

Christian Formation Ministry

2010 Expenditures: \$1,198

2011 Budget: \$3,000

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Meeting dates & times:

The Christian Formation Committee met in early 2010 to plan adult forums for the first half of the year. The committee was on hiatus but has re-formed for 2011.

Purpose/Mission/Responsibilities:

- Provide lifelong opportunities to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord and support programs that provide educational opportunities and resources to parishioners of all ages at Christ Church
- Plans and coordinates presentations and activities during the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings
- Supports the Rite 13/J2A program for the parish youth
- Supports the christian formation of students at the Day School by offering weekly classes in Spiritual Nurture

Major Accomplishments:

- Adult Forum has been well-attended. Guest speakers have included Bishop William Godfrey of Peru, John McLevie of the Refugee Network, Silvia Laborin of Dorcas House, and many others.
- Confirmation preparation took place over a very popular four-week series at the Adult Forum called, "What is an Episcopalian?"
- Several book clubs met on weeknights to discuss *The Naked Now* and *Wisdom Jesus*.
- Youth in grades 6 through 8 are currently engaged in the Rite 13 program on Sunday mornings.
- Children at Christ Church Day School have been studying major stories of the Bible and seasons of the church year. They have completed units on Genesis, Exodus, and the season of Advent.

Challenges:

Christ Church has had a difficult time developing Sunday morning formation programs that appeal to young parents. We hope that encouraging young parents to participate in the Christian Formation Committee will help with this.

Summary:

The Christian Formation Ministry seeks to promote Christian education for all ages. This ministry has provided a variety of engaging speakers and programs for the Adult Forum this year. Youth in middle school currently attend Rite 13 on Sunday mornings, and J2A will soon be offered for high school youth as well. Christ Church also cares for the formation of students at Christ Church Day School through classes in Spiritual Nurture and regular child-friendly worship.