

**Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee
Report to Presbytery
September 12, 2006**

The Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee wants to thank all those in the presbytery who supported our recent mission and education conference in Richmond. Hopefully you enjoyed the day and were challenged to explore new ways of doing mission, both locally and in other settings. We work together with the Social Witness and Mission Committee on this event, and we're grateful to all the committee members who worked to make this event possible. Special thanks to Linda Crawford, staff representative to these two committees, for keeping us on track.

Upcoming events include the Calvin Event, to be held again at Shaker Village in February, 2007. As details are firmed up, watch the e-news for more information. (The Calvin Event is a 24-hour retreat for pastors, lay pastors, educators and spouses.)

The Committee would like to encourage the presbytery's churches to celebrate Theological Education Sunday on September 17, 2006. Not sure how? Might we suggest:

- ◆ Praying for our theological schools and seminarians
- ◆ Invite a presbytery inquirer or candidate to lead worship on September 17
- ◆ Designate a contribution to the Theological Education Fund

Last year, seven churches in our presbytery contributed to the Theological Education Fund, the only source of denomination-wide support for our ten theological seminaries. Those churches are Manchester, Danville, Cynthiana, First Lexington, Mt Horeb, First Richmond, and Pisgah Versailles. Please consider a donation to the TEF. Without the support of local churches, the seminaries can't do the work of pastoral education and formation. If you would like more information, our presbytery representative to the Theological Education Fund is the Rev. Jerry Utt, pastor at Graham Memorial, Whitesburg.