

Diocesan Sunday School Workshop

Saturday, October 2, 2004

Christ Church (Parish) Church, Fredericton

A number of registrations have come in for this event over the summer. If you or your priest do not have a registration form please download one at www.anglican.nb.ca, which is the Diocesan web site. Scroll down the side and click on Youth, then click on C.E. Director. You will find the archived Newsletters and Bulletin Inserts, and the registration form. There are 2 pages which may be printed back to back. We need to know how many will be in attendance in order to provide lunch for everyone and so that the workshop leaders who are using hand outs can provide enough.

With 13 workshops to choose from there is sure to be something to please and inspire everyone. Please note that the afternoon workshop #11 has been cancelled but Susan Rank will be teaching the same workshop in the morning (#4).

If you plan on attending, please see the next item in the newsletter.

Job Description

Do you have a job description - as a Sunday School Superintendent or teacher? Even volunteers benefit from knowing exactly what is expected of them and what they can expect to receive in exchange. The Christian Education committee will be asking all those attending the Oct 2 Conference to bring copies of their job description, if they have one. We will then draft sample descriptions for the two positions mentioned above in the hope that the examples provided will help parishes to write their own.

Two worthwhile web based newsletters for Sunday School teachers

Cook Communications has a new-in-the-last-few-months newsletter for teachers, www.faithkidz.ca.

It is updated on the first of every month and includes:

- an article on a children's ministry which has worked well. This could be a VBS, a Sunday School, a mid-week programme, a workshop etc.
- an article to help those working with children in the church.
- a product review - not necessarily of a Cook publication.
- a "tip" section of good ideas on a topic which changes monthly. September's will be Christmas

programming, October's discipline challenges, and November's thematic children's events.

Perhaps you might ask one of your team with an up-to-date computer to download this each month and copy it for everyone.

The other site is not new, but well worth viewing. It is **The Episcopal Teacher**, available quarterly at www.vts.edu/cmt/EpiscopalTeacher.htm. It is not possible to have it sent automatically to Canadian e-mail addresses, but someone could be appointed to check when the next issue appears, and it can be legally downloaded from the site (I checked!) The summer issue contains fall start-up ideas, All Saints' day ideas, ideas for stewardship training for children, and an article on mentoring. The fall issue should be online very soon.

Diocesan Resource Centre

There are many children's videos here which may be borrowed. They make a nice change used maybe once a month in Sunday School, or on a Sunday such as Thanksgiving when you may have fewer teachers and wish to combine classes. **New this year** are: **Jesus Stories**, a video totalling 45 minutes for 6 - 11 year olds. It has 3 sections 'Jesus Teaches,' 'Jesus Cares,' and 'Jesus Heals.' **The Electronic Campfire** is for 11 and up. It is 32 mins long and contains five Old Testament stories of promise and hope retold in contemporary settings. **The Legend of the Three Trees** is a 30 min video of a classic folktale suitable for all ages which teaches the significance of each person in God's plan for the world. We now have five 25-30 minute videos based on Max Lucado's best selling children's books, '**You Are Special**,' '**You Are Mine**,' '**Hermie: a Common Caterpillar**,' '**The Crippled Lamb**,' and '**Jacob's Gift**.' As well, we have purchased a 13 video series, **Greatest Heroes and Legends of the Bible**. Each video is around 45 mins long and subjects include Samson and Delilah, Daniel and the Lion's Den, The Story of Moses, David and Goliath, The Nativity, The Apostles, and 7 more. To borrow any of these videos call Anglican House at 693-2295 or e-mail angbk@nbnet.nb.ca. You may also visit the web site to see if a subject you want is available. Go to Christian Education Director, as mentioned above under Oct 2 Conference, and click on 'Access the Online Searchable Library.' Videos will be mailed to you free of charge, and you may return them to either the Synod Office in Fredericton or Anglican House at your own expense.