

## Lay Ecclesial Ministry Council Subcommittees

The Council has five subcommittees to address specific areas of interest to the Lay Ecclesial Ministers of the Oakland Diocese. If you have a concern or suggestion, or would like to serve on a subcommittee, please contact the appropriate chairperson or your regional representative. Each subcommittee's objectives and immediate goals are provided below:

**Communications Subcommittee:** Contact Anne Marie Fourné 510-995-9409; [afourre@st-joseph-community.org](mailto:afourre@st-joseph-community.org)

*Enhances communication between the Council, the Lay Ecclesial Ministers they serve, and the Diocese through various media.*

- Ensure LEMC webpage is current and relevant.
- Develop and maintain up-to-date information packet for council members.
- Assist with “getting the word out” in practical ways.

**Identity Subcommittee:** Contact Suzy Silva 510-865-0067; [suzannsls@comcast.net](mailto:suzannsls@comcast.net)

*Promotes recognition and understanding of the role of Lay Ecclesial Ministers in the Oakland Diocese.*

- Verify or update information on current LEM's through individualized mailing to each pastor/institution.
- Develop bulletin announcement prior to Blessing/Convocation in January.
- Update and disseminate LEM Commissioning/Sending service prior to Blessing/Convocation.

**On-going Formation Subcommittee:** Contact Annette Roux 925-939-3826 ext 3; [gizzymo3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gizzymo3@sbcglobal.net)

*Provides and identifies formation opportunities to ensure continued growth and enrichment for LEM's.*

- Helps identify resource people for on-going formation in different ministries.
- Serves as resource to Diocese about LEM formation issues and needs.
- Maintains an updated listing of formation opportunities in the Diocese and keep LEMs apprised of upcoming events via webpage and email.

**Work Issues-Ethics Subcommittee:** Contact Michele Walsh 510-785-1818; [micheleiw@aol.com](mailto:micheleiw@aol.com)

*Identifies areas of concern for LEM's and presents them to the Diocese to be addressed.*

- Encourages Regional Representatives to host at least one event that gathers LEM's, with opportunity for skill-building, prayer, networking and support
- Encourages staff participation in deanery meetings in accordance with Diocesan Pastoral Plan.
- Serves as liaison between the LEMC & the Personnel Policies Task Force at the Chancery.

**Multi-cultural Subcommittee:** Contact Lăureen Aguayo 510-207-3303; [alwayslaureen@yahoo.com](mailto:alwayslaureen@yahoo.com)

*Actively reaches out to ensure LEM's from the many ethnic groups in the Diocese are represented.*

- Engages in Ad Hoc Committee on Hispanic Ministries
- Recognizes the fundamental unity of people of all origins
- Promotes the acceptance, respect and appreciation of all Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland and their cultures for their commonalities as well as their differences.
- Promotes more responsiveness to the cultural and linguistic diversity that characterizes the Diocese of Oakland.