

June Report to the 2019 CSIS Synod Assembly
RE: Adult Faith Formation Committee

The CSIS Adult Faith Formation Committee was composed of 7 people – one elected from each of the 6 CSIS conferences, and one appointed synod council representative. A Synod Staff liaison and the Dean of Education also sit on the committee.

Serving June 2018 to June 2019 were:

- East Central Conference – Pastor Rita Augsburgberger
- Northeast – Pastor Ruth Hansen
- Northwest – Allen Shay
- Northern – Pastor Kara Wiechmann
- Southern – Deb Rathert
- West Central – Michael Foppe
- Synod Council Representative – Tim Marty
- Dean of Education – Pastor Blake Duncan
- Synod Staff Liaison – Pastor Ken Tegtmeier

The Synod Council voted to recommend to the 2018 Synod Assembly changes to the Synod Bylaws related to committees. With the affirmative vote of the assembly, what was the Synodically Authorized Subcommittee now has been named the Adult Faith Formation Committee.

Bylaw - The function of the Adult Faith Formation Committee centers around two important, yet distinct, areas:

- 1) Shepherding those preparing for and those functioning in Synodically Authorized Ministry, and
- 2) Promoting and planning adult faith formation events and opportunities particularly for lay members throughout the synod”

The committee has been diligently reviewing and putting into place the tasks entrusted to the committee.

Work from June 2018 to present:

- Attending to and supporting the 11 new S.A.M. candidates.
- Planning and implementing the faith formation curriculum for the S.A.M. candidates and lay people as well as doing some research/study into further needs of the synod membership in-regard-to faith formation education.
- Reviewing and updating the Synodically Authorized Ministers (S.A.M.) Handbook preparing it for being put back up on the synod website.
- Offering three classes and one retreat and beginning plans for 2019-2020
 - *The Lutheran Confessions* taught by Pr. Christ Repp, Fall 2018 (21 total taking the class - some attended at Grace Lutheran in Champaign and some by ZOOM)

- *Hebrew Bible* taught by Dr. Ralph Klein, Winter 2018-19 (21 total by ZOOM)
- *Introduction to Worship* taught by Pr. Ken Tegtmeier, Spring 2019 (note: at the time of printing we are expecting the 11 S.A.M. candidates and a few others to attend this in-person class being offered at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln)
- *Faith Formation Retreat*, December 7 & 8, 2018 at King's House in Belleville, IL. The presenter was Dr. Karoline Lewis from Luther Seminary and her presentations was on the Gospel of John. We had an excellent turn out, about 30 participants including SAM candidates, current SAM's, a few ordained pastors and some lay folks.

It is with deep gratitude given to the members of the committee for their time, energy, and commitment to see these responsibilities take root and grow. May God's Holy Spirit continue to lead and guide us now and into the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor Rita Augsburg