

# **THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA**

## **Report to Diocesan Convention**

October, 2009

The Diocesan Stewardship Committee seeks to develop Stewardship as a Christian practice at all levels: personal, parish, diocese and in the wider world—financial stewardship and stewardship of all the resources given by God into our care. The Committee is currently holding and encouraging local conversations about stewardship among clergy and laity beginning at the deanery level, listening and sharing the local experience of our parishes and people. From these conversations, we hope to develop resources and experiences that draw us into a deeper engagement of stewardship on all levels, where we practice that daily conversion as God's children in Christ.

The Committee has held Stewardship Conferences in the Brandywine Deanery, the Southwark Deanery, and in the Merion Deanery. These conferences were well received, both experiencing elements of successful programs (Bible study, personal stewardship stories, and practical discussions) and sharing of program design and experiences among the several parishes in attendance. Feedback from participants (mostly lay people) points to an increased level of excitement, a clearer sense of direction as Stewardship leaders, and a lot of fresh ideas to bring back to the parish.

**We are currently planning our next conference at Trinity Church, Ambler on January 30, 2010 from 8:30 AM to noon. Contact Tom Pumphrey to register (contact info below).**

The Committee is developing web pages for the Diocesan website that will act as greater resources for sharing and learning more about Stewardship. We are also eager for more involvement from clergy and laity alike on the Committee—especially from each of the Deaneries. We currently do not have representation from Conestoga, Bucks, Delaware, or Pennypack Deaneries. Please contact Tom Pumphrey at St. David's Church in Wayne for more information about how you can participate (610-688-7947, ext 218, or at [tpumphrey@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:tpumphrey@stdavidchurch.org)).