

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND NURTURE

To the One Hundred Thirty-Sixth Council
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

The primary function of this committee has been to sponsor a retreat for pastors, their wives and others involved in the ministry of the church. In the past few years we have been reaching out to Senior Wardens encouraging them to do their best to help their pastor and his wife attend the retreat. We are reaching out in this report to those chosen to represent their parishes at this council that you would encourage your vestry to send your pastor and his wife to this next year's retreat.

This past retreat we heard devotionals from the Sermon on the Mount from various clergy attending the retreat. Unfortunately, a few had to cancel attending because of the threat of serious snowfall. Those who were able to make the retreat were very appreciative of the time together.

The dates of this next year's retreat have been changed so that clergy can be encouraged to attend the Walk for Life in Washington, D.C. This year's date is February 9-11, 2017. We will be meeting again at the beautiful and comfortable Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA. This next retreat will focus on clergy marriages. The title for the retreat is, "Relations in the Rectory." Please make sure to register by January 6, 2017. You can download a registration form online or use the one provided in your packet.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen
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