## **Contemporary Worship Commission**

The Contemporary Worship Commission met a few times in 2009. We completed a survey of the diocese which determined that half of the churches in our diocese offer some sort of contemporary service. Of the half that did not fifty percent of those were interested in starting a service with contemporary elements.

To address this desire and to assist those who are already have a contemporary service we have planned the first conference to train, equip and speak to this important element of our diocesan life. The Worship Conference will be at Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center, September 16-18, 2010 featuring renowned worship leader, author, singer, songwriter The Rev. Steve Fry and The Rev. Dr. Reggie Kidd, Professor of New Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary, a faculty member of the Robert E. Webber, Institute for Worship Studies, author and a gifted worship leader in his own right. The conference will offer a number of workshops including: using technology effectively; contemporary worship design; building a worship team; song selection; blending ancient liturgy with modern music and more. More details are available on the Canterbury and Diocesan websites.

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