

THE CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

*Point your kids in the right direction-
When they're old they won't be lost.
(Proverbs 22:6, The Message)*

The goal of the Conference Council on Children's Ministries is to provide resources and support for local churches as they strive to point the children in their congregations and communities in the right direction - as followers of Jesus Christ. This year we have focused on two different areas. The first area was Vacation Bible School Training. We offered 9 total trainings throughout the conference. Some of these trainings covered the Camp EDGE literature from Cokesbury, some covered the On The Move literature from Cokesbury and some trainings covered both. Through these trainings we were able to reach nearly 300 people and provide assistance as they prepared for Vacation Bible School for the summer of 2009. We feel very positive that these trainings have been well received and are providing a needed ministry to help churches in this important aspect of Children's Ministry.

The second area we focused on this year has been weekday ministries with children. We have heard that there is a great need to help churches with this area, those who already have ministries in place and those that want to start these ministries. We begin the process of helping churches with weekday ministries by conducting a survey of congregations that have or are planning on having weekday programs and finding out the contact person for these ministries at the different churches. We have now moved to the second stage for this area and our council is in the process of contacting these people directly to discuss the various needs the ministries have in an effort to determine what needs appear most often. Once we have this data, we will begin developing programs or resources to help churches with weekday ministries.

If your church has weekday ministries with children and you are interested in some help from our council, please contact anyone on the council and we will add your request to our discussion. Our council has expanded its membership this year and we are excited about the energy and ideas our new members bring to the group. However, we still are in need of additional minority members and a few districts are still not represented. If you are interested in serving on this council, please contact me. We have a great group of council members who are very passionate about ministry with children. We are looking forward to continuing to point our children in the right direction and helping others in the South Carolina Conference to do the same.

Dawn Compton, Chairperson