

Faith Development Council Board Report – February 2011

Currently the TJD Faith Development Council has seven members. Vicki Benavides – Chair, Margaret Sequira – Chair Elect, Kathleen Anderson – Secretary, Brian Brennan, Ruth Gibson, Liz Grimes, and Marie Houck. We held an annual planning retreat last August and meet monthly by phone. Sue Sinnamon is an invaluable resource for our group providing us with information, guidance, and support. Each council member has selected an area of interest in which they will work within the committee. These areas include: Training, Youth, and Collegial Circles.

The FDC aligned its goals for 2010-2011 with the District goals. We have had two major areas of focus during this year. We have continued to develop and are supporting our Collegial Circles. Our Circles are geographically determined. Each Circle has a leader(s), an identified participant list, and the resources needed to meet on a regular basis. We are also actively supporting the Clusters within the District.

Our other focus for this year is to present two-track, multigenerational trainings. As Sue stated in her report we have successfully presented three of these multi-track training opportunities and have two more scheduled. We feel that it is a good use of resources and provides opportunities for more in depth trainings for our congregations.

There has been an increased interest in Young Adult Ministry within our district this year. Some young adult leaders have been identified and we will be inviting at least one of these young people to attend our planning retreat this summer and to join the FDC.

We are looking forward to GA in Charlotte this summer. One or more members of our council have submitted proposals for workshops to be held during GA. We feel that it is important for the religious educators of this district to have a clear presence at this important event.

One last item that I should mention, we have developed and are in the process of publishing a list of guidelines to be followed for any TJD sponsored Youth Con.

Respectfully submitted by,
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Chair TJD Faith Development Council