

Big Provincial Gathering 2019

Full Descriptions of the Workshops

#1 - Speaking our Faith: Sacred Conversations as a Launching Pad for Evangelism

Presenter: Kit Carlson, All Saints Episcopal Church-East Lansing, MI

Kit Carlson is rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in East Lansing and author of "Speaking Our Faith: Equipping the Next Generations to Share the Old, Old Story" (Church Publishing 2018). The Speaking Our Faith program has helped hundreds of "God's shy people" become more comfortable talking about their faith.

Workshop Description

It's hard for Episcopalians to share their faith, because generally we have not been taught how to speak about our own faith...even to people within our own churches. Sacred conversations can help build the capacity to speak about faith honestly and can start to help people feel more comfortable talking about their faith with people outside their "church circles." This quick plunge into sacred conversations will whet participants' appetites for speaking about faith and encourage them to take a deeper plunge when they get home to their own faith communities.

#2 - Creating Community, Changing Lives: How St. Margaret's House created a Ministry of Hospitality for women and children in poverty

Presenters

Kathy Schneider, Exec. Director, Cathedral of St. James, South Bend, IN

Mary Fran Brandenberger, Assoc. Exec. Director

Tanika Harris, Director of Guest Services

Workshop Description

In 1990, Deacon Sarah Tracy and Episcopalians from the parish and from around the diocese, created a ministry of hospitality for women and children in poverty. Today, this day center serves an average of 70 women and children a day with basic needs and programs to help people to move forward in the context of a community of care and respect. It is a place where guests, volunteers, staff and donors create a community where all lives are charged in positive ways. St. Margaret's House serves as a national model of what can be created when people come together to help one another.

#3 - When the Spirit Says Move

Presenter: Meghan Western, St. James, Clintonville, OH

Workshop Description

Our spiritual lives have been expressed through movement in many cultures for many centuries. We will discuss and explore prayer and spiritual connection through mindful movement and daily rhythms. Offered by dancer/choreographer and lifelong Episcopalian, Meghan Western. Come prepared to move and engage in creative dialog.

#4 - OIW How becoming a more Open, Inviting and Welcoming faith community can change the way we evaluate success within membership development.

Presenters: Jordan Trendelman, St. Alban's, IN

Christina Connelly

Workshop Description

What does it mean to be an Open Inviting and Welcoming Church? We will retrace our parish's journey through the OIW initiative and how it has effected the culture of our church family. What started as an attempt to foster new membership ultimately resulted in a dialogue that has enriched and prepared our congregation for the uncertainty that we face in tough times. The focus of the workshop will be to provide tools so that other faith communities can challenge themselves to ask the hard questions and embrace the vulnerability that comes with with being open to one another. We will discuss the importance of invitation that starts within the parish walls long before it is extended to the community at large. Finally we will examine how welcoming one another into each others spiritual lives is not just something that is done the first time we meet but is an ongoing aspect of deepening relationship.

#5 - What Do You Do When Church Is Not Enough

Presenters

Kathleen Crossman, Calvary Episcopal, Batavia, IL

Sr. Donna Ruth Hawk-Reinhard

Br. John Brendan Filkins

Sr. Barbara Jean Brown

Sr. Julian Wilson

Sr. Veronica Marcy Dunbar

and possible more including St. Louis, Michigan, Ohio

Workshop Description

We all see that the world is changing all around us. The people of God have seen change before. What did they do to address their own spiritual longings? What does this mean to the changing needs of the people of God today? For some, that longing today is filled through new monasticism.

What is New Monasticism and/or dispersed religious communities? How does it work with your daily life? How do you discern if God is calling you to this life? Have you been wondering about these things? Come join us to gain an understanding of what it's all about. Find out how to put your desire into action.

#6 - Racial Reconciliation in a Small Indiana Town

Presenters

Jim Warnock, Gethsemane Episcopal Church, Marion, IN

Kresha Warnock

Bill Munn

Workshop Description

This workshop will be based on work we've done in Marion, Indiana. My parish has been involved in reconciliation ministry for about a dozen years. After the election of President Trump, we partnered with an AME church and participated in several rallies and a special showing of the film "Selma." In 2017 we put together a seminar largely for students at two evangelical colleges in Marion. "Love Thy Neighbor," addressed largely to white people, talked about white privilege and asked if we, today, bore responsibility for events in the past.

This led us into further partnerships with an African-American parish near us. We did a second seminar, "Uprooting Racial Injustice," in 2018. We will talk about these seminars, offer people time to participate in some of the discussion exercises we used, and have time for questions and interaction.

#7 - Recruiting and Maintaining Faith Formation teachers

Presenter: Suzanne Di Piazza, St. Clare of Assisi, Ann Arbor, MI

Workshop Description

This workshop deals with ways to recruit, train and maintain volunteer teachers. I have been involved in Children/youth ministry for 30+ years, in 5 states and have had great success in this area.

#8 - The Sun Wheel Image of Light

Presenter: The Rev. Paula Engelhorn, St. George Episcopal Church in Macomb, IL

Workshop Description

The workshop is designed to share information about the Sun Wheel as a spiritual way to pray and help reverse the devastating effects of climate change. The Sun Wheel is a formation of stones, which can be made in many different sizes and in many areas. I have built Sun Wheels in different locations throughout the country. Including at Camp Mitchell in Arkansas, The Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas' camp and retreat center. A power point presentation of Sun Wheels will be presented, I wish to offer this workshop as a service to our earth and as one more way for Episcopalians to help bring about change because of the deepening effects of climate change.

