

**Report of the Committee on Men's Ministry
To the One Hundred Thirty- first Council**
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren;

This past year we have seen an increased interest by men of our Diocese as the Men's Committee continues to fulfill its mission. That mission is presently focused on hosting two weekend retreats per year in order to provide spiritual encouragement for men as they seek to be faithful followers of Christ. The format for the weekend retreats is to be a reflective and interactive community where men are spiritually renewed and strengthened in their faith. The theme that continues to guide our program is the vision from Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

The Spring Retreat was held April 29-30 at Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ. The Spiritual facilitator was Rev. Jerry McLynn and he led a lively discussion on what it means to be a Christian. Even though attendance was fewer than anticipated, it was a blessing for those who attended. The Fall Retreat was held on October 14-15 at Grace RE Church in Havre-de-Grace, Md. The Rev. Willie Hill lead was the Spiritual facilitator who challenged us in regard to seeing life through the eyes of God and then when we come to the crossroad of decisions in life, we need to make the excellent choices. The study of God's Word and the interaction around the tables gave evidence to the power of Gods' Spirit at work that weekend.

As the committee looks back on this past year, we are still committed to continue our mission to provide for the whole Diocese a Men's retreat in two different locations. Therefore we have already scheduled and secured the facilities for 2012. The Spring retreat will be April 27-28, 2012 at Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ and the Fall retreat will be October 12-13, 2012 at Grace RE Church, Havre-de-Grace, Md..

I would like to thank those who support and provide us feedback in our continued men's ministry. And I especially thank God for the Spring Retreat Director Rev. Greg Miller and our Spiritual Facilitators, Rev. Jerry McLynn and Rev. Willie Hill. We are blessed by their sacrificial dedication and their gifts they bring to our denomination and parishes.

Respectfully Submitted,
In Christ Service,

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