

Christian Education Committee Report

Update of the 1977 Goals and Objectives

I. Telling:

A. Increased Bible-oriented ministry for differing ages and interests of the congregation.

1. Objective - Beginning in October, 1977 (January, 1978) a new task group of the Church Council and the Church School will meet to plan a Family Bible Study Program to begin in March, 1978.
2. Objective - Beginning in September, 1977 (March 1978) and extending through December, 1977 (July 1978) a series of Teacher Training Sessions will be developed by the Church School leaders and the Pastor.
3. Objective - Two (Three) new overhead projectors will be purchased to expand our audio-visual equipment resources, and to assist the teaching process within the school. (Completed October 1977).

B. Increased involvement in the functioning of the local neighborhood community.

1. Objective - Beginning immediately we will increase our (personal and/or financial) support for the Canton Christian Council, the Good Friday Community Service, and other projects of the Canton Christian Council.
2. Objective - No later than October, 1977 (January 1978), the Pastor will call a meeting of all local clergy (Protestant and Roman Catholic) to develop coordinated plans and projects for local community action and improvement by the local churches and church groups. (In progress.)

C. Accomplishments not covered by the objectives:

1. Formation of a group called the "Concerned Neighbors Of Canton" to deal with local issues and problems.
2. Successful "Canton Happening".
3. Participation in the 1977 SECO Family Picnic, including a table display, entertainment by our youth group, a new banner (now in the sanctuary) and a brochure describing our programs.

D. Suggested objectives for 1978:

1. By May 1, 1978, a committee will be formed to consider the feasibility of a weekend family camping spiritual retreat to occur during the summer of 1978.

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2. By July 1, 1978, the Christian Education Committee and the Fellowship Committee will have met together to plan our church's activities for the proposed 1978 SECO Family Picnic.

II. Doing:

- A. Greater care for all elderly members and others who cannot care for themselves.

1. Objective - Beginning this summer (January 1978), the Membership and Stewardship Committee of the Council will plan and organize a transportation shuttle service, involving our total membership, to assist those without regular means to attend worship and meetings. This service will begin no later than October, 1977 (February, 1978 for Lent through Pentecost).

- B. An increase of 25% in our benevolent giving for church-related projects (to match what we did in 1965).

1. Objective - Beginning no later than October 1977 (January 1978), members of the church (laity) will share information about how our Christian World Missions (OCWM) dollars are being spent during Moments of Concern at worship, by bulletin articles, and in the United Endeavor.

2. Beginning in January, 1978, additional benevolent offering envelopes will be made available (in the pews and through the Endeavor).

- C. Accomplishments not covered by the objectives:

1. Donations of canned foods for distribution for Thanksgiving.
2. Sharing of information about our women's groups with members of Zion-Harford Road, in order to stimulate a resurgence of their women's group.
3. An increase of \$700.00 for the association is included in the proposed 1978 budget.
4. Formation of a Widows' and Widowers' Group.
5. Singing by our choirs at Bonnie Blink.
6. A member of our youth group was on the Central America pilgrimage.

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7. Painting of the church school by the Youth Group.

D. Suggested objectives for 1978:

1. By January, 1978, the Membership and Stewardship Committee will develop a task group to deliver offering envelopes so they will not need to go through the United States mail.
2. Beginning September, 1978, the women's groups of the church will plan and implement a program to make monthly contacts with each of our known shut-ins.

III. Being:

A. At least 25% of the congregation will be of the 20-34 age group.

1. Objective - Immediate increased support for the Young Adult Group.

B. More effective communication within the congregation.

1. Objective - Beginning this summer (January 1978), the Fellowship Committee will plan and develop a series of six (four) all-church fellowship events per year, the first to happen in September 1977 (March 1978).

C. Accomplishments not covered by the objectives:

1. Information concerning Council decisions presented each month in the Endeavor.

2. Information obtained through the church inventory survey was interpreted, charted, and posted.

3. Growth and progress in the young adult group.

4. Re-appraisal of our facilities, including contents, and subsequent up-dating of our insurance coverage.

5. Presentation of gifts to our 1977 high school and college graduates.

6. Confirmation class trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

7. Youth group dinner show.

8. More extensive involvement of our members in the successful sour beef and oyster supper.

9. Three adult delegates, one youth delegate, and the pastor attended the Central Atlantic Conference meeting in Montclair, New Jersey.

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D. Suggested objectives for 1978:

1. Beginning in December 1977, a monthly report by one of the officers of the Church Council will be given during the Moments of Concern on the Sunday following the Council meeting. This report will concern important matters discussed in the council meeting, and will be in addition to the secretary's article in the Endeavor.
2. Beginning in January, 1978, Congregational Meetings will be held on a Sunday, and a meal will be provided. On those meeting Sundays, there will be only one worship service.
3. Beginning in January, 1978, the Recording Secretary of the Council will prepare and post in the Narthex a list of accomplishments for the preceding month.
4. In December, 1977, the nominating committee of the Council will meet to select nominees for a "Welcoming Task Group". It will be the responsibility of this group to develop a system for welcoming and involving new and prospective members into the total life of our congregation.
5. By April 1, 1978, the 1975 Pastoral Search Committee and the 1978 Church Council will meet with the Pastor to discuss and evaluate the work he has done here since January 15, 1976, and together plan and project our future life together.

IV. Celebrating:

A. Increased attendance and active participation in worship services.

1. Objective - Beginning in September 1977 (December 1977), the nursery and kindergarten departments of our church school will develop a cherub choir for children of ages 3-7 to regularly participate in our Sunday morning worship services.

B. Increased outside celebrations.

No objectives developed.

C. Accomplishments not covered by the objectives:

1. Good Friday Community Service held here.
2. Development of a proposal for a Festival of Music by the choirs and organists of Chesapeake Association - plans are underway.

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3. Participation by our choir in the Festival Choir of the service at the National Cathedral.
 4. Our church banner was in the procession of the Festival Service (banner now in the sanctuary).
 5. Development by the choir of a system of providing music for the 8:00 a.m. services.
 6. Gift from choir of brass ensemble on Pentecost.
- D. Suggested objectives for 1978:
1. By February, 1978 the Council will plan and announce a Lent-through-Pentecost attendance campaign to be implemented during the 1978 Lenten period.