#9 - The Parable of the Garden: How Stewardship of Creation is an act of Evangelism.
Presenter: Fr Joshua Nelson, St David's Episcopal Church, IN

Workshop Description

Overview of how a tiny parish transformed some empty grass into a creation chapel; welcoming our neighbors in the spirit of Leviticus 19:9-10. We will also explore ways to Go Green within any parish to "make our garden grow."

Unity Garden Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/210693119547043/>

#10 - Becoming the Story We Tell: How Narrative Learning Theory Can Transform Our Congregations

Presenters

The Rev. Debra K. Bullock, Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Evanston, IL) is completing her Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Growth and Development at Bexley Seabury Seminary. Her thesis is "Becoming the Story We Tell: Preparing a Congregation to be Catechumenate Ready"

The Rev. Canon John W. B. Hill holds an honorary doctorate from Trinity College, Toronto, for his work on restoring the catechumenate in the Anglican Church of Canada. The focus of his work over many years has been clarifying and strengthening the ritual practices of the Church in a time when the role of the Church in society is rapidly changing; he is the author of two books on Baptism and many articles on the renewal of the liturgy.

Workshop Description

Imagine re-entering the deep drama of the gospel through liturgy, scripture study, and reflection. Imagine the whole community gathering at the Easter Vigil with a renewed gratitude for the connection between baptism and our annual immersion in the story of Christ's passion. Imagine this renewal spilling over into joy in mission and outreach. Just as the way we pray shapes the way we believe so too the stories we tell about ourselves shape the way we live out our lives as followers of Jesus. Join us as we learn about narrative learning and situated learning theories and are introduced to a process for preparing congregations to become catechumenate-ready.

#11 - Traditional, Formation, and Depth: Welcoming and engaging Millennials in your parish family

Presenters

Garwood Anderson, Nashotah House Theological Seminary, WI

Rev. Ryan Pollock, Assisting Evangelist - Diocese of Dallas, Curate for Young Adults - St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dallas, TX

Workshop Description

"The Millennials" are perhaps the most written-about generation in human history, at least in part because their ways of identifying what matters to them and how they decide to invest their time and energy are so different than the generations that have come before.

Where young adult ministry for the last 40 years focused on a departure from tradition and shying away from inter-generational dialogue, against all odds, Millennials are filling churches

and chapels from New York to California not for the rock bands or fresh expressions meant to attract them, but for the quiet experience of centuries-old Compline chanted by candlelight and old-fashioned pot-luck dinners. Searching for authenticity, and longing to truly belong, the older ideas of ministries to young adults and their young families need to shift to meet these desires in the hearts of Millennials.

Hear from an evangelist to young adults and an experienced leader in seminary education as they discuss the roles of tradition, spiritual formation (not just information), and the search for depth as a framework to understand what young adults and their young families are seeking in a parish family, and share ideas for how parishes of any size can welcome this next generation of leaders through authenticity and being really present to one another.

#12 - Walking Together: Finding Common Ground Through Racial Reconciliation

Presenters

Kathy Vanden Boogaard, Northern Michigan

Arlene Gordanier

Brad Nedeau

Deb Nedeau

Workshop Description

We will be sharing information about the UTO grant initiative written and being implemented in partnership with the Great Lakes Peace Center called Walking Together: Finding Common Ground Through Racial Reconciliation. This is a project that focuses on discussions of our Church history, Listening and Learning sessions with Native American community members, and building positive relationships with our indigenous communities, including developing a traveling exhibit that tells the truth about our Church and dream for a Beloved Community. We will also be sharing a variety of resources that are being utilized to help us build bridges with our Native American neighbors on and off reservations throughout the Upper Peninsula.

#13 - Lay Discernment: using back-casting to develop three models

Presenter: Spencer Pugh, St Anne, West Chester, OH

Spencer Pugh is the chair of the Commission on Ministry for the Diocese of Southern Ohio. He is a life-long Episcopalian and currently a member of St. Anne, West Chester, OH. His other activities include Licensed Lay Preacher and Stephen Minister. His day job is leading research and development for a specialty chemical company in Cincinnati OH.

Workshop Description

Over the past four years, the Commission on Ministry (CoM) of the Diocese of Southern Ohio (DSO) has developed an approach to fulfill our canonical obligation to support discernment for lay people. Our journey started with reading and reflection to develop our guiding principles. We then used structured brainstorming to help clarify our objectives. Finally, we employed a novel planning technique known as “back-casting” to resolve some internal barriers and to create an action plan. The culmination has been the development of three separate approaches that support discernment for laity – and to-date the DSO CoM has tried out two of these three approaches. In this presentation we will share details of our journey and our results – including a diocesan lay discernment workshop entitled “Listening to our Lives” conducted

this past fall that had 24 participants. We will also give participants some hands-on experience with the “back-casting” planning technique.

#14 - Dismantling Racism in Dioceses and Congregations

Presenters

Adrienne Dillon has been a member of the Diocese of Missouri Commission on Dismantling Racism since 2005 and was an alternate deputy to General Convention in 2018.

