

Diocesan Resource Help List

Provided below is a list of contacts and phone numbers that parishes, groups, and individuals can use when seeking funds for specific projects.

Need Resources for	Source	Contact	
Scholarships for youth events	Congregations/Christian Formation	The Rev. Vincent Black	216-774-0453
Diocesan youth mission trips	Mission	The Rev. Mark Robinson	216-774-0474
Parish mission enhancement	Congregation/Christian Formation	The Rev. Brad Purdom	216-774-0452
Parish-based campus ministry	Congregation/Christian Formation	The Rev. Brad Purdom	216-774-0452
Operating aid for parishes	Congregations/Christian Formation	The Rev. Brad Purdom	216-774-0452
Services to seniors	Mission	The Rev. Mark Robinson	216-774-0474
Outreach programs	Mission	The Rev. Mark Robinson	216-774-0474
International development (MDGs)	Mission	The Rev. Mark Robinson	216-774-0474
Domestic/international mission & service projects	Mission	The Rev. Mark Robinson	216-774-0474
Scholarships for peace and justice training	Mission	The Rev. Mark Robinson	216-774-0474
Hospital chaplains	Christian Vocations	The Rev. Percy Grant	216-774-0455
Sabbaticals – lay and clergy	Christian Vocations	The Rev. Percy Grant	216-774-0455
Continuing education – clergy	Christian Vocations	The Rev. Percy Grant	216-774-0455
Continuing education – lay professionals	Christian Vocations	The Rev. Percy Grant	216-774-0455
Continuing education – lay	Congregations/Christian Formation	The Rev. Vincent Black	216-774-0453
Capital items	Finance	Sue Leishman	216-774-0450
Advertising and website help	Communications	Martha Wright	216-774-0456

Diocesan Resource Guide

**A guide to educational and financial help available in
The Diocese of Ohio**

Resources

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

EDUCATION FOR PARISH LIFE, BAPTISMAL MINISTRY, LITURGY, AND COMMUNICATION

The office of Congregations and Christian Formation Department sponsors the Diocesan Winter Convocation, a two-day event, every year during the first weekend in February. This is the “program convention” of the Diocese, and features keynote speakers on timely topics and a selection of workshops—from education for parish audit committees, through education for vestries and education in scripture, to spiritual formation courses. Youth programs and workshops are offered too, and child care is available. Education takes place in tracks including

- Natural Church Development
- Parish growth and evangelism
- Parish stewardship and planned giving
- Parish and Diocesan Audit Team audits and financial management
- Parish leadership, including development for vestries and clergy
- Parish planning and Mutual Ministry Review
- Christian Formation programs for children and adults
- Global and domestic mission work, including mission trips
- Communication, technology, and parish advertising/marketing

Full menus and registration information come out to parishes every year in December, and registrations are due in January.

The Diocese of Ohio offers a program in catechumenate education, which develops and supports catechists in congregations. For more information about the Christian Initiation Program, contact The Rev. Brian Wilbert, rector of Christ Church, Oberlin, at (440) 775-2501 or bwilbert@oberlin.net.

The Rev. Vincent Black, Canon for Christian Formation, (800-551-4815 ext. 453) is available to consult with parishes on educational programs in faith formation for children, youth, and adults.

For information on education and licensing for Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and Chalicists, call The Rev. Percy Grant, Canon for Ministry, (800-551-4815, ext. 455) or pgrant@dohio.org.

For help designing a parish website, and for other advertising, communication, and marketing issues, or to change or update parish subscriptions to *ChurchLife!*, the diocesan newsletter, contact Martha Wright, Director of Communications, at (800) 551-4815 ext. 456 or mwright@dohio.org.

EDUCATION FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, AND MISSION

The Office of Congregations and Christian Formation currently use Natural Church Development in the Diocese of Ohio, as the Diocese's primary vehicle for congregational assessment and development in vitality and health. After a parish-wide assessment of eight quality characteristics, the congregation is encouraged in its work by coaches trained in NCD principles and practices. There will be at least two Coach trainings per year, and coaches work in all areas of the Diocese. A group of six regional coordinators composes the Diocese of Ohio Implementation Team: DO IT! For more information about this program, call The Rev. Brad Purdom, Canon for Congregations, at 800-551-4815 ext 452 or bpurdom@dohio.org.

The Congregational Development Commission (CDC) also offers free consultation to parishes that wish to “redevelop” or “revitalize” their whole approach to ministry or some part of it. For information about this program, contact The Rev. Brad Purdom, Canon for Congregations at 800-551-4815 ext. 452 or bpurdom@dohio.org. The Rev. Brad Purdom, Canon for Congregations also conducts—and recommends others who conduct—vestry training, planning retreats, and mutual ministry review processes, and is the contact person for obtaining demographic data on your community and its surrounding area from PERCEPT, Inc. These data can inform your strategic planning in growth and mission.

