



NAFSCC

North American Forum for SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Foro Norteamericano Para Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas
Forum Nord-Américain Pour Les Petites Communautés De Foi

30 + Years and Counting!

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Members of the board of the *North American Forum for Small Communities* recently gathered together during the annual meeting of the National Conference of Catechetical Leaders.(NCCL) As part of the Conference , I presented a Worship entitled:Small Communities: Gather, Accompany and Send.” The workshop was well received and attended by a great crowd of parish and diocesan leaders interested in learning more about small communities. Many of these people we had never met before and after the session we wondered why aren’t all of these folks members of NAFSCC?

The purpose of NAFSCC is to support diocesan and parish leaders in promoting Small Christian Communities. We offer online webinars, trainings, guest speakers and virtual faith sharing with people from all over the country. We have a website where we archive webinars and trainings, and curate resources. We have a lively Facebook page where we start discussions, offer faith reflection resources, and post pictures and news of what others are doing with SCCs.

Knowing the value of this organization, I am writing to you to invite your diocese/parish to renew your membership with NAFSCC. Why? Because we have so much to offer and are the only North American organization devoted to SCCs. Our purpose is to support diocesan and parish leaders in promoting Small Christian Communities in their parishes thereby raising up new leaders and forming adults in the faith as disciples of Jesus Christ.

I experience this in my own parish. Apart from my term as chairperson of NAFSCC, I am the Director of Adult Faith Formation in a parish and I do consulting work for dioceses and parishes both nationally and internationally. Recently a young woman in our parish RCIA process said, *“I get what Church is about – it is about community!”*

More and more parishes today are establishing SCCs. I invite your diocese/parish to renew your membership for July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. We urge you to join NAFSCC because small communities are continuing to grow in numbers and we need to support this method of furthering the Gospel.

We ask God for continued blessings on you and your ministry.

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NAFSCC is a great resource to assist dioceses and parishes in engaging parishioners in theological reflection specifically in helping them see how God is active in their lives, and in helping them become more committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

NAFSCC supports leadership through networking, curating resources, training workshops, webinars, and more. I hope that everyone working with SCCs will take advantage of this wonderful resource.

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