

Province VII

Report for PLC Meeting

December, 2009

Highlights

- Bishop Scott Mayer consecrated in NW Texas, February 2009
- General Convention Deputies' orientation with Public Narrative training
- Province Executive Council meeting with Network chairs, September, 2009
- General Convention Province Night

Mission & Programmatic

- Since their last meetings as a whole, Network chairs reported on activities of their respective networks. They are working on making their ministries more effective in the province
- Co-chairs of "Anti-Racism" network are looking at a broader concept of making diversity work and agreed to change name of network to "Multi-cultural Relations."
- "Anti-racism" training is on-going in a number of dioceses in the province

Successes

- In effort to focus on Youth this triennium a meeting of representatives from the various dioceses met at Camp Allen to redesign the Youth Network. A new chair was appointed
- Representatives from nearly all dioceses (both adult and youth) attended the Council/Network Chairs meeting
- Christian Formation committee met together in Little Rock and are looking at increasing their resources
- Youth Network committee (adult and youth reps.) had a productive meeting together in Little Rock. During their meeting they were able to tour the Heifer Village.
- A new chair of the Higher Education Network has shared some new, very innovative ways of drawing in the college students which she is using at Texas A&M

New Ventures

- Restorative Justice (previously "Prison Ministry") is looking at the possibility of putting on a national conference regarding camps for children of the incarcerated. There are 3 such camps within the province.
- A senior ministry network, "Older Adult Ministries Network", has taken off with well-qualified, dynamic co-chairs. They have worked with the OAM Task Force at the church center and were involved in developing the OAM Resolution for GC (D004/passed). The OAM survey has been sent to all provinces/dioceses in effort to gather information on programs currently in use.
- The Youth Network will be instrumental in designing the Province Convocation for 2010
- A Youth Network website is under construction.

Issues and Challenges

- Finances. Budget cuts.
- Communications. Finding ways to conduct business without face-to-face meetings
- Difficulty in recruiting people from some dioceses to be appointed to networks/committees
- Connection to the Church Center. Who are our contacts?

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