

Big Provincial Gathering 2024

Workshop List

A1 - Coaching: What does this look like in a church setting?

Coaching is a dialogue between a coach and an individual, group or team with the intention of finding creative ways to solve challenging problems or improve team performance on key initiatives. The coach's role is to draw out expertise through inquiry, curiosity and challenges so that clients can stretch into their best selves.

Have you ever wondering what this might look like in a church setting? Come and see the Rev. Rachel Jagielski-Harrison conduct a coaching session with a volunteer. Learn more about the benefits of coaching for clergy and lay leaders alike. Decide how this might benefit your own parish or diocese.

Presenters:

Province V Leadership Coaching Project team:

Rachel Jagielski-Harrison

Nancy Foster

Betty Bowersox

Lesley MacKellar

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a1-coaching-what-does-this-look-like-in-a-church-setting>

A2 - Tending the Heart of Creation Care (And Sustaining Our Souls)

What is the heart of creation care ministry? Vision? Action? Passion? Hope? What do we want for the churches that host and support it? What blesses them? What do we need from those churches? What would bless the ministry? What is the heart of this ministry that needs fed from the fire of faith and the grace of church's sacrament? If we miss this mark, we set ourselves up for frustration, burnout, and irrelevance. If we hit this mark, we are inviting the church into the very heart of its life. We are offering it healing and wholeness, as well as a ministry in the world.

In this workshop, The Rev. Jerry Cappel will lead a conversation exploring these questions and their implications for an effective and sustaining ministry of creation care in the church. During the workshop, we will consider the roles of imagination, theology, gospel, priesthood, worship, prayer, and the work of repair with God for all creation.

Presenter:

Jerry Cappel, Diocese of Kentucky

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a2-tending-the-heart-of-creation-care-and-sustaining-our-souls>

A3 - Ministry for Senior Facilities

When we hear the word Mission Field, what do you think? If you are like me, I think of foreign places, hot weather and serving a small community of Christians. A mission field that has been overlooked is in our neighborhoods, namely the senior living facilities, especially nursing homes.

In accordance with the five marks of mission, in my presentation I will explain, demonstrate, discuss, invite and empower the laity or perhaps a whole church community to envision establishing a ministry to a local nursing home facility. This ministry would build unity across faith traditions, gather Christians to worship and celebrate God together, share personal life journeys with God, create a spiritual support network for residents—in essence to plant a mini-church in these places of vulnerability, scarcity and fear. This ministry tries to meet ritual and spiritual needs as these individuals face their final journey to God in a place separate from the lives they have built and the families and friends that they shared their lives with as they live in a foreign place as orphans and widows. God journeys with us not only when we have the freedom to move around the world but also when we are limited and poor and restricted. Our need for experiencing God in a community does not diminish when we can no longer get ourselves to a pew. I want to present on how to establish this ministry in your neighborhood. I have been serving nursing facilities as a lay minister for over 30 years. Currently I have built churches, St. Paul's Church at Paul's House in Chicago and Holy Generations Church at Generations of Regency in Niles. I offer a weekly prayer service with blessed Eucharist, communion to the bed-bound residents and bible study group. I am a retired high school teacher and God has called me to this ministry. I want to share the richness of this service and to encourage others to join me.

Presenter:

Peggy Taylor, Church of Our Savior, Chicago

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a3-ministry-for-senior-facilities>

A4 - Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery: 8 session series for forum

As a result of participation in the Sacred Ground curriculum and in response to the resolutions of the 2022 General Convention (C072 and D019) about land acknowledgement, the presenter co-created and implemented a series of 8 sessions on Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. The resolutions are a call for the implementation of “land acknowledgement liturgies and prayers to begin any public meetings or worship....”. Recognizing that land acknowledgement is not just an exercise and has to be understood in the context of the language of colonization, reparative justice and stories of repair, a series was created to put land acknowledgement in this larger context.

This series is designed to look at topics such as harm and what repentance and repair looks like in the context of baptismal covenant. In addition, the series addresses the legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery for indigenous people today by exploring the Indian Child Welfare Act, earth care and climate change, health care, and advocacy efforts such as the Land Back movement. In addition to education, an outcome of the series also is doing the work of creating a land acknowledgement with long term intentional action for the parish.

The goal of this presentation will be a review of the outline of the sessions that can be used in adult forum, including sharing the resources used and the use of multiple formats for making the topics interesting as well as meaningful to congregants.

This workshop would be useful for those who are looking for ways to incorporate antiracism and social justice in their parish educational opportunities in ways that are accessible and empowering while also evoking thought and discussion about a difficult topic.

Presenter:

Kathleen Murphy, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston, IL, Diocese of Chicago

Kathleen Murphy, MSW, PhD, MLIS retired in 2019 from serving as the manager for the Social and Behavioral Institutional Review Board at Northwestern University in Evanston Illinois. In addition to a 20-year career in the private practice of psychotherapy and years of teaching adjunct in academia, she currently serves as a Board member on the ethics review boards for two academic institutions. She volunteers at the Northfield Food Pantry and as the public member for commissions for the ADA. She is a co-facilitator for Sacred Ground and serves on the Anti-racism Action Committee and Formation Committee at St. Luke's parish in Evanston.

