

# Susquehanna Convocation, November 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:

Importance of gratitude

Be Thankful and do not complain about what we don't have

Joining churches, work together to create shared ministry

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

10 years ago stronger identity in convocation

Spiritual is key

Teaching one another and Unity is in Colossians message

## **Best Ministry story from this convocation:**

Singing and praying shared evensong 2011 convention

Bible Buds

+ Ecumenical gathering at Pentecost

+ Tuesday for Bible Study and Sermon planning ( Pine Barn)

Acolyte Festival

Note: In planning the events, the clergy have little time for convocation work. What constitutes planning and teaching in our  $\frac{3}{4}$  time.

30 years ago, Susquehanna Convocation saved parish in Northumberland.

Convocation kept Colese Creek going

Easter Vigil was held by Convocation

Convocation trip to National Cathedral

Diocesan Gathering of all parishes and convocation at SHIKELLAMY STATE PARK

Early 1950's Renovo clothing bank supplied by Convocation

Haven Ministry in Sunbury, homeless shelter and food pantry.

## **Ideas for next steps:**

+ Grants to each convocation

+ Convocation boundaries re-defined and permeated

+ Invite people in the pews to envision mission/ministry of each convocation

+ Form follows function

+ Safeguarding God's People trainings through convocation.