Tony Corey joined the Episcopal Church and St Timothy's Church (near St Louis, MO) in 2012. He is an active member of the Diocese of Missouri's long standing Commission on Dismantling Racism and founded St Timothy's Ministry of Racial Reconciliation.

Workshop Description

The Diocese of Missouri would like to share resources for understanding and confronting institutional racism. We will give participants an opportunity to experience interactive exercises and reflections from our two-day training as well as activities from congregational events. We will also discuss how to build anti-racism program at the diocesan or congregational level.

#15 - Creating a Wind Ensemble to strengthen music during worship

Presenters

Sean Meade

Tom Adamson

Workshop Description

Churches of 60 or larger could have 2-3 adult musicians thrilled to play during church services and or events. Taking those 2-3 adults and having them mentor youth Musicians and creating ensembles and or a Wind Ensemble with Strings to help improve the music options during services and events at the church. The larger the church the higher the odds you will have and be able to sustain a wind ensemble at your church. Things to do to entice the youth and adults to stay in the group.

#16 - Growing Disciples by Tending Creation

Presenter: Nurya Parish, Plainsong Farm, MI

The Rev. Nurya Love Parish is co-founder and Executive Director of Plainsong Farm. She developed the guide to the Christian Food Movement, co-founded the ChurchLands Initiative, and serves Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Belmont part-time as rector. She was a member of the Episcopal Church's Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation (2015-2018) and served on the legislative committee for Care of Creation at General Convention 2018.

Workshop Description

At Plainsong Farm, we're developing programs and processes that grow disciples and tend Creation at the same time. We're sure we aren't alone - others throughout our province are engaged in similar efforts. Come to learn more about our ministries (including the heirloom wheat program we received from Honoré Farm and Mill which now provides communion bread to multiple churches). Come and reflect on Scripture and how our journey as disciples means engaging the hard truths of climate change. Come, remember your baptism, and begin again as a servant of Christ through whom all things were made.

This workshop includes Bible study, a presentation by the Rev. Nurya Love Parish about the ministries of Plainsong Farm, sharing of your own stories of care of Creation, and regional networking for mutual learning and support.

#17 and #18 - Working together for lasting change: An asset based approach to community development

Presenter: Tamara Plummer, Episcopal Relief & Development

Workshop Description

Episcopal Relief & Development is a faith based relief and development organization that works together with communities through its Episcopal and Anglican partners to create lasting change. We work with communities across the globe as they utilize their gifts to respond to human need. This workshop will demonstrate practical resources for this asset based approach to ministry so that you can work with you church and neighbors to live into the dream God has for your community. (Join in one or both of these workshops.)

#17 - Part 1:

In Part 1, we will specifically look at the basics of Asset Based Community Development and how it fits into the work of Episcopal Relief & Development. This section will provide you with practical tools that you can use to implement new ministries and grow ministries that reflect the dreams of your congregation and community.

#18 - Part 2.

Building on our conversations and work in Part 1 this section will link the work of ministry and congregational development with disaster preparedness, response and resilience. During our first section, we covered the basics of ABCD. In this second part, we will get even more practical by connecting this asset based approach to our work in the US Disaster Program, where we use this methodology to support communities as they recover from, prepare for and respond to disasters.

Bio of the presenter:

Tamara Plummer is a Program Officer for Asset Recognition in the US Disaster Program at Episcopal Relief & Development. She has worked on The Episcopal Asset Map for the past three years by supporting dioceses as they implement this transformative project for The Episcopal Church. Tamara is a life long Episcopalian skilled and trained in facilitation, program planning, and leadership development.

#19 - Be a Leader who Creates Leaders

Presenter: Sally O'Brien

Workshop Description

Participate in exercises to hone your skills in leadership of small groups. A smorgasbord of approaches to quell the conflict, keep the group focused, and facilitate group process.

#20 - Process for Worship Community Discernment of the Call and Will to Adapt

Presenter: Sally O'Brien

Workshop Description

The highlights of a process that you can use to lead a worship community through the choices about their future. Overview of elements that help members hear their call and determine their will to adapt to a changed condition or environment.

#21 - Roundtable for Diocesan Leaders Best Practices for Worship Community

Transformation

Presenter: Sally O'Brien

Workshop Description

Share your knowledge and learn from your colleagues.

1. Share your thoughts and experience about **strategies for diocesan decision making** about worship community support, intervention, and transformation.
2. Share your best **hands-on processes** to help congregations
 - hear the call and the will to transform
 - partner with others for impact
 - connect to their neighborhood
 - move from unsustainable to sustainable

You are invited to bring presentation materials that describe your process or key learnings.

#22 - Growing the Parish in a Resort Community

Presenters

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Dave Penniman, Church of the Nativity, Boyne City, MI

Dave Penniman holds a degree in Industrial Administration with specialty in Organizational Development, and a Master of Divinity degree. He served almost 20 years as a United Methodist pastor, has worked as a coordinator of volunteer services for a regional hospice, as a counselor for a community mental health agency, as Lay Ministries Coordinator for Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Petoskey, and now as Program Coordinator and sometimes lay worship leader and preacher for Nativity in Boyne City.