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a4-dismantling-the-doctrine-of-discovery-8-session-series-for-forum>

A5 - Camps, Cathedrals and the Ministry of Belonging

Community, Loneliness, and the Ministry of Belonging” According to a recent report by the Surgeon General, loneliness and lack of meaningful connection are one of the fastest-growing health concerns in our country. This concern stretches across all our congregations. For many of our church members, finding meaningful relational connections amid a busy modern life can be overwhelming. So what can we – or should -we, as the Body of Christ, do about this? Join Jerusalem Greer, interim executive director of Procter Camp and Conference Center, member of the Way of Love creation team, and former Manager of Evangelism and Discipleship for The Episcopal Church to explore the 59 One Anothers of the New Testament and how they can help us eradicate aloneness and create authentic communities centered on Jesus and his way of love.

Presenter:

Jerusalem Greer, Procter Camp and Conference Center, Southern Ohio

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a5-camps-cathedrals-and-the-ministry-of-belonging>

A6 - Basic Mental Health Resources for Faith Communities

This workshop will introduce participants to resources produced by the Episcopal Task Force on Mental Health, along with other resources, to aid and guide people in ministry with people with mental health challenges and their families. Topics addressed will include recognizing mental health crises and persistent mental health challenges, speaking openly about mental health, respecting each person's dignity, caring for caregivers and family members, creating an inclusive and safe faith environment, knowing local resources, and helping faith communities develop care action plans.

Presenter:

David Gortner, Episcopal Task Force for Mental Health Ministry, Spokane

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a6-basic-mental-health-resources-for-faith-communities>

A7 - How We Practice Innovation at Church

Learn tools and tips to practice innovation, including an overview of design thinking principles, key methods, and a summary of lessons learned from a recent TryTank Innovation Fair.

You will get a chance to practice some of the methods, and learn about the specific results from the event that focused on applying innovation to the following questions:

1. What if we had amazing music at every church?
2. What if we ended food insecurity in our region?
3. What if most young adults were involved with the future of the church?
4. What if we did more Beloved Community and anti-racism work?
5. What if we used more technology for evangelism and formation?
6. What if we ended gun violence?

Our hope is that it will inspire others across Province V to use these tools in their own ministry to generate and try new ideas.

Presenters:

Halley Marsh & Alex Martin, St. Barnabas, Bay Village, Ohio

Halley Marsh is a member at St. Barnabas Bay Village, where she leads the Outreach Team and is very passionate about ending food insecurity. She is also currently a member of the Diocese of Ohio Standing Committee, and has served in other Diocesan roles, including the Search Committee for the 12th Bishop of Ohio and Diocesan Council. She leads a global team of recruiters at Publicis Sapient, a consulting firm with 20,000+ employees specializing in digital business transformation. When she isn't working or volunteering with the church, she is spending time with her husband, 8-year old daughter, and their dog. She is also an avid reader of both fiction and non-fiction, and would love any book recommendations you might have.

Father Alex is passionate about creating a place where those who feel left out elsewhere can find a community to embrace them and unapologetically proclaim God's boundless love for all people.

A native of Northeast Ohio, Fr. Alex has a Bachelor of Arts in History from The Ohio State University (where he dotted the "i" in Script Ohio) and a Master of Divinity from The General Theological Seminary. After graduation from seminary, Fr. Alex was Associate Priest at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Cincinnati before being called to St. Barnabas. He currently serves as president of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Ohio. Fr. Alex lives right up the street from the church in the rectory with his husband and their Border Collie Maggie. Alex and Rob enjoy spoiling Maggie, being outdoors, cheering on the Buckeyes, and spending time with family. They are both lifelong Cleveland sports fans - especially the Guardians. Alex also follows tennis and Formula 1. He enjoys cycling around town, walking Maggie at Bradley Road Park, rowing in his single shell, and sailing on Lake Erie in his old Tartan 3000 called "Sabbatical."

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a7-how-we-practice-innovation-at-church>

A8 - Sing Out! Resources for singing the liturgy

Our liturgy is meant to be sung! Resources from St. James Music Press will be introduced so that psalms and prayers can be sung, even without a choir. Participants will learn about pointing psalms, musical settings of the prayers, and how to include more participatory singing in their services.

Presenter:

Kevin Simons, St. John's Episcopal Church, Saginaw, Eastern Michigan

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a8-sing-out-resources-for-singing-the-liturgy>

A9 - A Call for Reparations

In 2006 the 75th General Convention adopted the resolution A123 "Slavery and Racial Reconciliation" with the call for every diocese to document "(a) the complicity of The Episcopal Church in the institution of slavery and in the subsequent history of segregation and discrimination and (b) the economic benefits The Episcopal Church derived from the institution of slavery." Reparations while not named explicitly are implied in this resolution. Therefore this workshop will focus on the long term work of repentance, reconciliation and repair, the three key parts of reparations. Included in this workshop will be a report on the Third National Symposium for State and Local Reparations held in Evanston, Illinois in late November 2023 and case studies on reparations from two dioceses of our church.

Presenters:

Newland Smith, Historiographer, Chicago

Brian Wilbert, Archivist, Diocese of Ohio

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a9-a-call-for-reparations>

A10 - World-Shaped Faith: Living Your Baptismal Covenant

Our baptism is the foundation of our faith and identity. Through it, we are marked as Christ's own and become members of God's family, which stretches around the world. Our Baptismal Covenant is a way of life that gives us a framework, a roadmap, for our participation in God's story in the world. Through it we tell our story: We name what we believe, who we are as Christians, and how we will try to live lives of faith that reflect the presence of Christ that is in each of us. Join us as we explore our Baptismal Covenant through a global lens and how the words "I will, with God's help" guide the relationships and community we build globally and locally.

