

St. Michael's Adult Christian Education Committee - Annual Report for 2011

The Adult Christian Education Committee is responsible for the planning and preparation of adult Christian education programming in the parish, and as such endeavors to carry out this ministry under the following guidelines:

1. Oversee and facilitate adult Christian education programs in the parish.
2. Develop new programs.
3. Search for and provide materials.
4. Develop a team of leaders for programs.
5. Pray for, encourage and mentor parishioners.
6. Be responsible for the visibility of adult Christian education in the parish.

The ACEC believes that in striving to fulfill its purpose this ministry promotes God's mission by: proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom, and by teaching and nurturing believers.

The following programs and events were sponsored by the ACEC throughout 2011:

1. Lenten Evening Bible Study - Montreal Marks of Mission. A 5 week study examining 5 texts from the Gospels in light of the Anglican Church's 5 Marks of Mission. Beginning March 16, 2011, coordinated facilitated by Rev. Michelle and Lorne Eason. Avg. attendance 10.
2. Lenten Luncheon Bible Study - A 4 week study examining the Lenten period epistle readings. Beginning March 23, 2011, facilitated by Rev. Michelle Avg. attendance 10.
3. Saint's Day Celebration - A Supper and presentation on Thomas Cranmer. March 19, 2011, facilitated by Rev. Michelle Eason, and the ACE committee with the meal organized by Lydia Latulipe. 45 people
4. Movie Night and Discussion- Amistad "A 1997 historical drama film based on the true story of a slave mutiny that took place aboard the ship Amistad in 1839, and the legal battle that followed." Held April 8 & 15, 2011, facilitated by Rev. Michelle & Lorne Eason, Brian & Louise O'Connor. 30 people
5. Christianity 101 - a study of the basic teachings of the Christian faith as outlined by the Rev. Harold Percy's 4 week course titled Christianity 101. Beginning May 25, 2011, facilitated by Lorne Eason. Avg. Att. 9 people.
6. Movie Night and Discussion- Gifted Hands-The Ben Carson Story. "A 2009 made for TV movie about the true life story of brain surgeon Ben Carson who overcame disadvantage to become one of the world's leading neurosurgeons. Held August 12, 2011, facilitated by Rev. Michelle & Lorne Eason. 17 people.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to fellow committee members Rev. Michelle Eason, Marilyn Wray, and Roger Spack for their time, talent and encouragement in

supporting this ministry. Their ideas, enthusiasm and faith have been an encouragement and blessing to me. I would also like to thank those who have helped facilitate some of the programs during 2011. And last but not least I would like to thank you the people of St Michael's, for continuing to uphold this ministry in prayer. It is through your prayers and the faithful work of the committee and those who have helped that we as a parish have been truly blessed and encouraged in our walk with the Lord Jesus throughout 2011.

Respectfully submitted
Your brother and servant in Christ,

Lorne Eason

Addendum

Since Lorne began a stage in September, 2011 at the parish of St. George in Ste. Anne de Bellevue, the Adult Christian Education committee has been without a chair person. The committee continued planning educational events for the parish. The Wednesday noon Bible study, "The Daily Epistle", on the Letter to the Romans continued with an average of 4 people participating. We held a second session of Christianity 101 which was attended by an average of 10 people. A Saints' Dinner was held in the Fall on Dietrich Bonhoeffer attended by about 35 people. We offered an Advent Quiet Day on Dec. 10 which was attended by approximately 12 people.

Just when I was about to dissolve the committee for lack of members, Elizabeth Parker has become part of the committee so we carry on. At this time the members of the committee are Roger Spack, Marilyn Wray, Elizabeth Parker and Rev. Michelle. We need a chair person for this committee and new members are needed as well.

I am thankful for Marilyn and Roger who have worked very hard over the year to plan and present educational programs in the Christian faith. And I am thankful to Elizabeth for her willingness to become part of the committee and all the work she has done so far.

Respectfully submitted
Rev. Michelle