Experts in Stewardship around the Diocese--the Diocesan Stewardship Network members-- will consult with your parish on that topic. There is also an annual Stewardship Conference in the Diocese. For further information call The Rev. Mark Robinson, Canon for Missions, at 216-774-0474. For information about Planned Giving or Gift Annuities, contact Lael Carter, Associate for the Office of Missions and Stewardship and Development at 800- 551-4815, ex. 474.

Members of the Small Parish and Shared Ministries subcommittee of the CDC are available to consult with congregations considering Shared Ministry. The SPSM subcommittee sponsors an occasional gathering, “Shared Ministry Conversations,” which brings keynote speakers and workshop leaders to work with members of congregations in Shared Ministries and considering Shared Ministries. The Small Parish and Shared Ministries subcommittee also sponsors an annual conference for parishes with an average Sunday attendance of under 100, on the first weekend in May.

For information about Shared Ministry, including the [Roadmap to Shared Ministry in the Diocese of Ohio](#), or information about “Total Ministry,” call or email The Rev. Brad Purdom,

Canon for Congregations at 216-774-0452, bpurdom@dohio.org. The Roadmap may be downloaded from the Download Center on the website, www.dohio.org.

EDUCATION FOR CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND PEACEMAKING IN THE PARISH

The Diocese of Ohio offers resources to parishes that may be experiencing, or having difficulty resolving, conflict in their life together. Teams of consultants that have received Peter Steinke’s “Bridgebuilders” training are available to parishes, for a fee, by calling The Rev. Brad Purdom, Canon for Congregations at 216-774-0452. Also available are diocesan mediators specially trained to work with early levels of conflict in the parish, both in groups and one-on-one. The services of these mediators are also available through the Office of Congregations and Christian Formation. After you call, a diocesan staff member will come to consult with your vestry and help you decide what level of intervention is necessary.

BISHOP HOLLINGSWORTH HAS COMMISSIONED A DIOCESAN PASTORAL RESPONSE TEAM, TO HELP CONGREGATIONS DEAL WITH MATTERS OF CONFLICT AND CRISIS. THIS TEAM CAN COME TO YOUR PARISH AND HELP. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR EMAIL THE REV. BRAD PURDOM, 216-774-0452, BPURDOM@DOHIO.ORG

YOUTH PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

All youth of the Diocese—and their friends—are welcome to attend age-appropriate events sponsored by the Diocese of Ohio Ministry with Young People Cluster. These include a wide variety of offerings throughout the year. One special program for high-school-age young people develops them as Peer Ministers for work with other young people throughout the diocese. Contact The Rev. Vincent Black, Canon for Christian Formation, (800-551-4815 ext. 453) at the diocesan office for a full list of available programs and activities. Contact the Office of Congregations and Christian Formation to get your youth workers on the mailing list. Also, check out the youth page on our diocesan website, www.dohio.org.

The Rev. Vincent Black, Canon for Christian Formation consults with parishes and deaneries about starting and supporting Christian Formation and youth work in congregations of all sizes. The Rev. Vincent Black gives suggestions about curriculum resources for Sunday School and Confirmation programs, and so does the Diocesan Resource Center Coordinator, Ginger Bitikofer.

For information about background checks for parish youth workers, and information about sexual-misconduct-prevention training for those who work with youth, contact The Rev. Vincent Black, Canon for Christian Formation at 800-551-4815 ext. 453 or vblack@dohio.org. Since 2006, the “Safeguarding God’s Children” training for parents, clergy, and people who work with children in congregations, has been given throughout the diocese. For more information about that training, contact The Rev. Vincent Black, Canon for Christian Formation, 800-551-4815 ext 453 or vblack@dohio.org.

DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTER AND CAMPING PROGRAM

The Diocesan Resource Center is staffed during the week, on Mondays from 10:00 to 2:00, by the Resource Coordinator, Ginger Bitikofer, and has a large number of books and videos for young people and adults. Parishes may borrow and return these. Sample copies of curricula are available for review. The Center can be opened for your use Monday through Friday (though with a guide only on Monday), and materials may be checked out even when the Coordinator is not there. Reference materials do not circulate. Catalogs of the video resource materials are sent yearly to every parish and are available online. Ask us to send another if you can't find yours! To have the Resource Center opened for your use on a day when the Coordinator is not present, please contact Antoinette Taylor. Ginger Bitikofer can be reached at the Resource Center on Mondays, (800) 551-4815, ext. 7152, or by e-mail at resourcelibrary@dohio.org.

