Wider Church Ministries

Annual Report

The organization of the Conference Council includes four Standing Committees. They are the Finance and Administration Standing Committee, the Leadership and Development Standing Committee, the Local Church Ministries Standing Committee, and the Wider Church Ministries Standing Committee.

Under the Wider Church Ministries Standing Committee are the Committee on Ministry, the Justice and Witness Covenanted Ministry, the MoVal Camp Covenanted Ministry, and the Shannondale Camp Covenanted Ministry.

This past year the Justice and Witness Ministry made plans for Facilitator Training in all three Associations on Sacred Conversations on Race. They were also participants at the Conference Youth Event. The Ministry continued to support the Lakota Nation in its resistance to the DAPL.

Shannondale Camp again hosted over 50 men and young men at the annual retreat. This Community Center not only serves the spiritual, economic, and educational needs of Shannon and surrounding counties, but hosts forestry students from various colleges.

Camp MoVal had a very good year. A new brochure has been prepared. OCWM contributions are down and the budget has been adjusted accordingly. This May the Eastern Association held its Spring Meeting at MoVal. Those at the meeting got a chance to see the Camp and its current renovations. They are looking at the future of the Camp and preparing a video.

The Committee on Ministry oversees the Boundary Training Program for the Conference. It also consults, supports, and shares best practices between the Association Committees on Ministry and Preparation of Ministry Committee of The St. Louis Association.

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