Presenters:

Elizabeth Boe, Office of Global Partnerships, Presiding Bishop's Staff
Alan Yarborough, Office of Government Relations

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a10-world-shaped-faith-living-your-baptismal-covenant>

A11 - Partners for Formation and Leadership: How Seminaries are Responding to the Deployment Challenges in the Church Today

This workshop will take up the question of the clergy shortage so many have described and consider how seminaries are working to lift up leaders for today's church. It will be useful for diocesan leaders involved in discernment for ordination as well as parish leaders serving on search committees. We'll begin by exploring the challenges of deployment today, pulling from recent articles laying out a clergy shortage in the church. Next, we'll examine some of the challenges seminarians face and consider how seminaries are working to address these barriers. Finally, we'll work together on steps parishes, dioceses and seminaries can take to help address the need for clergy.

Presenter:

Hope Benko, Seminary of the Southwest

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a11-partners-for-formation-and-leadership-how-seminaries-are-responding-to-the-deployment-challenges-in-the-church-today>

A12 - Called to account: Hearing the Voices of Young Adults of Color

In this workshop we will present video/audio/in person testimonies by young people of color (18-30) who are involved in church or church-adjacent activities in response to the following questions:

- Introduction: what is your current connection with the Episcopal Church?
- Do you feel able to bring your whole self to church or do you feel you have to leave something behind?
- What would a church look like that you and your friends would want to attend?
- Social justice activities
- Fellowship activities
- Other Locations / Times Besides the Church on Sunday Mornings
- Different music or prayers
- How (if at all) are your spiritual needs currently being met?

The workshop will focus on demonstrating two things: how to host and curate conversations with young people of color to transform negative experiences into positive visions, and how to promote accountability in conversations across racial, generational and other boundaries. Practical outcomes for the church might include:

- A sense of what actions it might take to:
- Host further conversations
- Make concrete changes in unwelcoming structures and practices
- Foster community (across the diocese or the province) and opportunities to network among Young Adults of Color
- Possible Resolution(s) for Parish Meetings/Diocesan Conventions/General Convention

Presenters:

Felicity Thompson, Dismantling Racism Network, Michigan
M.E. Eccles
Adrienne Dillon
Terri Bays
Michael Fowlkes

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a12-called-to-account-hearing-the-voices-of-young-adults-of-color>

A13 - You Are Divine: Supporting the Spiritual Needs of LGBTQ+ Youth

In summer of 2022, lay and ordained leaders from the Diocese discerned that while we are vocal in our support of LGBTQ+ youth, we were not actively engaging or supporting this community in tangible ways. The Divine program grew out of that desire.

This formation program offers LGBTQ+ youth and their caregivers opportunities to receive support, build relationships, and explore Christian faith in an inclusive and affirming atmosphere. Participants in the Divine program are empowered to see themselves as made in God's image, and are wrapped around with spiritual and social support. Their families are provided access to resources and relationships that help them to better advocate for their children, especially as related to the intersection of gender, sexuality, and religion.

In this workshop, participants will have opportunities to explore the Divine curriculum. They will be able to hear the inside scoop from the Divine leaders about what worked, what didn't work, and what new insights the program generated. This workshop will be "hands on" and will also provide space for participants to think about how to leverage the unique assets of their parishes/dioceses to support LGBTQ+ youth and their families.

Presenters

Olivia Hamilton, Calvary Episcopal Church, Divine Program, Southern Ohio

Mike Johnson

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a13-you-are-divine-supporting-the-spiritual-needs-of-lgbtq-youth>

A14 - Beloved, Disabled Community

Take a moment to name all of the disabled people you can think of in the Bible. Go on, try it! This workshop description will wait.

Now, how many of those on your list did you actually have names for, instead of say, “the woman who bled for 12 years?” How many of them were prominent people? Did your list include Moses, who had a speech impediment? What about the Apostle Paul with his chronic pain? Or Jacob/Israel, who limped? What about Jesus?

The story of Christianity without disabled people is only half the story.

Despite the fact that disabled people were the original members of the Jesus movement, the modern Church frequently refuses to see them as full members of the Body of Christ. While it celebrates stories that involve Good Samaritans caring for the disabled, the Church itself still so often leaves disabled people by the wayside, using expense, hassle, and tradition as excuses to do so. And in direct opposition to the teachings of Jesus and the scriptures, the Church habitually denies the truth about disabled people: that they are fully made in the image and likeness of God and loved exactly, wholly, inclusively as they are.

In this workshop on Disability Justice in the Church, we will work to transform our perceptions so that we might become a better, more inclusive and accessible, beloved community.

Presenter:

Bekah Scolare

St. Francis House Episcopal Student Center, EpiscoWisco Camp, & ECCC, Fond du Lac

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/a14-beloved-disabled-community>

B1 - From Programs to Practices: Small-Church ABCD

This workshop adapts the principles of Asset Based Community Development to create more bandwidth for ministry within small congregations. Asset-mapping and appreciative inquiry are trusted tools of community engagement, but they can also be taught as spiritual practices that support communal discernment, collaborative leadership, and creative formation and worship. In this hands-on workshop, we will field test models for sharing these practices widely in a small-church setting.