Cedar Hills, the Diocesan Camp and Conference Center, staffs a full summer camping program for children and youth of all ages. For a descriptive brochure and a program calendar, call Peter Nielsen, the director of Cedar Hills, at (440) 352-6363, or e-mail at cedarhills@dohio.org.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

AID FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND BUILDING PROJECTS

Grants are made to congregations and Shared Ministries for operating expenses on a grant cycle once per year. Applications for aid for the forthcoming year are available from the Congregational Development office in early March and are usually due in the third week of April. Grant application forms and guidelines are available from diocesan website. Or, for an application and Guidelines, call Antoinette Taylor (ext. 476). For information about the allocation process, call or email The Rev. Brad Purdom, 216-774-0452, bpurdom@doho.org.

CAPITAL LOANS AND GRANTS

The Capital Loans and Grants Committee of Diocesan Council makes grants and low-interest loans for congregational building projects, including major repairs and additions to infrastructure. Call Sue Leishman, Chief Financial Officer ([800] 551-4815, ex. 450) for application forms and Guidelines.

MISSION ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

Grants-in-aid for Mission Enhancement are made to congregations as “seed money” for new ministries not eligible for funding from Episcopal Community Services. These grants can be made for up to three years and for no more than \$5,000 per parish in the first year. (Grant amounts decrease by a third in each subsequent year). Grants are given both to individual congregations and to support collaborative work—with preference given to Episcopal parish

collaborations. For an application and Guidelines, call Antoinette Taylor (ext. 476 or you can download them from the diocesan website.

COLLEGE WORK GRANT

The College Work subcommittee of the Congregational Development Commission in June of every year makes modest grants to parishes seeking to develop outreach and ministry to college students in their communities. For more information, call the College Work Subcommittee chair, The Rev. Karl Stevens, Chaplain at Kenyon College, at stevensk@kenyon.edu and (740) 427-2187.

EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANTS FOR SOCIAL-SERVICE PROGRAMS

Episcopal Community Services makes grants to parish- and deanery-based outreach and social-service programs, as well as to community social-service agencies sponsored or recommended by Episcopal congregations. Especially of note are ECS's summer grants for work with youth. Monies to support this work come from campaigns conducted yearly by congregations in the diocese, and from diocesan endowment funds managed for these purposes. For ECS grant application forms and guidelines, and for information on conducting a parish campaign to raise funds for ECS, The Rev. Mark Robinson, Canon for Missions, at 216-774-0474.

SCHOLARSHIP AID

Scholarship aid to lay persons for continuing education, both for individuals and for congregational education programs, is available from the Congregational Development Commission. The Commission encourages the applicant's congregation to offer support as well. For information call The Rev. Brad Purdom, 216-774-0452; call Antoinette Taylor 216-774-0476 for application forms, or you can download them from the diocesan website.

Scholarships to youth events are managed by The Rev. Vincent Black, Canon for Christian Formation (ext. 453). Scholarships for the Cedar Hills camping program are managed by The Rev. Peter Nielsen—call (440) 352-6363, or e-mail at cedarhills@dohio.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SEMINARIANS

Scholarships of \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year, depending on marital and family status are available to all seminarians who are enrolled full-time in an approved seminary. The scholarships are prorated for those attending part-time.

GRANTS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Grants of \$2,000 per triennium are available for continuing education for both clergy and lay professionals employed in the diocese. The goal of a Continuing Education Grant is the upgrading or broadening of the knowledge and skills, which directly apply to the work of the recipient. Grants are viewed as joint ventures, normally involving the individual, congregation,

or institution, and the diocese. Applications for Continuing Education Grants are reviewed four times per year. Deadlines to submit applications are March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1. Grant applications are available for download on the diocesan website at www.dohio.org. For more information call Rita Rozell at 216-774-0460 or the Rev. Percy Grant at 216-774-0455.

SPECIAL AID FOR MENTAL/PHYSICAL HEALTH

At the bishop's discretion for circumstances of special need. Call the Rev. Percy Grant at 216-774-0455 for more information.

HELP FOR ADVERTISING

Parishes may apply to the Communications Office for help in advertising their parish programs, services, outreach projects, mission trips, etc. Advertising is not limited to print, but may include radio spots, local cable spots, signs, posters, web banners, and billboards. Design help is also available. Call Martha Wright at 216-774-0456 or email her at mwright@dohio.org for more information.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

The Communications Office will help with simple website development, domain name search and payment for domain names. Call Martha Wright at 216-774-0456 or email her at mwright@dohio.org for more information.