

Liturgical and Spiritual Life

Since the 2008 Diocesan Convention, the Committee for Liturgical and Spiritual Life has met once at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City.

Current members of the committee are: Christine Gilson+, Anne Hutcherson+, Joyce McIntosh, Carole Pryor, Rachel Swaney.

This committee is responsible for planning the liturgies for diocesan events: the Fall Clergy Conference and the Diocesan Convention.

In the fall of 2009, the committee recommended that the Lenten Quiet Day for diocesan clergy be a part of the Chrismal Eucharist on March 31, 2009 at St. Paul's in Clinton. The Rt. Reverend Barry Howe presented three meditations. Combining the Quiet Day with the Chrismal Eucharist empowered diocesan clergy to participate in both while stewarding travel expenses.

I represent the committee on the Diocesan Convention planning Committee; conversation has already begun for the 2010 Convention to be held in Kansas City.

Considerable thanks are due to Russ Johnson+ for his able leadership on this committee over the years. Russ resigned as Convener of the Liturgical and Spiritual Life Committee early in 2009, and left for his successor a masterful collection of notes and resources to help empower a seamless transition of leadership. Particular thanks are owed also to Russ for his leadership in the liturgical planning for the Emmaus Celebration at the Community of Christ Auditorium in 2008, where Convention delegates as well as parishioners from congregations throughout the diocese were privileged to worship with Katharine Jefferts Schori, our Presiding Bishop. This liturgy involved no small amount of special planning, apart from the "usual" Convention liturgies.

Respectfully submitted

The Rev. Canon Susan Sommer
Convener