Presenter:

Nandra Perry, Seminary of the Southwest

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b1-from-programs-to-practices-small-church-abcd>

B2 - All Creation Sings! - Worship experiences in the great outdoors Wild Church, Foraging for Advent, Holy Hikes and More

At the end of 2021, a poll entitled "Jesus in America" examined American opinions and habits regarding religious life. One surprising piece of data revealed that most everyone, regardless of religious profile, identified being outdoors or in nature is spiritually fulfilling. The majority of those surveyed named it as the MOST spiritually fulfilling activity in their lives. So what does this mean for the church and how we gather? Do we continue to wait for people to come through our doors, or do we go where they already are- in nature? Join Lanni Lantto of U.P. Wild Church, Beckett Leclair of Holy Hikes Great Lakes, and Jerusalem Greer Interim Executive Director of Procter Farm and Camp, in conversation around creative practices of gathering for worship in the great outdoors – the place where evangelism, creation care, and discipleship can grow together.

Presenters:

Beckett Leclair, Holy Hikes Great Lakes
Lanni Lantto, U.P Wild Church
Jerusalem Greer, Proctor Center

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b2-all-creation-sings-worship-experiences-in-the-great-outdoorswild-church-foraging-for-advent-holy-hikes-and-more>

B3 - Team Rubicon Disaster Response - Everyone has a role

If you've ever watched a natural disaster unfold on the news and wanted to make an immediate, hands-on impact, this may be the session for you!

[TeamRubiconUSA.org](https://www.teamrubiconusa.org) is a volunteer, non-profit disaster response organization, providing immediate, hands-on assistance, helping the vulnerable on what may be the very worst day of their lives. Efforts are focused on helping communities and individuals that are traditionally underserved and socially vulnerable, free of charge to those served.

One of Team Rubicon's cultural principles is "Everyone has a Role - Know It". We're not all young, strong, and able-bodied; and we don't all run chainsaws! Everyone truly does have a role, whether deployed in the field on the scene of a recent disaster or participating and supporting events closer to home. All are welcome to join and get involved.

This session will cover Team Rubicon's history, structure, recent responses, and opportunities to get involved. If you are built to serve, and want to help others after disasters strike, come learn about Team Rubicon!

Presenters:

Suzette Reynolds, St. Paul's, Cleveland Hts, Ohio

Lea Ruscio

Melissa Boncimino

Leonard Buchanan, St. John's, Grant Haven

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b3-team-rubicon-disaster-response-everyone-has-a-role>

B4 - Picture books and racial reconciliation

Picture books offer an excellent way to discover, discuss, and share our stories about race. With these stories, we can address challenging topics crucial for dismantling racism as we work to repair, heal, and see God in each other. Miriam will share her methods using picture books in small group discussions that work well in person and online and that she employs in dismantling racism training in the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Presenter:

Miriam McKenney, Formation, Southern Ohio

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b4-picture-books-and-racial-reconciliation>

B5 - A Christian Life of Faith: Signs and Thresholds along The Way

As Christians, we - individually and collectively - are on a life-long, life-wide, and life-deep journey that deepens our relationship with God, God's people, and all of creation. Sometimes the path is clear as we meander through life's labyrinth; other times it seems illusive. Fortunately for those of us who want help navigating our way, a group of Christian Educators and Ministry Developers created a type of guidebook that identifies recognizable signs of maturing in our relationship with God as well as thresholds we can cross as we accept increasing responsibility to proclaim God's loving, liberating, life-giving Good News (evangelism) and to help others to find their path as we pass on our faith (faith formation). We will review A Christian Life of Faith: Signs and Thresholds along The Way and explore how individuals and communities can use it as a process for personal discernment as well as a guide for vestries and commissions on ministry as they provide faith formation opportunities.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eNoyGd_F20zst2LpQQB2nL6aycKyj4xD/view

Presenter:

Julie Lytle, Director of Distributive and Lifelong Learning Initiatives

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b5-a-christian-life-of-faith-signs-and-thresholds-along-the-way>

B6 - Guns to Gardens/Guns to Grace

Guns to Gardens/Guns to Grace allows faith communities to live out the words of the prophets – beating swords into plowshares, guns into garden tools and art. It brings new life to a community by reducing the risk of gun violence and gun crime related to unwanted, unsecured, unsafe firearms and turning instead to life-giving tools: growing food, greening neighborhoods, and feeding faith.

This workshop introduces resources to develop gun violence prevention ministries in the parish.

Benefits include community partnership, violence reduction and peace promotion, artistic expression, deep healing, and living into the Way of Love.

Presenters:

Rosalind Hughes, Missioner for Peace, Diocese of Ohio

Matt Wahlgren, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fremont, Ohio

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b6-guns-to-gardensguns-to-grace>

B7 - CPG Benefits for the Church

CPG: Benefits for the Church. An informal roundtable discussion with CPG leadership about its benefit offerings, lines of business, and work for the Church.

Bring your questions, observations, and ideas to the discussion.

Presenters:

Clayton Crawley, Chief Church Relations Officer

Canon Arlette Benoit Joseph, Church Relations Officer

Church Pension Group, New York

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b7-cpg-benefits-for-the-church>

B8 - Requiem or Renaissance: Finding God in Church Decline & Rebirth

Requiem or Renaissance is a discernment and skills-building program for all congregations struggling with decline and interested in finding out what God is up to inside and outside their walls. 11 congregations in the Diocese of Missouri have taken part in 2022-2023, and two have chosen Requiem and nine have chosen Renaissance. Hear more about the spiritual and practical ins and outs of confronting decline head-on and discovering new gospel energy in the midst of it. Led by The Rev. Canon Whitney Rice, Canon for Evangelism & Discipleship Development in the Diocese of Missouri.

Presenter:

Whitney Rice, Diocesan Staff, Diocese of Missouri

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b8-requiem-or-renaissance-finding-god-in-church-decline-rebirth>

B9 - Episcopal Migration Ministries: Welcoming our New Neighbors (an Orientation)

Forced migration and displacement are ballooning crises of our times, intersecting with other crises and dynamics, including climate change and environmental degradation, rising authoritarianism and ethno-nationalism, as well as ongoing and new conflicts and wars. The Episcopal Church has responded to such refugee crises with love, compassion and welcome since the late 1930s, and since 1988, Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) has resettled more than 103,000 individuals as a formal refugee resettlement agency partnered with the U.S. Department of State.

Join Allison Duvall, EMM Senior Manager for Church and Community Engagement, to learn more about EMM's expanding work to welcome and support refugees, asylum seekers, and other populations. Ms. Duvall will provide an orientation to global forced displacement and the international refugee protection scheme, discuss the rapidly changing U.S. refugee resettlement landscape, and offer practical ways that dioceses and congregations can partner with EMM - in ways large and small - to welcome our newest neighbors, as we would welcome Christ.

Presenter:

Allison Duvall, Senior Manager for Church and Community Engagement, Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM)

Allison Duvall serves on Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's staff as Senior Manager for Church and Community Engagement for Episcopal Migration Ministries, The Episcopal Church's migration ministry and one of only ten national refugee resettlement agencies which work in partnership with the U.S. Department of State. Ms. Duvall joined EMM in 2013, initially focusing on supporting local affiliate community engagement programs and later developing EMM's church engagement work. Today, Ms. Duvall guides all of EMM's church and community engagement work and programs, including Neighbor to Neighbor, the Asylum & Detention Ministry Network, the Rainbow Initiative, and the development of new refugee resettlement affiliate and community partners. Previously, Ms. Duvall was the Executive Director of Reading Camp, a literacy ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington. Ms. Duvall served as a Deputy to General Convention for the Diocese of Lexington in 2009 and 2012. She has served on the Executive Council of the Diocese of Lexington, as well as on the board of Episcopal Appalachian Ministries. Outside of her work and ministry within The Episcopal Church, Ms. Duvall is an accomplished Irish dancer and dance educator. In 2022, Ms. Duvall received first class honors for her Masters of Arts in Irish Dance Studies from the University of Limerick, Ireland, and she is presently the director of the McTeggart Irish Dancers location in Kentucky. She resides in Lexington with her husband Clay, an attorney.

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b9-episcopal-migration-ministries-welcoming-our-new-neighbors-an-orientation>

B10 - Supporting congregational song and building a volunteer choir

The congregation is the great choir, and often churches find themselves with a small choir or no choir. I will offer ways to support the congregation in song and how to encourage them to participate more in the singing of the liturgy. I will also explore creative ways to build a choir program in a church that has a small choir or no choir.

Presenter:

Westley Art Hodges, St. Mark's Episcopal, Chicago

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b10-supporting-congregational-song-and-building-a-volunteer-choir>

B11 - Caminemos con Maria - Walking with Maria

Caminemos con María is an invitation to our communities, to celebrate Latinas, their gifts, and their stories of struggle, liberation, and resurrection, as captured in the traditional genre of Canción Latinoamericana, (Latin American Song). Each song has the name of María, and tell the story of women from different contexts, women of unbreakable faith, who draw strength from their "weaknesses", to face the struggles of life, to bring about hope and liberation for themselves, and the families who depend on them.

Yuri Rodriguez, sings these stories, and makes the connection between the name "María", the socio-cultural expectations that weigh on the shoulders of Latinas and Marías all over the world, and the biblical stories of Marías in our faith tradition.

<http://www.caminemosconmaria.com>

Presenters:

Yuri Rodriguez, Church of the Nativity, Indianapolis

Sergio Ospina - piano

Jessie Whitman - Bass

Stephany Cohen - Percussion

Wayner Ramon - Trumpet

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b11-caminemos-con-maria-walking-with-maria>

B13 - Parish-based Campus Ministry: Be a Missionary in Your Home Town

Is there a community college or university in your neighborhood? Have you wondered how to build relationships with an institution of higher education near your church? This workshop will explore ways of discerning, connecting, and developing relationships between congregations and campuses. Provincial leaders in campus ministry will share stories of building these relationships, offer suggestions for how to gather information and build alliances with campus partners, and use your congregation's unique resources to support the campus community.

Presenter:

Stacy Alan, Brent House, Chicago

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b13-parish-based-campus-ministry-be-a-missionary-in-your-home-town>

B14 - Getting to Reconciliation in Five (Not So Easy) Steps

Resolving conflict in today's world is not easy, but it is possible. You will discuss five steps to rebuilding broken relationships. As an example, we will show how to build connections between Indigenous people harmed by history and those helped by it. We will compare examples of how governments, churches, and prisons reconnect people who were once enemies. Find out how Indigenous models of knowing can resolve differences while preserving them. Forgiving doesn't mean forgetting, but it does mean learning to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8).

Presenter:

Mary Crist, Coordinator, Indigenous Theological Education

Mary Crist (Piitaki/Eagle Woman) is enrolled in the Blackfeet nation in Montana. She was appointed Coordinator of Indigenous Theological Education for The Episcopal Church in 2019. She is a visiting professor at Bexley Seabury Seminary, and a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles serving at St. Michael's Ministry Center in Riverside. She is an experienced teacher, professor, dean, and founding head of St. Matthews Episcopal School in Edinburg, TX and Academy Hill Day School in Springfield, MA. She earned the Doctor of Education at Columbia University, the Master of Divinity at Claremont School of Theology, the Master of Education at Pan American University, and the Bachelor of Arts at the University of California Berkeley. She publishes in early childhood education, special education, online instructional design, and Indigenous theological education.

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/b14-getting-to-reconciliation-in-five-not-so-easy-steps>

C1 - Political Advocacy and the Church

For starters—what is policy advocacy and how is it different from, and complementary to, political activism? How can you leverage your personal power to influence U.S. policies on a host of issues, and how is such activity an expression of carrying out our faith? This workshop from the church's Office of Government Relations will cover the basic tools for engaging elected officials in advocacy and allow ample open space to discuss questions attendees may have around advocacy and political engagement. Being involved in the public square is a part of the church's work in the world--come learn how to engage effectively in relationship building with government officials.

Presenter:

Alan Yarborough, Office of Government Relations

Alan Yarborough is the church relations officer for The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations. He is primarily responsible for developing resources and training aimed at educating, equipping, and engaging the church in policy advocacy. Prior to this, he lived and worked in Haiti with the Young Adult Service Corps. He holds a BS in economics from Clemson University in South Carolina and a master's degree in conflict analysis and resolution from the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University.

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c1-political-advocacy-and-the-church>

C2 - Opening the Vault: Creating Accessible Digital Church Archives Using Scalar

Have you ever wondered how to bring your parish or diocesan archives into the Digital Age? Join John Beatty, Archivist for the Diocese of Northern Indiana, and Erika Mann, Director of Digital Initiatives, Technology, and Scholarship at Purdue University Fort Wayne, as they present the basics for creating a church historical website. They will be exploring Scalar, a free digital software offered by the University of Southern California. They will demonstrate its use and show how it was used to create the Archives website for the Diocese of Northern Indiana. <https://ednin.org/archives>.

You can find historical photographs, documents, parish registers, diocesan newspapers, and convention journals, all in one convenient place.

Presenters:

John D. Beatty, CG, MA, is the Archivist for the Diocese of Northern Indiana. He is a Senior Librarian with the Genealogical Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne and a Certified Genealogist.

Erika Mann, MA, MLS, is Director of Digital Initiatives, Technologies, and Scholarship for the Helmke Library at Purdue University, Fort Wayne. She is an Episcopalian and assisted John in creating the Diocesan Archives website for the Diocese of Northern Indiana.

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c2-opening-the-vault-creating-accessible-digital-church-archives-using-scalar>

C3 - Lay-Led Congregations: Moving Forward Together

The number of congregations with part-time or no clergy is growing in many denominations. This workshop will present an overview of this phenomenon, particularly its extent in Province V, along with a look at the related issue of Episcopal clergy shortages.

Creative approaches to supporting lay-led congregations have included priest companions, licensed pastoral leaders, mutual ministry, and bi-vocational ministry. We'll discuss what works, drawing upon lessons learned in the Province V Lay-led Congregations Network over the last several years. Participants will be invited to share their own experience.

Various resources will be presented, including online educational opportunities, leadership coaching, parish educational programs, liturgical supports, and the opportunity for mutual support through the Province V Network.

Presenter:

Jim Mogensen, St. Aidan's, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Province V Lay-led Congregations Network convener

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c3-lay-led-congregations-moving-forward-together>

C4 - Blueberry Award Books to Green your Children's Formation Programming!

Looking for ways to incorporate Creation Care into your Children's Formation offerings and programs? Want some new ideas for engaging kids in learning about God's creation? Hoping young families and tweens can be incorporated into Creation Care initiatives at church? Come join us for a fun and fast paced introduction to the Blueberry Awards, a new children's literature book award annually honoring the 35 best nature & climate books of the year for kids ages 3 through 10 and up!

- Learn about how the Blueberry Awards, announced annually in mid - March just in time for Earth Day activities and programs, can be your yearly reference for great Creation Care books for kids!
- Hear book-talks of some of the 2022 and 2023 books!
- Find out how churches in Evanston IL have used Blueberry Awards books to supplement their Children's Formation programs.
- Learn how to apply Blueberry criteria to nature and climate books to avoid creating climate anxiety in kids (and learn about mitigating it, too!)
- Break into smaller groups to develop some programs for *your* church!

