

DIOCESE OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN

VISITORS WEEKEND: EXPLORING MUTUAL MINISTRY

(MAY 21-23, 2010)

LIFECYCLES COMPANION TRAINING

(MAY 24-26, 2010)

VISITORS WEEKENDS are designed to offer an opportunity for persons to experience community life as lived from the baptismal covenant in the Diocese of Northern Michigan (also called Mutual Ministry, Total Ministry, Local Collaborative Ministry, and Baptismal Ministry).

The Weekend begins with a Friday morning orientation session in Marquette, followed by morning and afternoon sessions, with an informal evening meal. We strongly recommend using Thursday as a travel day.

On Saturday, the group participates in a gathering with members of several congregations who have experienced Mutual Ministry first hand, including storytelling, questions and answers, and general discussion. Saturday evening is spent with members of host congregations, and on Sunday morning a Eucharist is experienced with the local community. In the evening, a debriefing session is held during supper, with special emphasis on relating the experience to one's home setting.

For those not staying for the *LifeCycles* Companion Training, it is recommended that Monday be reserved as a travel day for the return trip.

There is a registration fee of \$175 per visitor for the Weekend. For further information, contact Jane Cisluycis at the Diocesan Office: 131 E. Ridge St., Marquette, MI 49855 (906-228-7160; 800-236-0087), or by email: jane@upepiscopal.org.



LIFECYCLES. On behalf of the *LifeCycles* partnership, the Diocese of Northern Michigan is hosting its annual workshop for the training of *LifeCycles* companions. Companions are integral to the *LifeCycles* process, helping to form *LifeCycles* groups, guiding groups through the process, modeling appropriate leadership, and mentoring new leaders.

Plan to arrive on May 23rd, and leave on May 27th.

Workshop participants will:

- Become familiar with and comfortable with *LifeCycles* materials
- Meet with members of existing *LifeCycles* groups in Northern Michigan to experience *LifeCycles* sessions
- Have opportunities to lead and reflect on *LifeCycles* sessions, thereby gaining a thorough practical knowledge of the pedagogical and ecclesiological underpinnings of the materials
- Learn how to creatively and comfortably adapt *LifeCycles* to their circumstances and context
- Return to their Dioceses with an established relationship with the *LifeCycles* partnership

Training fee is \$150 per person if registered by May 1st, \$175 by May 10th. Preferred hotels rates are \$57 + tax; meals on your own. For further information, contact Jane Cisluycis at the Diocesan Office: 131 E. Ridge St., Marquette, MI 49855 (906-228-7160; 800-236-0087), or by email: jane@upepiscopal.org.