreach across the church's committees and activities to ensure stronger and more coordinated conversations including with Mission/outreach trips and Art at First.

C. Carried out a successful Pathfinders series with good participation and rich discussions.

D. Established themed panel discussions around forgiveness and suffering/resilience and confirmed this is a good way to capture people's interest and start interesting conversations.

E. At same time, worked with some new ways to engage more people from trying new topics, modifying times for meetings and events and successfully streamlining our marketing outreach for events.

Goals for 2011:

-- Continue fine-tuning topics for panels that are relevant to the day and grounded in Christian faith. Maintain diverse opportunities for engagement including activities like Pathfinders and cross cutting activities with other committee events and committees.

-- Expand outreach beyond church through activities outside the church and broadening opportunities to embrace more members with focus on committees that reach out to new members and families.

-- Consistently review and visit the Committee's work to ensure we are achieving our mission and ensure we are nimble enough to respond the parish needs in effective ways.

-- Continue to build upon Committee's own commitment for monthly in-depth discussions that allows incisive discussion and debate and builds the Committee's own knowledge and leadership within the church

Cynthia McCaffrey, Chair