Presenter: Martha Meyer

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston IL

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Blueberry Information Page at Evanston Public Library, including book lists and book flyers and some webinar recordings from 2021 - 2023;

<https://www.epl.org/blueberry-award-info/>

Martha Meyer is the Creation Care team leader at St. Luke's in Evanston IL and is also a Children's Library Assistant at Evanston Public Library where she founded the Blueberry Awards! The Blueberry committee has some very gifted members including a marine biologist, the city's Sustainability Coordinator, the school district's sustainability coordinator, as well as library collection development managers, library bloggers and children's literature experts! Martha is vegan, owns solar panels and a big home compost operation, but feels her calling is to support parents and teachers who want to raise children who care about God's creation! She's presented the Blueberry Award books to the Illinois Library Association, the Natural Start Alliance, and via Early Childhood Investigations Webinars and more!

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c4-blueberry-award-books-to-green-your-childrens-formation-programming>

C5 - Connecting with Indigenous Communities

The four Dioceses in Michigan have partnered to learn from each other how to better connect and work alongside our indigenous sisters, brothers and siblings. We will share what we've learned from the work of the Diocese of Northern Michigan and what action this has led to in our sister Dioceses. The workshop will include the traveling historical and cultural exhibit crafted by indigenous partners of the Diocese of Northern Michigan.

Presenters:

Veronica Dunbar, Missioner for Spirituality and Racial Repair, Michigan

Leora Tadgerson

Kathy Vanden Boogaard

Kay Leclair

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c5-connecting-with-indigenous-communities>

C6 - Safe Church and You

Discussion about the importance of Safe Church training and how you can motivate your Diocese into embracing it.

Presenters:

Eric Travis, Trinity Cathedral/ Diocese of Ohio, Michigan

Jillian Smith, Diocese of Missouri

Erin Pickersgill, Diocese of Missouri

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c6-safe-church-and-you>

C7 - Mindfulness and Yoga

Living in the present moment becomes more accessible when fused with the practice of yoga. Movement and breath work clears the mind, making space to notice and experience the world around us. In this workshop, participants will be guided through a mindfulness meditation followed by a gentle yoga flow practice featuring seated and standing postures. Modifications will be provided, making this practice accessible to participants of all levels.

The workshop is led by certified yoga instructor, Carrie Bernhardt.

Presenter:

Carrie Bernhardt, St. Paul's Episcopal Church/Mindfulness and Yoga, Indianapolis

Carrie Bernhardt is a Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT) with Yoga Alliance and owner of Yoga With Carrie. She has been practicing yoga and mindfulness for more than 20 years and sharing her passion as a teacher for the last 4 years. She leads weekly classes at the Indianapolis International Airport and St Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis. Carrie believes that Yoga encourages us to recognize that each physical body is gifted with different capabilities. Observing and honoring our uniqueness empowers us to strike a pose that is true - both on and off the mat.

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c7-mindfulness-and-yoga>

C8 - Leading New Episcopal Communities: Innovation and Opportunity

As we celebrate the gift of our traditional parishes, it is imperative that we discover new ways of establishing Episcopal communities, from church planting to micro churches and redevelopment parishes. This workshop will share stories of innovation and opportunities while exploring leadership, team building, and community engagement. Church is a relationship, and this truth must lead us to follow Jesus into the community to listen, learn, and love. Our format will be conversational, led by practitioners, for mutual discovery of innovation and opportunities.

Presenters:

Joseph Kovitch, Missioner for New Episcopal Communities, Southern Ohio
Michael Tigner, Church Planter and Redeveloper, Diocese of Southern Ohio

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c8-leading-new-episcopal-communities-innovation-and-opportunity>

C9 - Episcopal Migration Ministries: Part 2 - Ways to Welcome /Sponsor

Note: If you are new to migration ministry and understanding forced displacement, it is recommended that you first attend the workshop entitled: Episcopal Migration Ministries: Welcoming our Newest Neighbors (an Orientation)

Under the Biden administration, numerous opportunities for sponsorship of humanitarian immigrants have been created. Join Allison Duvall, EMM Senior Manager for Church and Community Engagement, to discuss the details of sponsorship, immigration statuses, eligibility for certain public assistance, and more. This will be a great time to ask questions and explore how to take steps to become a sponsor or sponsor group.

Presenter:

Allison Duvall, Senior Manager for Church and Community Engagement, Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM)

Allison Duvall serves on Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's staff as Senior Manager for Church and Community Engagement for Episcopal Migration Ministries, The Episcopal Church's migration ministry and one of only ten national refugee resettlement agencies which work in partnership with the U.S. Department of State. Ms. Duvall joined EMM in 2013, initially focusing on supporting local affiliate community engagement programs and later developing EMM's church engagement work. Today, Ms. Duvall guides all of EMM's church and community engagement work and programs, including Neighbor to Neighbor, the Asylum & Detention Ministry Network, the Rainbow Initiative, and the development of new refugee resettlement affiliate and community partners. Previously, Ms. Duvall was the Executive Director of Reading Camp, a literacy ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington. Ms. Duvall served as a Deputy to General Convention for the Diocese of Lexington in 2009 and 2012. She has served on the Executive Council of the Diocese of Lexington, as well as on the board of Episcopal Appalachian Ministries. Outside of her work and ministry within The Episcopal Church, Ms. Duvall is an accomplished Irish dancer and dance educator. In 2022, Ms. Duvall received first class honors for her Masters of Arts in Irish Dance Studies from the University of Limerick, Ireland, and she is presently the director of the McTeggart Irish Dancers location in Kentucky. She resides in Lexington with her husband Clay, an attorney.

