FRESH START

Fresh Start is a two-year program primarily intended to help clergy in transition deal with the multitude of issues that arise during such periods in their ministries. This past year, the program facilitators have been leading monthly gatherings with the newly-ordained clergy in the diocese to assist in their transition from laity to ordained. The second year of the program will continue from September 2013 through May 2014.

Many of the modules that make up the program are helpful for congregations in transition, for helping vestries understand their roles, for parishes to plan new and effective ministry, and for ways to recognize conflict before it arises or to deal with it when it does. The facilitators are available to lead parish, district, and diocesan-wide workshops if called upon to do so. For further information or to talk about how a *Fresh Start* module might be of help, please contact the Rev. Dr. William J. Pugliese (wjpugliese@aol.com) or one of the other facilitators: the Rev. Lou Hays (lou@stpaulspgh.org), Ms. Jessie Hipolit (jessiehipolit@comcast.net) and Ms. Dana Philips (stvdana@msn.com).