



Diocesan Church Development Institute

Introduction

Have you ever wished your church were somehow different? Perhaps you wish for a little less disagreement about programs or worship. Perhaps you wish folks could get past a long-ago hurt or betrayal of trust. Or perhaps you wish you could help inject some creative energy and fresh ideas into some program or ministry, but you don't want to do it alone.

The Diocesan Church Development Institute (DCDI) invites teams of three or four people, including the priest, to embark on a journey of learning, of skill development, and of self-discovery that takes place over two year-long cycles of four overnight gatherings. Teams from congregations throughout the Diocese of Southern Virginia gather for each scheduled gathering* on Friday at 10:00 a.m. and depart by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Our overnight gatherings offer corporate worship, times of learning, practicing of new leadership skills and techniques, and opportunities to share and reflect together.

Each congregational team will also develop a project to put into practice what has been learned and share the fruits and learnings from that project with the rest of the DCDI participants.

Team members need to commit to in-person attendance at all four overnight gatherings of both cycles, ready to learn, share, risk, laugh, and grow. So, pray about who in your congregation might be called to embark on this journey. Get in touch with Canon Lynn Farlin (lfarlin@diosova.org) or Canon James Harlan (jharlan@diosova.org) to explore and ask more questions.

***Dates**

The Cycle 1 dates for 2022 are:

- Apr. 22 – 23
- Jun. 10 – 11
- Sep. 23 – 24
- Dec. 9 – 10

The Cycle 2 dates for 2023 are:

- Apr. 14 – 15
- Jun. 9 – 10
- Sep. 22 – 23
- Dec. 8 – 9



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*Tuition and costs**

Tuition:

DCDI training is comprised of two cycles, with each cycle including four overnight sessions for a total of eight. To aid the successful application of the training, churches should send a team of 2-4 people, ideally to include the Rector or Priest-in-Charge. The tuition is based on the number of participants on your team. Tuition covers the cost of the training sessions, the manual, and the use of the primary textbook.

- For a team of four: \$225 per cycle
- For a team of three: \$200 per cycle
- For a team of two: \$175 per cycle

[Click here](#) for registration information.

Additional Costs:

Lodging and Meals

DCDI training will be held at Chanco on the James. Each participant will need to register and pay *for their room and board* for each overnight gathering. Room and board costs for each gathering are \$150 (double occupancy) which includes housing and four meals. A *limited number* of single occupancy rooms may be available at the higher rate of \$250.

Reading Materials

A DCDI reading list will be provided and you will be notified when the books are needed. The diocese will have several copies of these resources available should you wish to borrow rather than purchase. When possible, we will provide links to digital copies.

** The cost of DCDI is significantly subsidized by the Diocese of Southern Virginia in an effort to keep the costs as low as possible. However, do not let cost deter your team from participating. Scholarships are available should your team need assistance. Contact Canon Lynn Farlin at lfarlin@diosova.org to learn more.*