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FRESH START

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Conference Center
in Greenfield, NH
- National Facilitators
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Camp Allen in Na-
vasota, TX
- Facilitator Training:
Apr. 15-18, 2008
Franciscan Renewal
Center, Scottsdale,
AZ
- Facilitator Training:
Oct. 21-23, 2008
St. Christopher's
Conference Center,
Seabrook Island,
SC

National Coordinators & New Lead Agency Named

Fresh Start, the Episcopal Church's national program to support and serve clergy and congregations in transition, is growing and changing. The sponsoring organizations named three new ministry area coordinators and a new lead agency to serve the increasing number of dioceses participating in this energizing ministry.

Sandy Kolb of Washington, D.C., a congregational consultant and Fresh Start national trainer, is the new Coordinator for Curriculum. Sandy is busy writing new modules for the rollout of Fresh Start 3.0 at the December Facilitator Gathering (see article below).

Paula Franck, Canon to the Ordinary for Education and Spiritual Formation in the Diocese of Indianapolis, is the Coordinator for Diocesan Support. In her new position, Paula is busy making con-

tacts with individual diocesan Fresh Start coordinators to assess what is happening in the field and determining how the national staff can be more supportive. Paula has achieved remarkable success in Indianapolis' Fresh Start program for congregations.

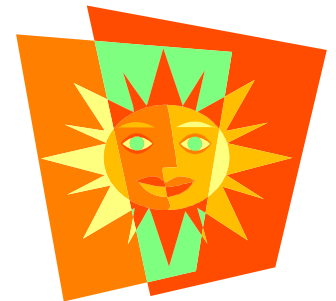
Lynn Schmissrauter, Fresh Start national trainer and congregational consultant in the Diocese of East Tennessee, is the new Coordinator for Facilitators. Lynn will be working with diocesan facilitators and the national training team to plan both traditional and new models for training Fresh Start facilitators.

Sandy, Paula and Lynn currently facilitate Fresh Start groups in their home dioceses.

CREDO Institute, Inc. is now the lead agency of the four sponsoring organizations (the Episco-

pal Church Center's Office for Ministry Development and Church Deployment Office, the Episcopal Church Foundation, and CREDO).

The lead agency provides both oversight and administrative support for the program on behalf of all four organizations. Three individuals on the CREDO staff will work with Fresh Start: the Rev. Mike Ehmer, Assistant Director; Marilyn Arensberg, Program Associate; and Willy Taylor, Meeting & Event Associate.



Fresh Start 3.0 to be Introduced in December

Fresh Start 3.0, the latest upgrade of the Fresh Start program for ministries in transition, will be ready for rollout in December!!!

Sandy Kolb, Coordinator for Curriculum, is hard at work with her design committee to provide re-written and new modules that add more content, more resources, more ideas for presentation and a more flexible format.

Other features of the new design are an outline of each session included at the beginning of the module, printed handouts, more scriptural content, and an extensive bibliography for each module.

There will also be tools to help with facilitator skills and a "Clergy Resource Guide" which will allow facilitators to send clergy participants back to their parishes with hands-on tools for ministry.

NATIONAL EVALUATIONS of the Fresh Start Program indicate that the success of a Diocesan Fresh Start Group depends on the skills and commitment of its facilitator. Much attention is being given to help all Fresh Start facilitators (new and existing) have the best knowledge about what skills are necessary for good facilitation. Be on the lookout for updates on this topic in the Fresh Start 3.0 Upgrade...

Register Now for December Facilitator Gathering

Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas will be the site for the 2007 Fresh Start Facilitators Gathering to be held Tuesday, December 4 through Thursday, December 6. This will be our fourth Gathering since Fresh Start began.

Fresh Start 3.0, the newest upgrade of program curriculum, will be presented to all participants. Sandy Kolb, Coordinator for Curriculum, is planning a comprehensive learning experience, enabling facilitators to take the upgrade home and begin using it immediately.

The Rev. Joanna Satorius, a national Fresh Start trainer from the Diocese of Los Angeles, will be the chaplain to the Gathering, and Fran McKendree, a Fresh Start favorite, will provide music.

The Fresh Start Facilitator Gathering is traditionally a time for diocesan facilitators to get together and share ideas and models for their transition ministry. There will be workshops for "Home Grown" modules and facilitation skills, and no Gathering would be complete without the famous Fresh Start follies!

Registration information for this event can be found on the Fresh Start website. Please contact Lynn Schmissrauter for more information.

Be sure and sign up now. We hope this year's Gathering will be attended by all Fresh Start facilitators.



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2007 & 2008 Training Dates Announced

The next facilitator training for Fresh Start will be held at the Barbara C. Harris Conference Center in Greenfield, New Hampshire, October 16-19, 2007. The Harris Center is about an hour from Manchester. There are only 20 spaces available, so registration will be held on a first-come, first-served basis.

The spring, 2008 event will be held April 15-18 at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, Arizona.

October 20-24, 2008 is the time for our fall training event to be held at St. Christopher's

Conference Center on Seabrook Island, South Carolina. This is one of our most popular training venues.

Fresh Start provides all transportation to and from the airport and, of course, meals and lodging are included in your registration fee.

Space is limited and we anticipate a waiting list so register now. You can find a registration form on the Fresh Start website. Contact Lynn Schmissrauter, Coordinator for Facilitators, for more information.

Home-Grown Modules - Do You Have One?

Do you have a Fresh Start module or teaching tool that you have written or customized to meet a need in your diocese?

Have you noticed an important piece of information missing from your basic curriculum that you regularly

share with participants?

Is there a presentation that you make at your Fresh Start meetings for congregations that is particularly fruitful?

If your answer to any of these questions is "Yes" then please send your "Home Grown"

module to Sandy Kolb, Curriculum Coordinator, for sharing at the December 4-6 Facilitators Gathering at Camp Allen.

Please contact Sandy Kolb, Coordinator for Curriculum, for more information.