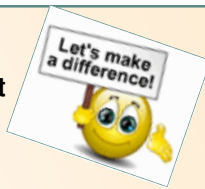




MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT

by Mary O'Brien, Development Assistant



Yes! That's how we should all think of development -- it truly is a ministry!

I would like to introduce the TEC Conference Development Ministry Team: Geri Moore, Chair, Greenville, Ill.; Kathy Casey, Caledonia, Mich.; Melissa Karrar, Lake Odessa, Mich.; Gary Przygoda, House Springs, Mo.; Tom Lilly, advisor, Evansville, Ind.; Becky Kresowik, Iowa City, Iowa; Ron Reiter, Executive Director and myself Mary O'Brien, Development Assistant.

Along with many other volunteers and the generosity of many, we continue to seek the funds for the TEC Conference. We generally have a monthly conference call and gather during the year at the conference events.

How can we vision development being a ministry and be a resource for each other?

Together we can strive to make your local center and the TEC Conference operate from "hand to mouth" to celebrating with keeping our development vision one of our main goals. In everything we do for TEC we should be intentional in our prayer, our weekend preparations, the weekends, follow-through, process and in seeking funds. In future issues, our hope is that we are able to share with you and your center an idea for awareness of seeing how development is truly a ministry -- alive and well in collaboration with the Conference. For October, let us reflect on one of the lines from *The Soul of Money, Transforming Your Relationship With Money and Life*... "Money is like water. It can be a conduit for commitment, a currency of love."

If you would like to connect with any of the development ministry team, please email or call me.

Grateful for the gift of each of you!

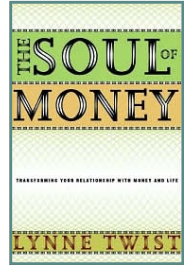
Mary

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"TEC changed my life in 1968 and has been a strong influence since then. I can't afford to give a lot, but want to support it on a monthly basis. So I pledge my amount and then take 12 envelopes and address them to TEC. I write a different month (Jan., Feb. etc.) on each envelope and place them in my bill holder. It reminds me to send my donation. I challenge all of you to do the same. If you can only afford \$10.00 a month (two meals at a fast food place), you'll be healthier and feel happier doing 'wheat' for TEC! God bless all of you for your support of TEC at the world level!"
- Kathy Casey, Caledonia, Mich.

THE SOUL OF MONEY

Here's an excerpt from
The Soul of Money, Transforming Your Relationship With Money and Life
by Lynne Twist



- Money is like water. It can be a conduit for commitment, a currency of love.
- Money moving in the direction of our highest commitments nourishes our world and ourselves.
- What you appreciate appreciates.
- When you make a difference with what you have, it expands.
- Collaboration creates prosperity.
- True abundance flows from enough, never from more.
- Money carries our intention. If we use it with integrity, then it carries integrity forward.
- Know the flow-take responsibility for the way your money moves in the world.
- Let your soul inform your money and your money express your soul.
- Access your assets-not only money but also your character and capabilities, your relationships and other nonmoney resources.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE!

October Annual Harvest Update

Received
\$4,735.00

2008/2009 Goal - **\$25,000**

October Center Support

Received from seven centers
\$638.97

2008/2009 Goal - **\$2,000**

If you would like to make a contribution, please consider PayPal: www.TECConference.org

COUNCIL MEETING OCT. 17-19, 2008

The semi-annual council meeting will take place in Festus, Mo., Oct. 17-19, 2008. We appreciate your prayers for this important gathering! Your local representative will be here to represent you. If you have anything to share with the council, please contact your representative. Here are the attendees for the meeting:

KEY: Leadership Team * Region Coord. ** State Rep.

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|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Steve Polley-KS | **Melissa Karrar-MI | **Debbie DeBruyne-Canada |
| Janice Kilgore-MN | *Penny Wolf-IL | |
| *David Walker-KS | **Judy Fillback-WI | **Dale Kreher-NE |
| *Billy O'Regan-LA | **Cathy Robertson-WI | *Dick Venezia-FL |
| Brian Mathiowetz-MN | *Jim Rice--MN | **Dorothy Gereke-FL |
| *Kathy Casey-MI | **Jim Colby-MN | |

HIDDEN STALK OF WHEAT!



LOOK! There is a single stalk of wheat hidden in this issue of *Stay Connected*. First **two** to email Mary O'Brien with the correct location of the "hidden" stalk of wheat will receive a prize! (Hint: It's not this one!) →



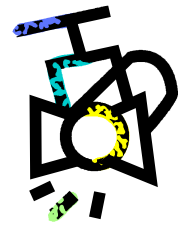
TEC Family Happenings!

Here's what's happening in your TEC Family! Are you involved yet?

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT! Will Your Community Be Next?

