

**Recap of ECCT Northeast Convocation April 22-23, 2016:**

Christ Church was well represented both Friday evening and Saturday as the first of six regional Convocations in CT took place last weekend. Sincere thanks to those who were able to attend and bring your presence and ideas to the event! The scout camp provided a welcoming, simple but accommodating venue in a lovely natural setting. Approximately 85 people attended representing 18 of the northeast region's 21 parishes. Bishop Laura Ahrens and Bishop Ian Douglas were active and approachable participants.

The key activities and accomplishments included:

- Identifying existing active ministries in each parish, and envisioning those we would like to pursue;
- Celebrating the Holy Eucharist in a new, participative and reordered "dinner church" as a time of worship and metaphor for a new order in our common life in ECCT;
- Selecting members to send to the Mission Council - one clergy and one lay - plus alternates for each. Participants were encouraged to pray to discern their interest. Those who felt called put their names in a basket, which was blessed. Names were then chosen by lots as in Biblical times. These people will join with those from the other five regions to participate in governance of our CT Diocese;
- Discussing the qualities desired in the new Region Missionary and envisioning the kinds of work s/he might engage with others across the Region;
- Identifying people to serve on a "Missionary Call Team" that will customize the Region Missionary's job description and be part of the hiring process (Jane Hale will serve on this);
- Deciding how to plan additional Region gatherings to ensure an ongoing process of collaboration and fellowship among northeast parishes (Jane Hale is also serving here);
- Convocation closed with Bishop Ahrens' prayer and blessing for the Region as it begins its new phase of life in Christ in ECCT.

Please note that on Wednesday June 1 a Ministry Network Convocation will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at The Commons in Meriden. All parish members engaged in ministries, both existing and emerging, are encourage to attend and explore possibilities. Please speak to Jane or Father Dave for more information.