Michael Nichols, Calvary Episcopal Church, Hillman, MI

Workshop Description

Resorters, tourists, and year-round residents have differing spiritual needs. This workshop

will feature a round-table discussion on these different populations and how the local parish can serve them and thrive with ministries that change with the seasonal shifts of population.

#23 - Planning and Leading Lay-led Worship

Name of Lead Presenter

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Michael Nichols, Calvary Episcopal Church, Hillman, MI

Workshop Description

Sunday morning is coming and there is no priest available. What are some effective and helpful ways to plan and lead a Sunday service for your parish? This workshop will explore options for preparing a service of Morning Prayer appropriate to Sunday mornings. Participants are urged to bring their own copies of the Book of Common Prayer.

#24 - Yes, You Can Preach – for Lay Preachers

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Michael Nichols, Calvary Episcopal Church, Hillman, MI

Workshop Description

There is nothing magical about preaching an effective sermon, nor do you need a special talent. This workshop will present some guidance and helpful considerations for you – yes, you - to prepare and deliver a sermon.

#25 - Knitting: prayer shawls, baby blankets and hats

Presenter: Joan Amati, St. David's, Bean Blossom, IN

Workshop Description

This is an opportunity to work on a shawl, to learn new prayers and relax. Supplies will be provided and some shawls will be already started. An opportunity to look at new patterns, learn the meaning of the colors of the pray shawls. Join us for fellowship, sharing of patterns, sharing

your knitting experiences through church or other groups. Feel free to bring your own projects and just hang out. Hope to see you in July for relaxation, sharing and knitting.

#26 - God is in the Neighborhood

Presenters

Kate Gillooly, Diocese of Ohio

Kate Gillooly serves as Director of Congregational Development at Heights Christian Church and Director of Deacon Formation for the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. She is finishing her thesis on lay ministry in the church and the world for her Doctor of Ministry from Bexley Seabury seminary and is thrilled to be part of the leadership team for Connecting Communities, a new missional Initiative with 13 parishes in the diocese of Ohio.

Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale, Canon to the Ordinary for Administration and Evangelism - Diocese of Indianapolis

Michelle Killin-Keith, Coordinator of Family, Children, and Youth Ministries, St. Peter's Lakewood - Diocese of Ohio

Michelle Killin-Keith has more than 10 years of professional work experience within non-profit and interfaith organizations. Most recent experience is at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lakewood, Ohio. Most of my focus is with Events Planning, Recruiting, Scheduling, Teaching, Budget, and Community Outreach.

Workshop Description

If we believe God is active in the world around us, we may want to get outside our church buildings to meet Christ in our neighbors. It can be as simple as walking through a neighborhood looking for signs of God, or as complex as joining with other agencies to create change in our community. Join members of diocesan leadership teams from Indianapolis and Ohio as they reflect on their experiences in training congregations in the Faithful Innovation Initiative (developed by the Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile and Luther Seminary), an experiential approach to missional thinking, experimentation, and action-reflection learning.

#27 - Pathway to Reconciliation

Presenters

Diane Shalda, Chicago, IL

Rory Smith

Workshop Description

This workshop provides an overview of "The Pathway to Reconciliation" Study Guide which was designed for use with congregations. It is based on the Diocesan Final Report of the Legacy of Slavery Task Force. The Task Force was to examine the complicity of the Diocese of Chicago and its predecessor, the Diocese of Illinois, in: a. "the institution of slavery; b. the subsequent history of segregation and discrimination; and c. the current practices of segregation and discrimination". The study guide addresses these three issues. Congregations are finally asked to reimagine their congregation in light of antiracism and decide what next steps need to be taken.

#28 - I'm called too!

Presenter: Kate Gillooly, St. Luke's, Cleveland, OH

Kate Gillooly serves as Director of Congregational Development at Heights Christian Church and Director of Deacon Formation for the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. She is finishing her thesis on lay ministry in the church and the world for her Doctor of Ministry from Bexley Seabury seminary and is thrilled to be part of the leadership team for Connecting Communities, a new missional Initiative with 13 parishes in the diocese of Ohio.

Workshop Description

Through baptism everyone is called to ministry. Come hear stories of call to lay ministry and consider how God might be calling you! These stories of call were gathered as part of Kate's doctoral thesis, and are presented in a dramatic sermon. An accompanying study guide provides options for further exploration of discernment, institutional support, and sustainability. Together we'll discuss how the church can help people listen for God, and share their gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ, and for the healing of the world.

#29 - Women's Ministries: Calling Attention to Tough Issues of Our Time

Presenters

Beth Petti, Diocese of Chicago

Barbara Jones, Diocese of Ohio

Gail Donovan, Diocese of Western Michigan

Connie Ott, Diocese of Milwaukee

Workshop Description

Through interactive , hands-on exercises, and game formats, Diocesan Women's Ministries and ECW groups will gather to talk about some of the critical societal issues of our time and how we work together to address them.

Learn about how different groups are addressing: gender-based violence/homelessness, human trafficking, opioid addiction, prison ministry especially related to re-entry programs and inter-faith ministry, access to education, access to health care for youth and mothers, and women's economic empowerment.

Our priorities follow the initiatives of the UN Committee on the Status of Women and those of our sisters in the International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN).

