



Wrestling with the Big Questions

To bring together and build collaborative relationships in order to transform and advance the Episcopal Church's ability to embrace its educational mission more deeply

PEALL – “Proclaiming Education for All”

The Standing Commission for Ministry Development (SCMD), Office for Ministry Development (OMD), and the Ministries with Young People Cluster (MYP), with support from the sponsors of 2003-A120 (Theological Education) and 2003-B024 (Task Force on Life Long Formation) proposed the creation of a new theological education “strategy team” with representation from around the Church. In June 2004 Executive Council expressed a wish that proponents of these two resolutions meet and seek a way to combine the two into a single resolution that would integrate and address the intentions of both. Since then, a “strategy team” was appointed by the Presiding Bishop, the President of the House of Deputies, in consultation with the Chair of SCMD. They have met several times and have taken on the name, “Proclaiming Education for All” (PEALL). Their charge includes the following components:

1. Articulates/expresses/leads to a coherent and compelling vision for theological education, Christian education, and lifelong formation for the mission and ministry of each member in the Episcopal Church.
2. Identifies the optimal systemic structures to implement this vision.
3. Engages participants in a reflective and dialogical process that benefits them in the short term as well as in the long-haul.
4. Makes use of grassroots networks as well as ways of hearing new voices to assure broad access, deep information-sharing, local applicability and broad “buy in.”
5. Addresses specific planning needs of the stakeholder groups, including seminaries, the Episcopal Council of Christian Education (ECCE), and other groups.
6. Provides opportunities to share emerging vision and learning as well as sharing feedback all along the way.
7. Reports outcomes of the design work, test results, and next steps to the General Convention 2006.
8. Establishes and leads an ongoing process that results in concrete recommendations regarding a coherent and compelling vision for theological education, Christian education and lifelong formation in the Episcopal Church and identifies the optimal structures to implement this vision by the General Convention 2009.

A report on the work of PEALL will be made to the 75th General Convention through the Blue Book Report of SCMD and perhaps in other venues and a final report will be made to the 76th Convention about ways in which this crucial component in our common life can be engaged and supported more fully.

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