

## **THE COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY**

The Episcopacy Committee met Monday, February 12, 2007, at the Methodist Center in Columbia.

The Committee felt it would be helpful to use dialogue with the Bishop as a framework to assist its understanding of the contributions and leadership provided by our Episcopal Leader.

The Bishop was able to share with us some significant ministries which have taken place in the past year. A major emphasis was fostering ways in which churches, clergy and laity could strengthen the connection within the church.

One of the ways the Bishop has strengthened the connection is by establishing district clergy meetings for the purpose of supporting and encouraging each other in ministry. Another emphasis has been strengthening the local church. Natural Church Development is proving to be an effective resource in this regard.

Further goals involve reaching out to the unchurched, nurturing members and enriching the spiritual life of our congregations.

The committee expressed appreciation to Bishop Taylor for her leadership. We discussed ways in which this group could be helpful to her in fulfilling her vision. This committee expects to meet again in the fall of 2007.

*George K. Howle, Chairperson*