

Lancaster Convocation, November 9, 2012

Notes from the CD process

Bible Study responses to Colossians 3:15-17 and responses to questions: purpose and definition of convocation and of the Diocese.

St. Paul's Vision

Active, Authentic, Gratitude,
Defferent ways to "admonish" positive and negative
Becoming one

Peace of Christ can be hard to find, and it does pass all understanding.

Keeping the spirit alive

How do we address different views and live together?

Continual celebration\

Recruit leaders

Liveliness

What is the shape of the cross,

How to share with eaf h other

Word in book to word in heart

Positives of being a smaller community within the convocation and challenges within

Can be impediments:

Business of parish life

Shards of brilliance---not in the daily routine

Sharing the good news through daily office and contemplative prayer

Congregations are insular, need to break out,

How do we form ourselves?

Politics and social issues as a part of spiritual development

Focus on how to serve

Coming into the holiness of corporate worship

Each church has something to offer

People need to see a benefit to the convocation

Identify and Share Resources

Help each other survive

Travel can complicate

Diocese: Culture locally has no interest

Outside of parish

Problems with Fair Share

Awareness
How to change convocation identity?

Local challenges

Exchange of ideas through the convocation
Lack of continuity only meet two times a year
Need for purpose
Need to develop open lines rather than obstacles

Need to focus:

Negative messages
Churches helping one another
Outreach, work mass, standing mission team, Sandy needs, need to be

Anticipatory

Need to look beyond yourself
Response team

Nickel Mines...we asked the Amish about responses

Diocese and Convocation life:

Help each other

Communication

Diocese facilitator(s)

Purposeful communication (rededication of St. Paul's Manheim)

Need to streamline and focus

Need to realize we are part of a larger group

Planting of St. Edwards