

## Congregational Development Commission Report 2025

Submitted by The Reverend Patrick Greene, Chair

Each year the Congregational Development Commission is charged with serving the churches in the Diocese of Rhode Island and supporting them in the process of creating and implementing new ministries. The two main ways we accomplish that is through making grants and through offering workshops.

As of the end of September this year the CDC has provided almost \$80,000 to our congregations, more than double last year's total and just about 90% of our total budget. Through these grants we were able to assist our congregations in a variety of exciting ministries around the Diocese with some highlights being:

- Helping two of our congregations to continue offering music in the absence of an organist with the purchase of a Digital Hymnal
- Helping three of our congregations better manage their membership and financial data by purchasing and being trained on church membership software
- Helping four congregations to continue feeding ministries in their communities
- Helping two congregations to update their websites
- Helping one congregation to offer a Vacation Bible School program for their community during the summer
- Helping one congregation in their plans to celebrate their 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a number of community wide events

In March we hosted a Vestry and Leadership day at St. Luke's, East Greenwich. This year we did not hold a Learn & Lead but are excitedly looking forward to welcoming Project Resource, a stewardship program offered through the House of Bishops, to offer a workshop in the spring.

Thank you to the members of and staff liaisons to the CDC who make it possible to administer these grants and put on these programs. If you have any questions about the CDC and how we can help support your congregation's ministries please do not hesitate to reach out to one of our members.