

Council President's Report

September 14, 2009

Although the Congregation Council of Trinity Church did not hold formal meetings during July and August, our ministry continued at a brisk pace:

- 1. More than 30 leaders of our congregation, including just over half of the Council members, participated in the July 13th Leadership Event.** Among the things accomplished that evening:

Spiritually uplifting devotions led by Judy Collins on *Discerning our Journey of Discipleship*

Reviewed the 2009-2010 church calendar

Heard reports from individual committees and groups on their development of working Mission Statements

Discuss future training needs for Trinity's leaders

Received updated information on plans for Pastor Hardy's retirement, assignment of an Interim Senior Pastor and the formation of a Call Committee

- 6. Our thanks to Roland & Josephine Freund for hosting a picnic for Council members and their families at their home near Carlisle on August 10th.** About 25 persons attended.
- 7. The Transition Team, along with two representatives of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Bishop's Office and your Council President, interviewed two pastors available for appointment as Trinity's Interim Senior Pastor upon the retirement of Pastor Hardy next January.** A third candidate, originally suggested to us by the Synod, has withdrawn his name from consideration for this position. The interviews were very interesting and the Team made a unanimous recommendation to the Synod for that person we believe will best suits the needs of Trinity. It is anticipated that the pastor selected for this appointment will meet Council at our October 12th meeting.
- 8. The Call Process Task Force held two meetings during the summer and has submitted a report at this meeting for Council consideration.**

A very busy fall for Council is expected as we conduct the annual stewardship campaign, develop a realistic budget for 2010, prepare for Pastor Hardy's retirement, work out the details for employment of the Interim Senior Pastor and consider the process for Council appointment of a Call Committee along with other routine business. The first year class of Council (Lorraine Graybill, Ryan Hannigan, Betsy Knarr and Dave Miller) will be responsible for the hosting of the Garden of Eatin' II on Sunday, Oct. 11th.

Peace,

Doug Bonsall
Council President