

Diocese of West Missouri

Christian Formation Commission

Our vision is to be a working group who will explore and commend available materials and who will encourage and support the work of Christian Formation – learning from one another and eager to be resources for others.

The six member commission meets monthly to share ideas and resources that support Christian formation. Ideas were developed into articles and published each month in *The West Missouri Spirit*. We are working to provide articles and information for the *E Spirit* and quarterly *Sprit*.

In 2009 we offered a full day workshop – Beyond Sunday School: Faith Formation, Every Step Along the Way. The workshop was presented in August at Church of Resurrection in Blue Springs. Bill Fasel provided keynote remarks about the early church's approach to Christian Formation. Specific workshops were offered to assist those charged with providing programs in their parishes. The workshop was well received – plans are progressing to offer the event again in 2010.

The commission has members that represent our diocese in the larger church. The Rev. Christine Gilson represents us on Province VII Christian Education Network. Kim Snodgrass, a Youth Liaison member of Christian Formation, attends Province Youth Works meetings. The Rev. Frank Sierra is one of two Province VII representatives to ECCE, Episcopal Council of Christian Educators. We are excited to be able to bring news and information from the larger church to our diocese.

The Christian Formation Commission aspires to be an advocate for Christian Formation and an ongoing source of ideas and assistance to educators in our churches.

Submitted by Judy Kile, Chair