

112th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Utah Report of the Faith Formation Committee

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The Faith Formation Committee supports the faith formation of the children and youth in all congregations of the Diocese of Utah.

Our goals are to:

- Provide training for congregational faith formation leaders, both lay and clergy
 - Through diocesan workshops
 - Sending interested people to training which they can share with the Diocese
 - Design and offer a workshop each year at Diocesan Convention
 - Bringing in knowledgeable people from the wider church for training and support
- Disseminate information about available resources through an online network
- Encourage a network of those in each congregation who are invested in faith formation
- Support the programs of New Beginnings and Happenings for junior high and senior high youth in the Diocese of Utah. We have had 2 successful years.
- Advocate for children and youth programs and presence at Diocesan events and in the budget
- Celebrate the gifts and presence of the young people in this Diocese
- Re-establish of a diocesan faith formation resource library
- Evaluate the needs and desires of the Diocese for the children of the Diocese

Our 2016 budget provided funding for Workshops presented by the committee, one such training was presented at last year's convention, workshops and travel to regions off the Wasatch Front, such as the FORMA Conference, and travel to training for committed leaders. In November 2016 we held a Godly Play workshop for interested Church School teachers. Year 2 of Journey with Jesus, an interactive Stations of the Cross experience for children (and others!), was held at the Episcopal Commons the day before Palm Sunday 2016. Our 2nd annual senior high retreat took place at St. Paul's, Salt Lake last November and our junior high retreat New Beginnings will take place this April at St. Stephan's Church.

It is our continued hope and prayer that each person in the Diocese,

- Have a relationship with God.
- Know the Bible and of the important stories of salvation history.
- Know how to pray and grow spiritually in worship and outreach.
- Be able to articulate their faith.
- Have relationships in the church across generations.
- Would know what it means to be an Episcopalian

- Would have knowledge of the faith, practice, and spirit of the Episcopal Church as part of the Anglican Tradition

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair