

CDC Report 2024

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 September this year the CDC has given around \$42,000 to our congregations. Through these programs we were able to fund a variety of exciting ministries around the Diocese with some highlights being:

- Blackstone Deanery invited the Rev. Sheila McJilton to lead a Lenten Quiet Day
- St. Luke's, Pawtucket and St. Martin's, Providence were able to make upgrades to their spaces allowing The Rhode Island Food Bank and OpenDoors RI to continue making using of their spaces.
- St. Augustine's, Kingston has started a weeknight service and community meal for URI students.

In January we held a virtual book study with The Rev. Alissa Newton, Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of New York on her book, *Vital Christian Community: 12 Characteristics of Healthy Congregations*. This April we hosted a Vestry and Leadership day at Trinity, North Scituate. On Saturday November 9th we will be holding our Diocesan Learn & Lead day at St. John's, Barrington. We will be welcoming The Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining from St. Christopher's, Gladwyne, PA as our keynote speaker. The years Learn & Lead, entitled Growing in God's Grace, will focus on evangelism and growth.

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.

Submitted by The Rev. Patrick Greene, Chair