

## **THE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES WITH FAMILIES**

This has been a year of transition for the Council on Ministries with Families. After five years of immersion in the philosophy and methods of Family Ministry led by Dr. Roland Martinson, the Council has developed four comprehensive areas that will be offered via facilitators who will support congregations when invited into our local churches through your District Superintendent or your Conference Specialist. These facilitators are presently being trained to enter congregations with listening ears and discerning spirits as they guide congregations in discovering their potential for Family Ministry. The facilitators do not impose any preconceived program though they are prepared to suggest a number of available resources. Rather, they will listen to the congregation's concerns, celebrate their successes, and offer tailored support for that particular context. The support will be born out of the four areas of emphasis: Storytelling, Interacting with Integrity, Healing and Restoration, and The Baptismal Journey.

The Council on Ministries with Families is excited to have grown to this point and we are eager to empower and employ Local Church Facilitators into action. All who would like to be part of the Council, to be trained as a facilitator, or would like their congregation to be supported by a facilitator, should contact one of the Council members.

Council members include: Ms. Rubielee Addison, Rev. Steve Brown, Ms. Fran Elrod, Mr. Francis Hipp, Rev. Kathy James, Ms. Robin Landers, Ms. Doris Seals, Ms. Carol Singletary, and Rev. Bart Sistare.

*Rev. Bart Sistare, Convener*