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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SCOPE:

The Christian Education Committee coordinates activities in the Parish which have as their prime purpose the Christian Education of the Parish, including the Church School, the youth organizations, Adult Education, the Parish Library, and the Nursery.

The goal of Christian Education at St. Stephen's is to create a community of faith where we can know, feel, and experience the love of God, and respond to that love.

COMPOSITION:

The Committee is composed of the Director of Christian Education who shall serve as the Chair, an adult class representative, a representative of the youth, a representative of the Sunday School teachers, two representatives from parents of students (one K-6 and one 7-12) and such other members as may be deemed necessary, including at least one Vestry member who shall represent the interests of the Committee to the Vestry.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assist the Rector and Vestry by:
 - a. Assessing the Christian Education needs of the Parish;
 - b. Evaluating existing programs;
 - c. Reviewing program policies;
 - d. Developing, recommending, and implementing programs in child, youth, and adult education;
 - e. Studying, advising, and helping in solving space, staffing, and scheduling problems;
 - f. Ensuring appropriate staff receives necessary training.
2. Develop and maintain a job description for a Director of Christian Education.
3. Provide liaison and coordination between the individuals and groups engaged in Christian education programs in the Parish.

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POLICY/PROCEDURE (cont.):

Responsibilities (cont.)

4. Maintain a parish library to enhance the Christian educational opportunities of parish members and to serve the needs of the staff and parish organizations. The library shall be maintained by a Librarian appointed by the Rector.
5. Promote development of parish expertise in Christian Education by encouraging members of the Christian Education Committee, Church School teachers, and other interested parishioners to attend Christian Education training. The Committee will provide partial or full financial assistance for attending training, if possible.
6. Recommend to the Vestry prospective purchases of audiovisual equipment needed for the use of the parish and provide for its maintenance.
7. Provide support for the Episcopal Youth Fellowship and its programs.
8. Advise the Vestry on the activities within the scope of the Committee and make recommendations on the annual budget for each group within its jurisdiction.