



The Episcopal Church in Delaware

The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown, Bishop

all things in love

1 Cor. 16:14

Grace and peace from the Episcopal Church in Delaware's *Invite Welcome Connect* team.

During the course of the parish visitations throughout the summer and fall of 2021, the *Invite Welcome Connect* task force was honored to meet with our parishes to explore and share ways in which we all are embracing the culture of invite, welcome, and connect.

It was exciting and encouraging to learn of all the creative ways in which you all are energizing your community and generating interest in the Episcopal Church in Delaware!

As promised during our team visits, we would like to share with you highlights of what is being done throughout the state. Parishes large and small have implemented numerous initiatives and programs, some modest, others more ambitious to open their parish communities to all. The one thing they all have in common are that they are creative, courageous, and sincere in their mission.

Here is a [link](#) to two summary documents where we identified challenges and opportunities parishes are facing and initiatives that are working throughout Delaware! The first identifies a number of issues parishes are facing in the time of COVID and how parishes are learning "to do church" differently. These have helped us identify shared challenges and will be a focus for the task force. The second document lists a number of things that our parish communities are doing from an *Invite Welcome Connect* perspective that have helped them remain vital and viable in their communities. The task force will be focusing on these initiatives in a series of articles for *The Net!* We encourage you to share your stories as well.

We look forward to working with our parishes and the mission support staff in making *Invite Welcome Connect* a foundation stone in our church culture in the Episcopal Church in Delaware.

For more information on the work of the *Invite Welcome Connect* Team, please visit our webpage at <https://delaware.church/invite-welcome-connect/> or email us at iwc@delaware.church.

In Christ's Love,

The Invite Welcome Connect Task Force