

Christian Formation and Discipleship

The committee, which has met every month to date in 2007, has been hard at work since our successful “**Let Your Light Shine**” conference last August in conjunction with the Social Witness and Mission Committee.

Mark your calendar NOW for next year’s conference. The committees have scheduled the 2008 conference for August 22-23 featuring Dr. Sharon Warner, professor of Christian Education at Lexington Theological Seminary. Dr. Warner, who will be the keynote speaker and conduct a workshop, is passionate about the importance of passing on our faith to the next generation, as well as continuing faith formation among adults.

The committee also is working to get the word out about the expansion of the **Calvin Retreat** set for February 8-9 at Shaker Village. The retreat historically has attracted pastors and their spouses, but it is open to all church leaders, including clerks, treasurers, secretaries, elders, etc. Please see the flyer in this packet and on the website for details. Pastors: please make sure the information gets to those in your congregations who serve well and would be well-served by this respite.

We now have a new way for you to let us know what YOU need from the **Resource Center**. The committee is conducting an ongoing survey to determine what resources to make available to our congregations. We have adequate funding, but it is important to make sure our purchasing decisions serve your needs. We are looking particularly at resources -- DVDs, for example -- that are too expensive for many churches to buy, and that can be used by multiple congregations. Please give us your input. You can now respond to our survey online. Go to the Transylvania Presbytery website, click on Resource Center, and look for the Resource Center Survey link. It won’t take more than 2 or 3 minutes of your time and will provide us with invaluable information. Paper surveys also are available at the registration table.