

THE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES WITH FAMILIES

The Council on Ministries with Families has enjoyed another year of moving toward our goal of supporting local congregations and their ministry with families. In March of 2007 we welcomed back Dr. Roland Martinson, who led a training event on the Baptismal Journey. This was the fourth key component in our series of trainings. We anticipate a concluding event in 2008 that will review the four components we have emphasized and serve as a practicum for our council so that we can enter local congregations and support their ministry with families. This remains our primary goal: to be invited into local congregations where we can support the authentic ministry that is emerging within that particular context. As a council, we are excited about that opportunity, which is set to begin during the coming year.

As with many councils, this past year has been one of transition and we wish to thank June Willson and Sidelle Derrick for their wonderful leadership and support. We will miss their many contributions. We also welcome the guidance and support of Kathy James and look forward to continued growth in the area of ministry with families in our annual conference.

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