

# CANON FOR FORMATION

## **New Initiatives:**

Canon Geisler and Bishop McConnell have begun a pilot class at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The class is on the Anglican Way of Theology in the Episcopal Church. It is an introductory course that is open to both laity and clergy.

Bishop McConnell, with my assistance, reached out to the Anglican Diocese of Soroti in training their Bishop and clergy about alcoholism, addiction and recovery.

I recently facilitated a relationship between the Oasis Recovery Center and Trinity Cathedral to help in developing a “recovery environment” to serve the walk-in population that frequents the downtown area and often the arena during the daytime.

With Bishop McConnell’s guidance, we have forged a relationship with the local organized labor movement in the hopes of training clergy to seek justice and basic fairness for our working parishioners, especially in entry-level positions in the health care industry and in the fast food industry as well as the recent indebted college graduates.

I recently began to work with the Church of the Atonement in Carnegie to help them move towards calling a regular supply priest and then towards calling a priest-in-charge. The goal is to be a completely self-supporting parish with consistent clergy support.

## **Ongoing:**

- Convening “Clergy Support Group North” meetings with recently ordained clergy.
- Coaching Deacon Bert Daly, Deacon Howard Gillette and Trinity graduates Wally LaLonde and Doug Kinsey as well as seminarians at Trinity School for Ministry.
- Attending bi-yearly Clergy Deployment meeting with Transition Officers from the Eastern Seaboard to the Mid-Atlantic Region (from Maine to Georgia, as far west as Chicago). This group looks at local clergy seeking positions and churches seeking candidates for clergy openings in their parishes.

Peace & Prayers,  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler