

New England Mission Center  
Congregational Support Ministry  
*Mission Flash*

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Mission Flash # 15-08

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**Tiverton Congregation**  
**An Exercise in building Community**

One of my greatest joys is working with a congregation in the midst of a project that requires it's entire membership to achieve success. It was an event such as this that happened in Tiverton, RI on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May. It is slated as their Annual Seafood Dinner, a meal of lobster, clams, mussels, corn, red potatoes, chowder and topped off with homemade blueberry pie. It is a very labor intense undertaking.

The day began like any other but by noon the workers resembled a well oiled machine. Everyone had their assignment and in a flurry of washing pots, potatoes, corn and preparing the dinning room, this annual community event began to take shape. It was an example of the optimum use of gifts and talents. As the hour of the supper arrives, numerous early expectant dinners seated themselves - ready to be served. It was a great success, over 100 people enjoyed the evening of food and fellowship.

This is what community is all about. We are to work together using our gifts in harmony with others to provide the best place possible for all. The Gospel of Christ continually challenges us to give in this way, not for ourselves but for those around us. My hat is off to this congregation for their hard work and for my great weekend.

