

Dear Colleague,

At the last Diocesan Convention, we voted to establish a team of Evangelism Consultants who would work with parishes in our diocese as they develop ministries of evangelism that are right for their parishes and communities.

The Evangelism Commission is now recruiting laity to this ministry.

The work of these consultants will be to go to parishes that request assistance in starting, evaluating or improving their evangelism ministries. They would work with me and the Evangelism Committee and receive training from us.

Training will be for the nine to twelve people we select on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Trinity, Mount Pocono. They will also attend one of the regional evangelism workshops along with a member of the Evangelism Commission on either 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!)

Even though we are casting a very wide net, we are looking for a specific kind of individual for this work. They must be:

- Able to lead and work with small groups, providing direction where needed and allowing the groups to make and live with their own decisions.
- Enthusiastic about inviting people into new or renewed relationship to God in Christ.
- Enthusiastic about the Gospel as expressed through the life and work of the Episcopal Church.

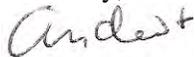
Needless to say, we are also looking for people who are members in good standing in their parish and look to you to endorse people you think are appropriate. No one will be admitted to training without the endorsement of their local clergy.

We have sent the enclosed letter to those who have taken part in regional evangelism workshops in 2006 and/or 2007, who attended last year's stewardship-evangelism workshop, or who is listed as Evangelism Contacts for their congregations. But we know this is not an exhaustive list. You may know of someone who fits the bill exactly, and so we are asking you to invite that person to consider taking part in this ministry. Please note that we are limiting the size of the first group to a maximum of twelve to facilitate training and to make sure everyone can be put to work. If there are more applicants, and if there is demand in the diocese, we may do another class later.

Please pray about whom God might be calling to deepen their gifts and ministry of evangelism and help us spread Good News in Northeast Pennsylvania.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.

Faithfully,



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