

## BEYOND DETROIT

### ACC Charts New Directions toward the Future!

We have studied your feedback, especially the many, many inquiries crying “**What’s next?**” The *National Planning Committee* is striving to be good stewards of the mission you have entrusted to us by taking time to discern and deliberate those “next steps.” Although the original focus when we were conceived nearly three years ago was only the Detroit Pentecost gathering, we have since come to realize that there is a “place” for ACC in the larger landscape of the church reform movement.

Our initial aim was to hold an event that might serve as a wake-up call to the baptized on the blessings of Vatican II, and to celebrate that moment in history 50 years ago. Our goal was to model the vision and promise of that renewed Church and to focus upon the [Rights and Responsibilities](#) we are called to live as adult Catholics. By all accounts, that event was a resounding success and will likely be looked upon as a [Watershed Moment](#) in the unfolding history of the Catholic Church in the United States. (See Newsletter Archive, 10/31/11)

We are now able to respond with a new commitment, a renewed sense of mission, and several new and bold directions. This issue of our newsletter overviews *some* of these key new initiatives that are now underway.

- Action #1: New CBRR Listening Session Template
- Action #2: Redrafting ACC Mission, Goals and Values;
- Action #3: Nonviolence Institute;
- Action #4: Resourcing Intentional Eucharistic Communities (IECs);

On the administrative front, we are pleased to report that we have secured a renewed commitment from the majority of members on the original [National Planning Committee](#) who will continue to serve in that capacity. In addition, we have created two part-time staff positions: *Administrative Coordinator* (Sheila Peiffer) and *Communications Coordinator* (John Frank).

The **American Catholic Council** is in full swing and we need your help for the work ahead! Blessings to you in 2012!

In gratitude and humility,

**Janet Hauter, Chair, ACC National Planning Committee**

[January 24, 2012: ACC Charts Some New Directions](#) (Link for ACC’s latest newsletter)