

In April and May Regional Evangelism Workshops

The Evangelism Committee presents the second round of Regional Evangelism Workshops for 2007. The diocesan convention of 2005 mandated that each parish identify at least two lay people to serve as evangelists for their parishes. We held eight workshops around the diocese. About 90 people from 33 parishes took part in a regional evangelism workshop. Our goal is to have representation from every parish in the diocese and to bring useful evangelism training as close to each parish in the diocese as possible.

Last year, every participating parish was asked to do at least two evangelism projects to be completed by Easter, 2007. These projects were as simple as a renewed telephone message and as ambitious as a mass mailing program. The workshops are designed to be useful to every congregation whatever their size and circumstance.

Once again, we are asking each parish to send at least two lay people to serve as Evangelists for their congregation, and we are asking those who took part in last year's workshop to come to this year's workshop and share their experience. People from parishes that are new to this process will be inspired by how much can be done to evangelize their communities and welcome newcomers and how small changes can make big differences.

Our training in 2007 is based on Elizabeth Geitz' book, *Fireweed Evangelism*. Copies of this book may be purchased (at 10% discount) from the Trinity Store at Trinity Episcopal Church. parish@trinityeaston.org.

Members of the Evangelism Commission will be the trainers for each session. Each workshop is on a Saturday and starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m., with lunch provided and noonday prayers included.

Please contact Barbara Lewis at Diocesan House to sign up for the training. You may call Diocesan House at 800-358-5655 x 221 or e-mail barblewis@diobeth.org. Registrations close at Noon on the Tuesday before each workshop.

Every parish is asked to send at least two lay people. Those who went to a Regional Evangelism Workshop last year should return this year with the results of their project ready to share.

For more information, contact the Rev. Andrew Gerns, Chair of the Evangelism Commission at evangelism@trinityeaston.org.

Here are the dates and places for the Regional Evangelism workshops, 2007:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>ok</i>
April 21, 2007	St. Gabriel's, Douglasville	ok
April 28, 2007	Trinity, Pottsville	ok
April 28, 2007	Trinity, Mt. Pocono	ok
May 5, 2007	Grace, Kingston	ok
May 5, 2007	Christ Church, Towanda	ok
May 5, 2007	St. Stephen's, Whitehall	ok
May 12, 2007	Montrose, St Paul's	
May 12, 2007	St. John's Hamlin	ok

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