

Dear Parish Evangelism Contact/ Participant in Past Evangelism Workshops,

At least once every month, our parishes pray that we might have the “compassion, purpose and energy to invite to (Christ’s) church those who do not yet know the transforming power of (God’s) love.” For the last few years, the Evangelism Commission has been attempting to bring practical training and useful tools to the congregations of our diocese to answer that prayer.

We have learned that the lay and ordained leadership need and want not just good workshops but also practical help in doing the work of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in their local communities. We are looking for people to help us do that.

I am inviting you to prayerfully consider receiving training to be able to assist local congregations plan and implement their evangelism ministry as an evangelism consultant.

We are looking for people who are interested—your participation in a past evangelism workshop or as a parish evangelism contact indicates to us your interest.

We are also looking for people who love our Lord and *also* love to invite people to come and see what God is doing in our local Episcopal Churches.

Finally, we are looking for people who like to work with others in groups, and who like to work collaboratively with sisters and brothers in Christ as they learn to do this exciting ministry in new ways that are also right for their own communities.

If you are interested and choose to undertake this ministry, and if you are accepted for training, we will train between nine and twelve consultants on Saturday, April 19, 2008: Train Consultants at Trinity Mount Pocono from 10 AM – 3 PM (lunch provided, no fee). We will then ask you to join with one of the current members of the Evangelism Commission as we do our third round of Regional Evangelism Training Days on May 3rd, 10th or the 17th at locations to be determined (We hope to have two in the north, two in the central part of the diocese and two in the south—with *no* cancellations!)

From there, you would work with the Evangelism Commission and go out to parishes that request practical help in getting their evangelism ministry off the ground and help us plan future trainings and workshops for the future.

Please pray about this. Consider if God is calling you to a ministry of companionship, teaching and proclamation as an Evangelism consultant for the Diocese. If you feel you might be called to this ministry, please return the enclosed application to me at the address below

Faithfully yours,



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Evangelism Consultant Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail: _____

Parish: _____ City/town: _____

Please tell us why you are interested in being an Evangelism Consultant in Bethlehem:

Please indicate (or attach) relevant experience that will help you in this ministry:

Please give us the names of people as references who can tell us how you function in groups, about your leadership and your ability to invite others to your church or ministry.

Please have your Rector or Priest in Charge recommend you and endorse your application.

I am aware that _____ is applying to be an Evangelism Consultant.

He/She is a member in good standing. She/He is able to function as a leader of small groups and is enthusiastic in inviting and including others into the work of the parish.

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Date: _____

I agree to attend the relevant training sessions and, if approved, to work in concert with the Evangelism Commission on this ministry.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____