



SED WIM FOUNDER'S DAY TOUCHPOINT ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

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To: Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr., Presiding Prelate
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The Second Episcopal District Women In Ministry component met on Friday, February 27, 2009 at 2:00pm.

We made the following report.

We are very happy to announce the unveiling of our new website and the SEDWIM brochure highlighting the officers, coordinators, mission and purpose.

Over sixty Women In Ministry met in groups of ten and discussed the following "Touch Points" Round Circle Topics:

1. Pastoral Ministry Challenges and Successes
2. Sexism in the Pulpit
3. Ministry Opportunities and Resources beyond the Pulpit (health, family, relationships)
4. Chaplaincy Ministry
5. Academics/Education
6. Mentoring/Coaching

Out of those discussions came the following recommendations:

1. Pastoral Ministry Challenges and Successes

- To provide a "how to manual" for new pastors transitioning into the Pastorate.
- Offer workshops for establishing new ministries.

2. Sexism in the Pulpit

- We recommend that Women In Ministry be sensitive to the term sexism
- The recommendation is to define, clarify and educate clergy (male and female).

3. Ministry Opportunities and Resources beyond the Pulpit

- In order to grow and develop as servant leaders, it is recommended that all clergy do a honest self evaluation of where they are in ministry.

- Take charge of those things that we have control over. Practice *The Serenity Prayer*.

*God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next. Amen*

4. Chaplaincy Ministry

- To purposely and intentionally seek out those who have an interest in Chaplaincy
- Develop a network to various mediums i.e. emails, send cards etc. to encourage and support chaplains in their ministry

5. Academics/Education

- To encourage and provide educational tools and information on higher learning
- To develop and provide an academic support system

6. Mentoring/Coaching

- Design a mentoring/coaching template for all five conferences by Planning Meeting
- Set a qualifying standard for persons interested in being a mentor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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