In each *TEC Communicator* issue, we would like to spotlight a different community. Last month's *Communicator* featured Omaha Rural TEC. Will you be next? Also featured in our Spring 2008 spotlight issue was New Orleans TEC. Thanks to both communities for sharing with us! Now it's your turn to get the word out about the great things happening in your community. Share your

history! Has participating in a Conference workshop or Congress renewed your center? Is there a strong follow-through program happening locally? Please share this information for the good of the greater TEC Family by contacting us at 636-933-9233 or office@TECConference.org.



Yes! Sign Us Up To Be The Next Spotlight Community!

TEC Community: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Return to TEC Conference - 114 South 2nd Street - Festus, Mo. 63028 or email: office@TECConference.org

CONGRESS 2008 ADVENTURE!

How did you pass the time traveling to the 2008 Congress? Judy Fillback from Kairos TEC tells us their story. "The five of us from Kairos TEC (Madison Diocese) had a ball playing "Wichita Bingo" planned and written by DeAnne Gile. It sure made the trip go faster and we are still talking about it. No one ever did find Sour Cream Pie on a menu. Father Dave Timmerman was the winner. His prize was a gift certificate to Applebee's. Going home we had so much to talk about after the TEC Congress that we didn't need a game."

SAVE THE DATES!



Peoria, Ill.
- July 24-26, 2009

Kansas City, Kan.
- July 23-25, 2010

2009 DIRECTORY UPDATES

Updates to our directory will begin in November, so be prepared for phone call or email asking for this information. Thank you for your assistance!

- Lay contact
- Spiritual director contact
- Weekend dates for 2009
- Is your community celebrating an anniversary?
- Is your TEC website linked with ours?
- List of your board/core group members

TEC MANUAL LICENSE AGREEMENTS - SENT OUT AUGUST 2008!

Have you returned yours yet? If so, thank you! If not, please take time to fill these out and return them to us, along with the center evaluation. The License Agreement is for a period of 24 months. It may be renewed for additional periods subject to an evaluation and continued affiliation with the TEC Conference. The TEC Conference grants you a non-transferable license to use the materials contained in the binder in a single location. This use includes the right to duplicate all materials in the TEC Manual for use in a single TEC center or Diocese for the purpose of training, team formation, and facilitating the TEC retreat process. Materials may NOT be shared between multiple locations, or loaned out in part or in full for use by anyone other than the original purchaser.

UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Oct. 24-26, 2008

**BLESSED SACRAMENT
PARISH**

Diocese of Rapid City, S.D.

Contact:

Provatia Potvin
(605) 343-3541 or

ppotvin@diorc.org



TEC Family Resources!

Here are some of the resources available! Have you ordered your copy yet?

2007 TEC CONGRESS DVD ORDER FORM

*Live Presentations from the 2007 TEC Congress,
"Mary: Our Guide to Perfect Discipleship"*

| <u>Order</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--------------|--|-------------|
| 001 | Retreat Experience - Centered on Mary's life, prayer and discipleship. | \$25 |
| 002 | Forming the TEC Adult Faith Community & Community of Disciples | \$25 |
| 003 | TEC: Building Partnerships in the Larger Church | \$25 |
| 004 | Entire 2007 Congress Series - All four presentations - savings of \$10! | \$65 |

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR WORKSHOP GOALS

S D Workshop Goals: This resource has been created: **1)** To promote a deeper understanding of the theological process of the TEC Movement through Scripture, Eucharist, doctrine and witness.

2) Use within the TEC Family as training resources will help:

- To explore the various roles of the TEC spiritual director, including:
 - discernment and formation of TEC teams;
 - mentor and spiritual leader for both adults and young people
 - liaison to the bishop, clergy and religious within the diocese

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS DVD ORDER FORM

*Live Presentations
from the 2007 Spiritual Directors Workshop*

| <u>Order</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--------------|--|-------------|
| 006 | The TEC Spiritual Director (set of two) - Featuring spiritual directors as disciples; their roles in the TEC Movement and forming the TEC faith community; the team model approach; and Q&A sessions. | \$70 |
| 007 | Paschal Mystery Spirituality - In Christ, the Church and as a personal disciple; presenting this spirituality to youth and young adults. | \$35 |
| 008 | Spiritual Processes of TEC (set of two) - Components of the Movement; prayer services; and flow and sequence of the three days of TEC. | \$70 |
| 009 | TEC & Youth & Young Adult Ministry (set of two) - TEC as an evangelizing and ministering community; School of Disciples; and TEC follow-through. | \$70 |
| 010 | Entire 2007 Workshop Series (set of 7 DVDs) - If your TEC Community was represented at the 2007 S.D. workshop cost is \$100. | \$200 |



DID YOU KNOW?

The TEC Conference Web site accepts PayPal transactions? This can be used to make donations or pay for DVDs and gift shop items.

Name: _____ TEC Community/Organization: _____
 Complete Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

| <u>Order #</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
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Subtotal: _____

Shipping (\$0-25=\$3.00; \$26-50=\$5.00; \$51-75=\$7.00; \$76-100=\$9.00; \$100 +=10% of subtotal): _____

Total: _____

**Mail order form and payment to:
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or PayPal: www.TECConference.org**

