

## CDC Report 2023

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.

As of the end of August this year the CDC has given nearly \$48,000 to our congregations. Through these programs we were able to fund a variety of new ministries around the Diocese with some highlights being:

- St. Thomas, Alton & St. Ann's by the Sea, Block Island were able to purchase digital hymnals to provide music at services in the absence of a live musician.
- St. Matthew's Jamestown was able to transform their unused choir loft into a "pray-ground" space for young children and their families.
- All Saints' Memorial hosted Dr. Arthur Jones for a three part program, The Wisdom of the African American Spirituals tradition in October.

This March we were able to bring back our Diocesan Learn and Lead day welcoming Emily Keniston the Director of Faith Formation from the Diocese of Maine as our keynote speaker. In lieu of a fall program the CDC supported the Diocesan Communications workshop in October and are planning an early winter event in 2024 with Alissa Newton the author of *Vital Christian Community: 12 Characteristics of Healthy Congregations*.

Thank you to the members of and staff liaisons to the CDC who make it possible to administer these grants and put on these programs. If you have any questions about the CDC and how we can help support your congregation's ministries, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of our members.

The Rev. Patrick Green, Chair