

Charter & Objectives
ADULT EDUCATION
(meets 2nd Wed's of each month at 8:00 PM)

CHARTER (Over-arching Purpose):

- With God's grace, we encourage an openness to the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit, transforming lives through individual and shared study and experience.

OBJECTIVES (revisited every year)

- (2008): To offer programs that provide entry points for people at different moments of their faith journeys.
- To have personal conversations with at least ten St. Clarians who have never participated in an adult education opportunity.
- To conduct surveys of 2007-2008 participants in Alpha, Disciples I and III, and LtQ2 and to encourage leaders of other education/enrichment programs to solicit feedback from participants.
- To solicit feedback from leaders of other education and enrichment programs.
- To host a dinner in January 2008 for all leaders of Adult Education programs to celebrate their contributions and to develop community and shared vision.

EXAMPLES of Adult Ed PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

Sunday Adult Education	Thursday AM Bible Study	Disciples Classes
Seekers Groups	Newcomers Class	Alpha Program: twice/year
Dreamwork: on-going		

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Social Transformation
part of ADULT FORMATION Commission
(meets:

CHARTER (Over-arching Purpose):

to focus on Prophetic Ministries, those areas where our faith calls us to speak out and act on the social justice issues which confront our nation and the world. This subcommittee will provide St. Clare's congregation with a forum to engage in learning about, discussing, and discerning appropriate actions to take on such issues.

OBJECTIVES (revisited every year)

The Social Transformation Subcommittee is to be:

Non-Partisan: God is neither Republican nor Democrat. The committee will not demonize or engage in angry political diatribes. It will not endorse either candidates or specific partisan political agenda. It will encourage all to be informed and will lead parishioners to better see the political ramifications (i.e. the allocation of societal resources) of the faith we profess.

Inclusive: The committee is not to become just another liberal/left-wing or conservative/right-wing discussion group or political action committee. Within our parish family, there may be many different viewpoints on any particular issue. We respect those differences, and all people, regardless of their viewpoint must to be made welcome to participate in the discussion and discernment process of this committee.

Open-minded: We all have much to learn from others holding different points of view. Committee members will strive to remain open to hearing what others are saying even if (especially if) they disagree with them.

Committed to Service: Committee members need to be committed to serving St. Clare's by developing programs which bring a better congregational understanding of the prophetic call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. These programs might include discussion forums, multi-week education courses, opportunities for working w/ interfaith groups on social justice issues.

Committed to Discerning God's Will: Through prayer and understanding of scripture committee members will endeavor to discern how God calls us to respond to social justice issues.

Witness Bearers: As the committee develops consensus that action is needed on the part of the congregation or Vestry, they take the responsibility for bearing witness to this by providing education necessary to prepare the way for congregational understanding and **for presenting action resolutions to the Vestry** should such be required.