## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM Report to Diocesan Convention 2023

The ongoing purpose of the Children's Ministry Team is to encourage and facilitate children's and family programming throughout the diocese.

Efforts were made in the past year to reach out to parishes who have not responded to communications. New connections were made with children's ministry leaders at Calvary, East Liberty, and St Brendan's, Franklin Park and the priest at Church of the Advent, Jeanette. Updates to the children's ministry list continue as efforts are made to reach out to more parishes that may benefit from support.

The Children's Ministry Team continues to support parishes with versatile, low/no prep materials for children and families. Storymaker NYC materials are being utilized by St David's, Peters Twp, St Brendan's, Franklin Park, Redeemer, Squirrel Hill, Church of the Advent, Jeanette, and Calvary, East Liberty. Christ Church, North Hills, is able to purchase at a discount as a result of the partnership.

Plans for the coming year include connecting smaller parishes to youth service projects and activities that are taking place at larger churches in the diocese. Work on the website to provide accurate search results to families who visit the site in search of a parish that offers Children's and Youth Ministry is a top priority.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Yoon September 21, 2023