

## Workshop Opportunities for Church Leader University – