

PEALL

Proclaiming Education for All



Envisioning a Collaborative
Enterprise of Theological Education
and Christian Formation

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PEALL: PROCLAIMING EDUCATION FOR ALL

THE GOAL: EDUCATION FOR ALL

For the first time, the Episcopal Church is looking at the whole picture of Christian formation and theological education as an integrated and collaborative enterprise.

Christian formation and theological education refer to the Church's work to support the people of God as they seek to live out the Baptismal Covenant and express their unique calling as followers of Jesus Christ.

Programs range from Church School for children and youth to parish adult education and lay ministry programs, from diocesan schools and programs training for lay and ordained ministry to seminary education.

Seeing a wide variety of excellent but often disconnected programs, leaders in the Church seek to develop a comprehensive vision for the future of education within the Episcopal Church.

The goal is that all people in the church will have access to the rich resources that the church offers, educational programs will be applicable to local situations, and the vision will be supported by a wide spectrum of the Church.

DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES, A COMMON COMMITMENT

The Executive Council responded to two General Convention resolutions concerning theological education by asking for a strategy team. The team chose a name that reflects its purpose: *Proclaiming Education for All* (PEALL).

PEALL is chartered by Executive Council and funded by The Constable Fund. The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies appointed its members.

The purpose of PEALL is to inform and proclaim a vision for theological education and Christian formation in the Episcopal Church.

PEALL consists of a diverse group of persons who have been identified as having the commitment, perspective, experience, and passion for making a holistic examination of education in the Episcopal Church.

The group works with and through the Episcopal Church Center's Office for Ministry Development (OMD) and the Ministries with Young People Cluster (MYP). It also works with the Council of Episcopal Seminary Deans, bishops, and provincial and diocesan representatives throughout the Church.



A COLLABORATIVE MODEL

PEALL is as broad-based and far-reaching in its work as in its goals. It has explored the nature of Christian education and formation; the basis for common understandings and goals; and the role of education in nurturing intelligent and lifelong commitment to Christ and in deepening the promises that we make in our Baptismal Covenant.

From these dialogues, PEALL has emerged as:

- ◇ *A strategic planning team*, charged with thinking strategically about the future of theological education and Christian formation in the Episcopal Church, both in theological seminaries and "in the field."
- ◇ *A network*, creating opportunities for connections throughout the church, so that people involved in education for all ages, and in a variety of disciplines, can benefit from one another's gifts.
- ◇ *An advocacy group*, proactively raising awareness of the importance of education for the church, and providing direction for General Convention 2009 and other decision-making bodies in the Church.
- ◇ *A collaborative enterprise*, bringing together diverse perspectives to generate a model for Christian education, in which different persons with different educational paths work together toward a common vision of Christian discipleship.

A COMPREHENSIVE VISION

Since its first meeting in 2005, PEALL members have identified two components critical for an effective vision:

Current available resources: PEALL makes use of grassroots networks and ways of hearing new voices, drawing on what is already working in the church.

Concrete educational needs: The project also addresses specific planning needs for a wide variety of groups highly invested in the educational programs of the church.

Based on the needs of the church and the resources that are available to meet those needs, PEALL will develop proposals for a collaborative, integrated understanding of lifelong learning in the Episcopal Church.

The group will also recommend the most effective ways to make this vision a reality for all members of the church.

The recommendations will be made to General Convention in 2009.

