

Workshop Opportunities for Vestry University - 2017

Session A 9:15-10:30	Session B 10:45-12:00	Session C 2:00-3:15
<p>A1: Senior Ministry Matters. Learn about ways to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) celebrate the involvement of seniors in your congregations; 2) develop ministries that enhance the quality of life for seniors; 3) deal with issues that affect the health and independence of seniors; and 4) share resources and ideas through workshops and diocesan communications. 	<p>B1: Episcopal Polity 101. A discussion of the particular fiduciary and spiritual responsibilities of the vestry as a whole, as well as for individual vestry members, wardens and clergy.</p>	<p>C1: Polity 102: What Does Our Diocese Do? How much do you know about how our diocese works? Find out what Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Diocesan Trustees, and Diocesan Convention (and related bodies) really do and what role they play in the life of your congregation.</p>
<p>A2: What You Need to Know About Your Church's Finances. We will outline the financial and other information you need to see each month, how to understand it, and how to identify any "red flags."</p>	<p>B2: Strengthening Stewardship with Electronic Giving. More and more, people are giving electronically. Learn about the benefits of e-giving and some of our congregations' experiences with the diocese's recommended vendor, Vanco Payment Solutions.</p>	<p>C2: Contemplative Prayer. Learn and experience how Centering Prayer can be an invaluable tool both on a personal level and also in vestry and other congregational meetings</p>
<p>A3: Dealing with Conflict. Conflict can often be avoided when we understand our roles and responsibilities as vestry members. Join the conversation on ways one can deal with conflict in a constructive manner.</p>	<p>B3: Clergy Are from the Sacristy, Vestries are from the Counting Room. Learn about ways that clergy and lay leaders can create and promote a culture of trust, responsibility and accountability.</p>	<p>C3: Understanding Clergy Compensation and Benefits From salary to housing allowance to health care to pension, providing for the clergy involves a need to fully understand all parts of the clergy's compensation and benefits package. Valuable information, resources, & candid conversation will be shared with vestry members and treasurers.</p>
<p>A4: Generational Giving. Learn about the unique sensitivities and behavioral trends of different generational groups and how to tailor your stewardship message to more effectively reach everyone.</p>	<p>B4: Management and Mission. A discussion with the</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;"> <p>This Workshop has been Cancelled</p> </div>	<p>C4: Anti-Racism Conversation. Racism is still very much a reality in America and in our own congregations. Join members of NAMASTE (our diocesan anti-racism commission) in a candid conversation about what we and our congregations can do to embrace diversity, inclusion and equality.</p>
<p>A5: Advancing Sanctuary without Going to Jail. Have you and your vestry thought about getting involved in the Sanctuary movement? Or, have you heard about it & want to know more? Come to hear what you can (and cannot) do as we seek to love and serve our neighbors</p>	<p>B5: Sharing Stories: Listening to God. Let's spend some time sharing stories of God's presence in our lives and congregations and discuss the importance of story for our role as spiritual leaders in our congregations.</p>	<p>C5: Dwelling in the Word: Listening to God through Scripture. You have decided to lead Dwelling in the Word in your vestry meeting – now what? We will practice dwelling in scripture and share the challenges and energy generated by listening to God through sacred stories.</p>
<p>A6: Ministry Planning. Most congregations don't plan to fail, they just fail to plan. What you need is a GPS for success because without a ministry plan, you don't have a clue. Now more than ever, a congregation needs to create a plan for its present and future mission and ministry. Come and learn how to get started.</p>	<p>B6: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. An introduction to the children's formation program whose primary purpose is to help children fall in love with Jesus. We will share stories about how three small parishes have used this curriculum and discuss ways that parish Christian Formation volunteers may adopt this curriculum for children ages 3 to 12, with the support of catechists in the New York and New Jersey region.</p>	<p>C6: Small and Thriving Congregations. What makes a small and thriving congregation? What advantages are to be found in small congregations compared to larger ones? Come explore these questions as we consider how God works in and through the gifts of small congregations.</p>
<p>A7: Property Management Guide. Our properties raise issues of legal and financial liability, property tax liability, insurance requirements, etc. The Diocesan Property Management Guide is filled with useful information about many church property issues. Jim Caputo, the Diocesan Property Manager and John C. Garde, President of the Diocesan Trustees and an attorney will walk you through the Guide and answer your questions.</p>	<p>B7: How to Solve Your Property Problems. The roof leaks, the Boiler does not work, and your church received a property tax bill. These are all issues related to the use and ownership of Church property. Thinking about a Ward Herbert, ECLF or some other application seeking funding? The Diocese has many resources available to its congregations that will help in solving property problems</p>	<p>C7: Church Law 101. Need to find your Certificate of Incorporation or rent out space to another organization or hire another staff person? All of these raise legal issues that you need to be aware of to properly manage your church. John C. Garde, will walk you through a variety of topics including how your church is legally organized, property tax, insurance, property usage issues, and answer your questions.</p>
<p>A8: Getting started with Zoom meetings & Facebook Live. This workshop will help your church get started using two free video apps that require only a smartphone or webcam: Facebook Live, which broadcasts your message to a wider (potentially viral) audience; and Zoom, which can be used for online meetings or to record presentations for later playback.</p>	<p>B8: Relational Youth Ministry in a Disconnected World. Come explore what it takes to create relational youth ministry in a time of technology. Together we will brainstorm ideas to connect youth with one another, their community, and with nature.</p>	<p>C8: Early Creations of Christian Art. The 1st half of this workshop will examine the history of early Christian art, including fresco, mosaics, sculpture and manuscript illumination. During the 2nd half, participants will create a sacred work of art to take home. Artistic experience is not required!</p>