Join us to strengthen your responses to your community's largest needs.

#30 - Discerning Vocations for Individuals and Congregations

Presenter: John Lewis, Seminary of the Southwest, St. Benedict's Workshop, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas

Workshop Description

“Vocation” can often be one of the most misunderstood and confusing words in the theological lexicon. Nevertheless, the Scriptures point to ways that “vocation” can serve all of God’s people as a lens for interpreting the world and shaping every aspect of our faithfulness in daily life. In

this interactive workshop, John Lewis will present a working model of vocation collaboratively developed over 22 years of ministry working with individuals and congregations seeking to discern the many ways God calls them to service in the world. John will also demonstrate how the digital resources of the Iona Center at Seminary of the Southwest can support vocational discernment for individuals and congregations. The Rev. John Lewis, D.Phil., is Director of the Iona Center and Lecturer in New Testament and Spirituality at Seminary of the Southwest. He oversees the seminary's non-degree programs, including the Iona Collaborative, a network of 28 Episcopal dioceses that use the seminary's digitized curriculum and spiritual care education courses in their local diocesan settings to form people for ordination and lay leadership.

#31 - The Role of Progressive Christian Voices in the Public Square

Presenter: Marcia Ledford, Diocese of Michigan

Workshop Description

Parishioners worry that by participating in public advocacy and protests against government actions jeopardize a church's tax exempt-(501 (c) (3) status. This isn't the case, and there is a lot we can do to create a more just society.

The Rev. Dr. Marcia Ledford, Esq., priest and attorney, will give an overview of our Christian responsibility to advocate, with and for, those suffering on the margins. The First Amendments rights of expression guarantee our protection to speak and act.

Participants will work on public theology case studies from our province to find possible public actions. Attendees are welcome to submit an issue, or case studies will be provided. Let's brainstorm and publicly work for justice!

#32 - From stage coach to Kindle

Presenters

Maryfran Crist, Province V Rep, Church Periodical Club

Andrea Heckner

Cai Amrstrong, President, Church Periodical Club

Workshop Description

This is an inter-generational workshop from preschool to all ages of adults. Combine a some history of book sent to the West (ie Indiana, Illinois Michigan) etc to present MOP

Miles of Pennies which funds can fund kindle downloads to all forms of the written word.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their pennies to BPG to see if we can collect at mile of pennies - that 84, 480. Everyone will leave with ideas to raise funds, ideas for grants, and their own coloring book to take home.

#33 - Reading and access to the written word essential for all Beloved Communities

Presenters

Andrea Heckner

Maryfran Crist, Province V rep, Church Periodical Club

Cai Amrstrong, President, Church Periodical Club

Workshop Description

Explore with Andrea the benefits of ministry of the written word. Learn how this ministry is a justice issue as well as outreach and in reach. Join is designing programs for all ages as well as all age groups.

Goal is to raise awareness of impact of low literacy, lack of access to written materials

To understand that these issues have economic, social justice, isolation as well as health ramifications

Learn ways the church can respond both within the congregation and the community

In a Beloved Community needs can not be ignored but we are called to find ways to be advocates for change and hope.

#34 - God's Mission has a Church

Presenter: Teresa M. Wakeen Priest Missioner, The Church at Crossroads - Episcopal, Detroit, MI

Workshop Description

We all love the Church and while God does too, the mission of God is always guiding the Church into the world where God is already abundantly planting. Church planting is about joining with the people and places where God's action is already happening. What then is our job? Told in the context of a three year church plant, The Church at Crossroads- Episcopal, Detroit, the workshop will explore ideas of God's calling and our listening; deeply considering mission and vision; listening and discerning new understandings for the shape of ministry; going through "doldrums," embracing others widely, waiting on the Spirit, keeping faith and other topics. Come join the discussion, see what and where God is guiding you and those who would join with you. Find and follow God into the world. Rejoice and be Glad!

#35 - Bread for the Journey

Presenter: Sharon Ely Pearson, Church Publishing Inc.

Sharon Ely Pearson is an editor with Church Publishing Incorporated (CPI) with experience in Christian formation on the local, judicatory, and church-wide level. Known for her knowledge of the variety of published curricula across the church, she has also had her hand in the birthing of many books, including the recent *Faithful Celebrations: Making Time for God* series and is part of the Presiding Bishop's Way of Love Working Group. She lives in Norwalk, Connecticut.

Workshop Description

A well-known religious educator, Thomas Groome, has described the purpose of Christian religious education as “leading people out into the kingdom of God.” Jesus showed us the way – he taught about it and led people into it. Modeling Jesus’ teaching, we understand the goal of education in the church is not just producing bigger and better programs; it is not just increasing knowledge; it is not just “getting people involved.” We are called to lead people out into the kingdom of God. Come... share... learn... simple ways to transform your Christian education and formation ministries that support, nurture, and feed all who are on a journey of faith toward the Kingdom.

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Confirmation as Baptismal Renewal not Exit Strategy

It has been estimated that at least 50% of those confirmed drop out of active church membership. Reviewing the history of confirmation and the faith development of adolescents, as well as their cognitive, emotional and physical growth stages, can perhaps inform our understanding of how we can develop a better model of youth preparation. Hear the findings of *The Confirmation Project* and how our churches can tap into the data, moving from a “rite of passage” to a piece of one’s lifelong faith journey. Share your best practices and struggles as we talk about a strategy to tap into confirmation as a new opportunity to engage youth (and their parents).

