



20-21 SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE DEPARTMENTAL/OFFICER REPORT

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Conference	South Georgia Annual Conference
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Department/Office:	Christian Education and Formation

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Mission/Purpose

To encompass the whole body of believers in prescribed life-long learning experiences (from cradle to the grave) so that Christian Spiritual Formation becomes a way of living, whereby one is formed, nurtured, and transformed to be like Jesus the Christ and led by the Holy Spirit to intentionally "make disciples" who progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with him.

Objectives

To ensure churches have organized Sunday School, CYF, YAC, Weekly Bible Study, New Members Classes, Training Workshops, involving all boards and ministries and VBS singular or combined

To Adhere to studies provided by the Sixth Episcopal District and provide provisions for all members of the local congregation.

To provide updated contact information to the Regional Director

To Incorporate monthly Regional Conference Calls, Zoom meetings or updates through emails.

To continue the collective study by the South Georgia Region Board of Christian Education of books suggested by Dr. McLaurin. Note: "Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines by David Mathis was an excellent selection.

Accomplishments

Christian Ed & Formation across South GA

Conference Calls and Zoom meetings established for boards and auxiliaries, Church School, whether weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly.

Hines: Third Sunday "Meet and Greet" via Zoom for the CYYA, and advisors with Bingo games (gifts for winners), chats about virtual and homeschooling, the workplace, testing, Junior Catechism study, and a "passing it on" discussion with seasoned members of Hines,

Bible Study led by Pastor Spragin via Conference Calls weekly on Wednesdays. Hand-delivered Bible study packets to all children/youth.

Drive-by Easter Extravanga including a hot BBQ dinner for each member and an Easter Parade recorded for Sunday worship via UTube. CYYA displayed and gave explanations for the "Symbols of Easter." Children were featured in worship services for Founders Day, Grandparents Day, Children's Day, and Father's Day. All performances were a part of Pastor Spragin's Sunday worship presentations on UTube.

Brown Chapel collected children's books containing stories about African Americans to be donated to the Public Library and elementary school.

St. James Damascus, Cray Chapel, and St. Luke studied the Catechism presented by Elder Goliday.

Cottrell Chapel - CYYA participated in worship on second Sundays

Bethel Valdosta-Studied Catechism by Bishop Gilmore

St. Luke CYYA celebrated Grandparents Day with cards and letters, Drive-thru BBQ Fundraiser, studied the Ten Commandments using Bible Jeopardy and Family Feud, community outreach for Hands-on Thomas County, decorated Holiday cards for seniors, Youth class met weekly via Zoom (incentives given for attendance, developed and led the Easter and Christmas programs with virtual speeches, prayers, skits, and monthly worship leaders.

At Holsey, the older children conduct Children's Church on 1-3 Sundays. The younger children present to the congregation what they have learned. A youth is selected by the pastor each quarter to speak words of encouragement.

Challenges

Getting parents on board with our growing group of children ages 0-12.

Much effort by several members of the board is exerted by phone calls, texts, and visitations to get our young people on board.

Lack of a cadre of youth, young adults who attend worship, meetings, and other activities provided by the BoCE&F. We do question to determine if the activities are children and youth-friendly.

Churches have reported the lack of members between the ages of 18-35 who participated regularly.

Recommendations

We recommend Church Parent Organizations to determine future steps.

We recommend workshops to assist our parents

We recommend that a needs assessment be taken for the sake of determining how to move forward with our parents and children of the church, especially ages 0-11 and 12-18.

We recommend including ages under 50 as our young adults.

Respectfully submitted to Presiding Prelate Bishop Thomas L. Brown, Sr.,

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