



Department of  
Evangelization & Catechesis

**Growing Disciples – Wednesday Wrap**  
**Glorifying God – Growing in Faith**  
**Living our Catholic Faith in the World**  
May 9, 2018 Edition

**Congratulations to CLADD Leadership Team for 2018-2019:**

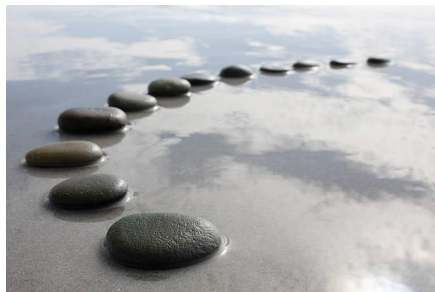
The voting was vigorous but in the end also unanimous: the CLADD Slate was approved by 100% of those voting. Special thanks to Annette Lorenzen and Paulette Chapman who will be moving off the leadership team immediately after our CLADD Year End Event on May 11.



The CLADD Leadership Team for 2018-2019 are (in alphabetical order):

- Jane Ann Becicka – Catechetical Leader at St. Theresa Parish in Des Moines
- Kelly Howard – Catechetical Leader at St. John Parish in Adel
- Bernie Koch – Catechetical Leader at St. Patrick Parish in Neola and St. Columbanus Parish in Weston
- Tom Primmer – Catechetical Leader at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish in Ankeny
- Theresa Romens – Catechetical Leader at Holy Rosary Parish in Glenwood
- Julie Williamson – Catechetical Leader at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Atlantic

**Let's Celebrate our CLADD Colleagues as they celebrate milestones:**



We are blessed to serve alongside dedicated and faith filled professional lay ecclesial ministers. Below are a few who are celebrating milestone moments in our diocese. If you have a moment, please let them know how their commitment to God's people has touched your heart. Some will be with us on Friday, May 11 while others cannot attend for various reasons. You can find their contact information in your CLADD Directory.

**Five Years of Service:**

- Janis Falk – St. Augustine Parish in Des Moines
- Mary Lou Goettsch – St. Mary Parish in Avoca
- Melissa Hill – St. John Parish in Norwalk

- Barb Ripperger – Holy Trinity of SE Warren Parish in Lacona
- Liz Schafer – St. Joseph Parish in Mt. Ayr
- Brian Smith – St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Des Moines
- Jennifer Valencia – St. Edward Parish in Afton
- Veronica Wright – St. Michael Parish in Harlan (also stepping away from ministry)

**Six Years of Service:**

- Stacy Halbach – St. Joseph Parish in Des Moines
- Jan Lyon – St. Patrick Parish in Irish Settlement

**Ten Years of Service:**

- Joan Ammons – Ss. John & Paul Parish in Altoona

**Eleven Years of Service:**

- Stacy Henkelman – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Carlisle
- Barb Wolter – St. Patrick Parish in Perry

**Twenty Years of Service:**

- Michelle Fick – Immaculate Conception Parish in Saint Marys
- John Gaffney – Diocese of Des Moines
- Julie Williamson – Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Atlantic

**Twenty-Five Years of Service:**

- Kayla Richer – Sacred Heart Parish in West Des Moines

**Thirty-Five Years of Service:**

- LuAnn Baumker – St. Patrick Parish in Council Bluffs
- Kathy Ecklin – St. Patrick Parish in Lenox

**Those stepping away from ministry:**

- Mandie DeVries – All Saints Parish in Des Moines
- Deanna Lane – Sacred Heart Parish in West Des Moines
- Jon Leonetti – Holy Trinity Parish in Des Moines
- Tonia Martin – St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale
- Dorothy Miller – St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines

**Retirement from Service:**

- Sharon Ewell – St. John Parish in Norwalk after 30 years of service

Here is what you can expect on May 11 at St. John in Adel:

- **The Swap shop is back** – bring ministerial items you no longer need and find ministerial treasures for next year!
- Introduction of the CLADD Slate for 2018-2019
- Cindy Shaw from Emmaus House will provide a reflection on **“Seeing God’s Hand in Transitions”**

- Celebrate colleagues celebrating significant service achievements from 5 years to 35 years.
- Mass with Bishop Pates
- A scrumptious lunch buffet catered by Hy-Vee.

**The National Dialogue on Catholic Pastoral Ministry with Youth & Young Adults – What Is It and How Can You Be Involved? On May 22 at 1:00 pm:**

A national collaborative effort has begun between the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), the USCCB National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry, and the National Catholic Network de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana (LaRed) to engage the church in a National Dialogue on Catholic Pastoral Ministry with Youth and Young Adults with the intent to renew our ministry efforts with these members of our faith community. The three-year process will culminate in inviting those who participate to take action on the insights from the XV Ordinary Synod, V Encuentro, and the National Dialogue in order to mobilize their communities for renewed pastoral ministry to youth and young adults.



The Panel for the presentation includes:

- Paul Jarzembowski, USCCB
- Don Boucher, Diocese of Davenport
- Christina Lamas, NFCYM
- Fr. Alejandro Lopez-Cardinale, President of LaRed
- Hosted by Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale, Ministry Training Source

Click [here](#) to register for this free webinar.

**Diocese of Des Moines Pastoral Center Open House – June 3:**



Please help us get the word out for the Pastoral Center Open House scheduled for June 3 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This is a family friendly event with music, games, face painting, balloon animals, tours of the renovated Pastoral Center and food (popcorn, cookies and lemonade.) A flyer is attached that you can share with your parish family. Please contact [Sherri Simmer](#) if you have any questions.