#37 - Using communication to reach, teach and engage community

Presenters

Mimi Shipp, Emmanuel Episcopal Parish Assistant for Ministry Support, Webster Groves, MO
Mimi is a retired design/construction professional whose bucket list included working at Emmanuel. She started there in 2015 and immediately realized that the overall communications were stale and ineffective. Through quick research and solid examples for clergy approval, Emmanuel found its way to the 21st century!

Beth Felice, Diocese of Missouri

Workshop Description

When was the last time you took a critical look at the various communication media types and their effectiveness? How do we form and build community through bulletins, inserts, newsletters, emails, banners, and advertising? It can be overwhelming but does not need to be. We will walk through initial steps and questions that will lead you to engaging content, impactful design, and how to find and use resources.

#38 - Caring for Creation through Sustainability and Advocacy

Presenters:

Leah Wiste, Michigan Interfaith Power & Light

Representatives from the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan and St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Detroit)

Workshop Description

This workshop is about the different ways congregations and people of faith can respond to some of the most pressing issues of our time: climate change and environmental degradation. It will look at how and why one Detroit congregation installed rooftop solar and the ways that members of one Episcopal Diocese are advocating for change.

#39 - CCD - Intercultural Competence

Presenter

Andrea Mysen, Diocese of Chicago

Victor Conrado

Gregg Morris

Workshop Description

The College for Congregational Development (CCD) is a training program designed to equip lay and ordained leaders to develop healthy, vital congregations of all shapes, sizes, and contexts. We cover a multitude of areas in CCD, and our newest unit addresses *cultural competency*.

All of us have culture, and in fact, operate within multiple cultural contexts in our lives. Culture is like the air we breathe - we move about in it constantly, mostly at an unconscious level. The effectiveness with which we interact and communicate with the cultures of others is called intercultural competence.

In this workshop we will use a tool called the Intercultural Development Continuum to help us assess our own attitudes, comfort, and effectiveness in interacting with different cultures, and

talk about ways to increase our own and our congregations' cultural awareness. We will also briefly talk about the Chicago CCD program, which is open to lay and ordained leaders from any diocese.

#40 - Altar Guild

Presenters

David Hawley-Lowry, Grace, Holland, MI

Sandi Snellink

Linda Busman

Workshop Description

Altar guild gathering!

#41 - Fierce Conversations for the Future Church

Presenter: Courtney Reid, Diocese of Chicago

Workshop Description

Do you ever wish for conversations that are more authentic, more productive, and lead to desired outcomes. Come learn more about tools and strategies to have conversations that can make a difference in your church, your community, your career, and your life.

#42 - Help! There's a school in my backyard!

Presenter: Beth Scriven, St. Louis, MO

Is there an institution of higher learning in your church's backyard, neighborhood, or town? Have you peeked out the church window at the students walking down the street and thought to yourself "someone should probably do some campus ministry kind of thing"? Wondering where and how to start?

Wonder no more! In this workshop, Beth Scriven, Provincial Coordinator for Young Adult and Campus Ministries and chaplain at two universities in St. Louis will share what's worked for others and help you figure out what might work for you. Participants will identify what's unique about their own context and what they have to offer college students, and discover how they might take the first steps toward a thriving parish-based campus ministry of their own.

#43 - Building up and Advancing Diocesan Schools for Ministry

Presenter: James Mathes, Virginia Theological Seminary

Jim Mathes served as rector and canon to the ordinary in the Diocese of Chicago. He is the fourth Bishop of San Diego, now serving as Associate Dean of Students and Director of Anglican Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Workshop Description

We will look at a process for envisioning, planning and establishing a local school for ministry that serves lay ministry, diaconal formation, and priestly formation. Our model is based on the work done in the Diocese of San Diego to create a School of Ministry which is now in its sixth year of operation.

#44 - Standing Up to Death: Healing Prayer in the Parish and Beyond

Presenter: Meredith Hunt, Grace, Traverse City, MI

Workshop Description

We live in a world where we are surrounded by suffering and by the powers of death. This workshop will explore the role of healing prayer in the church as a ministry of the Body of Christ, in the context of our call as baptized Christians to stand up to those powers. Included will be both theological reflection on the Christian history and understanding of healing as well as practical considerations and experience.

#45 - Eat This Book: Lectio Divina and Sermon Preparation

Presenter: Steven Peay, All Saints' Cathedral, Milwaukee, WI

Steven Peay is Associate Dean/Canon Residentiary at All Saints Cathedral and Research Professor of Homiletics and Church History/Dean-President Emeritus at Nashotah House Theological Seminary. He spent 18 years as a Benedictine monk and has discovered the value of *lectio divina* in the preaching process.

Workshop Description

"Eat this book" is a phrase that shows up several times in the Bible. Monastic writers saw this as an invitation to truly ingest and incorporate the Word. Mariano Magrassi writes, "The divine energy received in the sacrament becomes rooted in our soul. The demands of the Word are the same, since it forms a single table with the Eucharist. It is not enough to eat; we must assimilate, or as the ancients would say, 'ruminate.'" Thus *lectio sacra* is the natural complement of ecclesial proclamation." This ruminant practice can be a vital part of sermon preparation – feeding both the preacher and the hearer. This workshop will examine the venerable, and practical, practice of *lectio divina* in sermon preparation.

