



EDUCATION/FORMATION COMMISSION

The Holy Family Education/Formation Commission supports all levels of religious education, encouraging all to participate in life-long spiritual formation through community-wide catechesis.

Meeting Agenda: November 14, 2017

Meeting Objectives:

- *Alpha* Process update, planning and activities
- Detailed task-level status and planning for 2018 Congress activities
- Commission meeting schedule for Congress tasks (December? January?)
 - Commission commitments to Alpha and Congress (table presentation and staffing, planning, mentor recruitment, ministry leadership recruitment, etc.)

1. Review Minutes from October 2017-approved

2. Parish Update from Dawn

- *Strategic planning process: High Level Goals, 2017-2018 Goals, overview of Dawn's responsibilities in the coming year—Imago Dei*
- *Ministry Fair this weekend*
- *Advent service for religious education families, Dec. 5, plan to serve as a table host if possible*
- *Festival of Faith Jan 20, 21, plus a session targeted for Religious Ed, confirmation families*

3. Alpha Progress

- Update from Dawn (*see below.*)
- Commission activities: *cooking is fine at this scale, need more resources, and reimbursement for larger and multiple groups. Need additional resources for hosts—bring in evangelical team. Dawn to contact spiritual directors to be facilitators for small (discussion) groups (try to keep to 8-12 participants each.)*
- Next steps? *Dawn to set up review of other parishes using Alpha to evaluate strengths and weaknesses. (Check Simon content for other models for evaluation?) See above, plus roll out new seminars by Feb 1, starting with invitation at all masses, try to split into two groups, one using the "traditional" tapes and one using the tapes targeting younger participants. Perhaps offer a lunch-time option especially for HF staff.*

4. 2018 Congress (March 13-18)

- Prior year's activities cross referenced to activities, responsibilities and schedule for 2018 (by item)

- i. What is schedule for program availability and registration dates? *Programs are out now—deadline for registration at \$70 (before it goes up to \$80) is January 26.* And as a result, what is the schedule for our table in the gathering area? *January 7, January 21 (reserved by Dawn) (skip 1/14 due to MLK holiday, 1/28 is Catholic Schools Week.)*
 - ii. What is our plan to review Congress program options, select key presentations, *(Karla & Ramon)* plan a few “mentoring” agendas and design posters profiling key programs? *(Karen.)*
 - iii. January presentation at All Leadership meeting? *Dawn will get this on the agenda.*
 - iv. Mentoring list considering prior attendees to us from DRE (date?—*Ginny to facilitate*)—when can Commission members try to match these “targets” to the right strategy for recruiting them to be a mentor, and then matching them to a candidate? *(TBD)*
 - v. What commitments can individual commission members make to recruit within their linked ministries for attendees? *(TBD.)*
- Update and commit to tasks *(above and TBD)*

December 12 Leadership Social

No individual commission meetings scheduled for December

All Leadership session January 19 (?)—*plan for Congress presentation to full group & then going back to Eden for productive Commission meeting on Congress and Alpha*

Alpha meetings: November 16, 29, December 7, 14 (end.)