

Christian Education Summer Meeting
Sunday, August 20, 2017
Discussion Notes

- Luk began by welcoming all to the meeting and thanking all in the ministry for their hard work and dedication. He defined the purpose for our gathering which is to grow Christian Education for children and adults at Trinity Church. He also introduced our new Christian Education and Vacation Bible School intern, Greg Jonson.
- Points raised included:
 - **Christian Education Meetings** – We plan to meet two to three times as a group during the 2017 – 2018 academic year to plan for educational events and to discuss issues pertinent to the ministry.
 - **Christmas Pageant** - We will need a director and group of volunteers for our Annual Christmas Pageant this year. If anyone is interested or knows of any possible candidates, please let Luk know.
 - **Young Families at Trinity** - We have a growing number of young families at Trinity who feel connected to our parish. We want to find a variety of means to tap the enthusiasm of our families, including **Family Get Togethers**. The first is tentatively planned at the Assis home in September. A Family Gathering was held in March 2017 and all attending (twenty families) appreciated the discussions, getting to know other families, and the opportunity to plan for more family events.
 - **Sunday School** – It was decided that Sunday School classes for children and young adults will be held between services, from approximately 10:10 until 10:50 each Sunday for the 17 – 18 academic year.
 - Our summer Sunday School was very successful this year, with weekly gatherings of approximately 20 children. We appreciate the efforts and talents of our teachers who made the program such a success!
 - A flyer and letter will go to all families with children, describing the current Sunday School programs; Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 17th.
 - We hope to hold a Parent / Teacher meeting in the fall.
 - There will be a Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 27th for all returning to school for the 2017 – 2018 academic year.
 - There will be a Blessing of Sunday School Staff and Volunteers during the 9:00 and 11:00 services on Sunday, September 17th.
 - We discussed the former Youth Group, initially funded by Trinity and The Divinity School. Youth from surrounding towns were

part of the program the first year, which was very successful. However, in addition to a decline in volunteers, participating churches did not follow through with any funding in succeeding years, making it impossible to continue the program.

- **Adult Education –**
 - Sunday Forums: Charles Lemert will coordinate all Sunday forums this year. One possibility is to have an Adult Sunday School that has a Biblical and Theological focus.
 - Suggested topics for the forums include current events, Bible classes, and topics of interest to parents and other adults.
 - ECY (Episcopal Church at Yale) will have weekly Sunday services at 5:00; Yale's Rev. Paul Carling has received a grant to fund a young adult ministry; this service includes a dinner and relevant conversation at 6:00 in the Undercroft.
 - We discussed having a Newcomers Welcome Class, to be held after the 11:00 service. The schedule for this class is forthcoming.
 - For any evening meetings, we would like to provide food, soups and salads were suggested, whenever possible.
 - The African American Read-In will always be held the first Sunday in February.
- **ECW** – Luk is open to all efforts to rejuvenate this important women's group.

We adjourned at 12:30.