#46 - Fresh From The Field: What Your Congregation Can Learn From A New Church Plant

Presenter: Gray Lesesne, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, IN

Workshop Description

Something interesting is happening in the cornfields-turned-suburbs of Indianapolis...Good Samaritan Episcopal Church is the first intentional church start of the Diocese of Indianapolis in more than 20 years. Centered in an historically traditional county where megachurches predominate the landscape, Good Sam's is an intentionally boutique congregation focusing on focusing on hands-on service and intentional outreach as a way of life, inclusion of all people, and open-minded evangelism.

Come learn about how this church without a building has grown from 0 to more than 175 people in four years. We'll talk about new church starts and also share church start practices that existing congregations can steal and adapt!

#47 - 3 Do-able social media evangelism projects to share your faith stories and build community

Presenter: Beth Felice, Communications Director, Diocese of Missouri

Workshop Description

We've all been there! Confronted with a glut of digital options and a burning desire to share our Good News stories... but where to begin, what to choose? In this workshop we'll outline three communications ministry projects that can scale up or down, are low or no budget, and how they worked out in DioceseMO. Prayer and event cards for social media, podcasting Jesus stories, and evangelism on a shared social media account. Plus an introduction to online resources and communities for networking with other church communicators.

#48 - Messy Church

Presenter: Missy Harrison, St. John's, Midland, MI

Workshop Description

Messy Church is an all age worship experience that explores God's love in an accessible way. At Messy Church, today's busy families of all shapes and sizes are invited into a welcoming space to experience faith.

Messy Church began at one small church in England in 2004. Today there are close to 4000 Messy Churches that meet monthly all over the world. All Messy Churches follow Five Core Values: All Ages Together, Creativity, Celebration, Hospitality, and Christ Centered.

This workshop is a mini Messy Church lab where you will actually experience a condensed version of Messy Church.

#49 - Creating Your Own Prayer Tent

Presenters: Erin Wolf, All Saints, Appleton, WI

Workshop Description

After experiencing the interaction prayer spaces in the Prayer Tent, you can learn how to re-create your own in your local context. Whether you have a sizeable budget, have no budget, or are somewhere in-between, you can do it! This workshop will include discussion and resource sharing, so come ready to participate and learn from one another.

#50A, #50B, #50C - Peace Camp for Kids

Presenter: Jen Enriquez, IL

Workshop Description

Peace Camp is an experience in which children gain knowledge, skills and tools to meet conflict and violence they see in the World. God's peace manifests itself in each person first, and that peace spreads to family, school, community, nation, WORLD. Peace Camp provides children the experience of intentionally finding peace within themselves, meeting conflict in their world with love, identifying "peace" heroes in their lives and throughout history, and learning about differing cultures and religions – focusing on our commonalities. Cooperative games, art, and

children's literature and more are incorporated in Peace Camp.

This workshop is a "lab" where participants will observe and participate as they wish. Ideas will be offered for customizing a Peace Camp to your setting and the resources available in your community. You will also gain practical information such as monetary and volunteer expenditure needed to run a Peace Camp in your community and a sample schedule for daily rotations at camp.

#51 - The 5 Minute Tale - Story Telling with a Slam

Presenter: Rob Osterman, Church of the Resurrection, Clarkston, MI

Workshop Description

Join Rob Osterman, teacher and story teller, to discuss tips and tricks to entice an audience, bring them along, and share with them a Slam-Story. What makes a good hook? Can you change tone? How do you do it all in under 5 Minutes? What separates a Slam Story from good old fashioned story telling? All this and more as we work to weave tales to engage and educate.

#52 - Sharing Faith Stories

Presenter: Katie Forsyth, Eastern & Western Michigan

Workshop Description

To prepare for the work of evangelism, participants will practice crafting and sharing their stories of faith with one another. We'll walk out the door ready to tell the world, "why Jesus?".

Katie Forsyth is Canon for Evangelism and Networking for the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan where she works to get folks talking with one another and with their wider communities. She lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan and works in Grand Rapids, Saginaw, and from her car.

#53 - A Gift to the World: Co-laborers for the Healing of Brokenness

Presenters

David Simmons, Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Officers & St. Matthias, Waukesha, WI

Vanessa E. B. Clark, Rector, St. James, Painesville, Ohio & Province V Representative to EDEIO

Workshop Description

The Episcopal Church General Convention first authorized dialogue with the Methodist Church in 1953. The 79th General Convention in 2018, Resolution A041 stated we "...receive with gratitude the proposal 'A Gift to the World, Co-Laborers for the Healing of Brokenness,'... encourages all Episcopalians to utilize the many resources available to understand the substance of this dialogue and its goal of full communion...and encourages and supports prayerful consideration by all Episcopalians during the coming triennium of this significant step forward in response to our Lord's fervent wish "that all may be one."

We invite you to learn more about the proposal.

