

CDC Report 2022

Each year the Congregational Development Committee is charged with serving the churches in the Diocese of Rhode Island and supporting them in the process of creating and implementing new ministries. The two main ways we do that is through different workshops and through funding.

This year the CDC was able to give over \$36,000 to Missions and 13,899 to Parishes. Through these programs we were able to fund a variety of new ministries around the Diocese with some highlights being:

- St. Mathew's Jamestown was able to update their streaming technology to enhance their Sunday services.
- Trinity North Scituate was able to invest in an Evangelism program called a Stephen Ministry congregation and put two people through this training.
- A multi-church collaboration that created a traveling church school teacher program to have an hour-long class and a two-hour intergenerational "Beloved Everybody" gathering will be offered once a week.

This year while still coming out of COVID we decided to wait on holding our flagship event of Learn and Lead until we can hold the Learn and Lead of the quality we wanted. However, there were many programs that were able to be held this year.

- Stewardship – TENS
- The Congregational Development College is a comprehensive training program that originated in Olympia, Washington. Designed for lay and clergy leadership, it seeks to provide and develop models for use in nurturing congregational development.
- Invite Welcome Connect Digital Gathering: The overall topic is the hybrid church and how to use technology to invite, welcome and invite newcomers and others into a faith community.
- Creating Financially Stable Congregations Series

Thank you to everyone who was a part of making this year so wonderful, and a special thank you to those who are rotating off: Deborah Collins, Rose Murrin, the Rev. Sunil Chandy and the Rev. Craig Swan.