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c9-episcopal-migration-ministries-part-2-ways-to-welcome-sponsor>

C10 - Conversations on End of Life, Death and Dying

Imagine a world where people are comfortable discussing their immortality, no matter their age. Imagine a world where people plan for their death with intentionality and purpose, where all of us recognize we are “terminal” and approach life and death with equal reverence and respect.

As an End-of-Life Doula, I am experienced in helping folks consider and plan for their “ending.” Whether it’s a Death Cafe, a book study, a three-week faith formation series, or workshop on Advance Care Planning, I will offer you tips and suggestions for creating safe spaces to talk about and understand all things End-of-Life.

This workshop will not focus on medical interventions but will inspire you to help your congregation with practical preparation and thoughtful conversations. Living fully must embrace the inevitability of dying. It need not be another “elephant in the room” or something to be feared or superstitious about.

I will include a PowerPoint, handouts, book lists, and resources. You can learn more about me at my website: graceintheleaving.com

Presenter:

Laura Hoekstra, St. Andrews, Grand Rapids MI/Vestry, Choir, Sacred Ground facilitator

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c10-conversations-on-end-of-life-death-and-dying>

C11 - A History of Women in Christianity to 1600

This session will explore several of the remarkable women whose lives have shaped the nature of the church, as well as how the church has responded to the lives and vocations of women. We will look at the remarkable number of women named in Romans 16, and at Paul's complex rhetoric concerning women in church. We will look at the North African prophet and martyrs Perpetua and the pregnant slave Felicity, who died in Carthage at the beginning of the third century. Next, we will explore the remarkable life and career of the Empress Pulcheria, who presided over the Council of Chalcedon. In the western church, we will examine the remarkable English abbess Hild of Whitby, instrumental in the conversion of Northumbria, and the twelfth-century religious woman Christina of Markyate. Finally, we will conclude with that most underestimated of Henry VIII's wives, Catherine Parr, who against all odds, "survived" to shape the church in the English Reformation.

Presenter:

Hannah Matis, The School of Theology - Sewanee

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c11-a-history-of-women-in-christianity-to-1600>

C12 - Minding the Gap: Episcopal Service Corps and Young Adult Formation

Minding the gap. In so many churches there is a marked absence of young adults and across the church there are so few spaces that center young adult formation post college. This workshop will include stories of the joys and trials of episcopal service corps, an invitation for participants to reflect on their own experiences of formation as a young adult, a discussion of the importance of the Church as a space for counter formation, and some brainstorming on how to 'mind the gap'.

Presenters:

Emily Ulmer, Plainsong Farm & Ministry, Diocese of Western Michigan

Demarius Walker; Diocese of Indianapolis, Trinity Episcopal Church, Episcopal Service Corps

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c12-minding-the-gap-episcopal-service-corps-and-young-adult-formation>

C13 - Scouting as a Youth Ministry

Today's Scouting can provide a structure for youth growth. Scouting programs provide the opportunity for youth to:

- Grow in their faith via Scouting's Religious Emblems Program
- Learn leadership skills by being presented with age appropriate opportunities
- Learn interpersonal skills by being part of a small group, the patrol, within a larger group, the troop under the mentorship of caring adult leaders.

Presenters:

Ed Milbrada, St. Anne, West Chester, Ohio/Scouting VP Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Southern Ohio

Mel Chapman is from St. Michael and All Angels in the Diocese of Northern Indiana

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c13-scouting-as-a-youth-ministry>

C14 - Creating a Welcoming & Inclusive Parish for LGBTQIA+ People

In this workshop we will share how you can create a welcoming, loving and affirming space for LGBTQIA+ people in your church. Topics will include using inclusive language, not assuming gender, pronouns, what is okay to discuss (and what isn't), and some of the unique needs of LGBTQIA+ communities. Finally, we'll share tips & tricks to be more visible and active in the community so that our LGBTQIA+ siblings know how to find your church and that they would be embraced your parish.

Presenters:

Bren O'Conner, St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit

DeWayne Trainer, St. Peter's, Saint Louis / Missioner for LGBTQIA+ Ministry & Engagement, Diocese Of Missouri

Bren O'Conner: After growing up outside Milwaukee and graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bren came to St. Louis in 2014 to volunteer in the Episcopal Service Corps. Later, she would serve as a diocesan missioner for LGBTQIA+ Ministry and Engagement, and as a facilitator for the biggest transfemme support group in Missouri. Bren currently lives in Detroit and is happy to serve in the choir of the Cathedral of St. Paul. She is currently exploring lay ministry options.

DeWayne Trainer: Grew up in Georgia and South Carolina and was raised in the Church of God church. While in college at Birmingham Southern College, he discovered the Episcopal Church singing in the choir at the Cathedral Church of the Advent, finding his true spiritual home. He has served the church in many ways, most recently appointed as the Missioner for LGBTQIA+ Ministry & Engagement, succeeding Bren after her move to Detroit. Professionally, he has been leading Edward Jones' LGBTQ+ and Allies Business Resource Group which has grown to nearly 1,400 members from across the US and Canada.

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24workshopblog/c14-creating-a-welcoming-inclusive-parish-for-lgbtqia-people>