#54 - Learning from London: Mission and Evangelism in the 21st Century

Presenter: Jason Fout, Bexley Seabury Seminary Federation

Workshop Description

We've all heard the news: the Episcopal Church in the US has shrunk by 24% over the last decade, and our prospects look dim. Many reasons for this decline are offered: growing secularity, the rise of the "nones", changing attitudes towards religion and religious observance, the encounter with other religions. But inevitable decline is not the only story to be told for Anglicanism in the developed world.

Since 1990, the Diocese of London in the Church of England has grown by around 70%. This has come about through a combination of dynamic local parish programs, strategic planning for planting and renewing churches, and an inspiring vision set forth by the diocese. All of this has taken place in the midst of one of the most diverse, vibrant, cosmopolitan, multi-faith and secularized urban centers in the world.

How has this come about? And what may be learned from London's methods for our own context? Join Jason Fout for an introduction to the many facets of the mission and evangelism taking place in the Diocese of London.

#55 - Faith Based Response to the Opioid Crisis

Presenters

Jeff Butcher, The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, National Office, Louisville KY

Karl Colder, former DEA Administrator and Brother Andrew

Waring Webb, Brother Andrew

Ted Main, Brother Andrew

Workshop Description

How to approach and plan a hands-on ministry to people suffering from the Opioid crisis presented by The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, a national ministry to men.

#56 - Love is a verb

Presenter: Terri C. Pilarski, Chist Church, Dearborn, MI

The Rev. Terri C. Pilarski, M.Div., LMSW-C has been a parish priest for nineteen years and holds a dual degree, Masters of Divinity from Seabury-Western and a Masters of Social from Loyola Graduate School of Social Work, with an emphasis on Murry Bowen's Family Systems theory for congregations. She is a trained Spiritual Director, and has several credentials in intercultural competency. Her goal is to have as fun as possible in life and ministry, being willing to do the necessary good hard work to be healthy and whole, following the way of Jesus.

Workshop Description

Love is a verb: If we believe that Jesus leads the way toward living life as God intends by loving God, loving self, and loving others, how might we do that effectively? St. Paul in the letter to the church in Corinth describes living a life of love as a growth in maturity. Then in the fourth chapter of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul describes the characteristics of healthy, mature human love and interaction. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has called us to walk in the way of love as

part of the Jesus Movement. How do we grow as mature Christians, becoming transformed and whole as Jesus models? This workshop will lean into work by Brene Brown, Faithwalking (Faithwalking.us) and Bowen's Family Systems Theory (without being theoretical) with the aim to help people become more effective leaders. Open to lay and ordained leaders.

#57 - Claiming My Voice

Presenter: Terri C. Pilarski, Christ Church, Dearborn, MI

The Rev. Terri C. Pilarski, M.Div., LMSW-C has been a parish priest for nineteen years and holds a dual degree, Masters of Divinity from Seabury-Western and a Masters of Social from Loyola Graduate School of Social Work, with an emphasis on Murry Bowen's Family Systems theory for congregations. She is a trained Spiritual Director, and has several credentials in intercultural competency. Her goal is to have as fun as possible in life and ministry, being willing to do the necessary good hard work to be healthy and whole, following the way of Jesus.

Workshop Description

Claiming My Voice: living a truly authentic life as an ordained woman, living fully into one's call while navigating an often hostile world: Open to women clergy only this workshop will invite us to talk about the challenges of being an ordained female priest or deacon (or bishop) and how we can become more effective in our call by learning to claim our voices in authentic ways, which leads to less anxiety and more effective leadership and the potential for others to really hear us. Utilizing aspects of Bowen's Family Systems Theory (without being theoretical) as well as Faithwalking, Brene Brown, and others.

#58 - Music with Sandra Montes

Presenters: Sandra Montes

Spend time learning from our "Big Provincial Gathering" musicians!

A workshop and lab opportunity to learn from Sandra – an expert in a variety of liturgical music and helping people engage in worship with music.

#59 – From God to the Gospel

Presenter: Rafeal McDaniel

This workshop will spend time doing a comparison on the styles of music from The Hymnal 1982 and LEVAS, discovering how they are the same liturgy, but written in different styles! Using both helps highlight the diversity in the Anglican Communion.

#60 - A new model of clergy staff

Presenters

Aaron Gerlach

Jan Smith Wood

Margaret D'Anieri

Workshop Description

As clergy serving in three distinct small city/county seat parishes in “flyover land” between Cleveland and Toledo, three of us began to imagine what it might look like to function in ways parallel to the clergy staff of a large parish. Over the past four years, we’ve taken on several projects, defined what we can and cannot do together, and most of all, served as

accountability and support for one another. In this workshop, we'll recount the ways we have worked together, our successes and failures, and invite you to consider new models of clergy collegiality. Come talk with us about how to build connections and networks because it's so easy to become isolated.

#61 - The Season After All Saints: Contemplating Creative Liturgy

Presenters

Aaron Gerlach
Jan Smith Wood
Margaret D'Anieri

Workshop Description

As clergy who have been working together for a few years, we chose to take on the idea of re-imagining the season between All Saints and Christmas best described as an extended Advent or liturgy for "a season of yearning". We'll talk about the process of taking retreat time together, about what we each brought to this project, and how we hope to continue in the work of liturgical re-imagination that is both orthodox and distinctly seasonal.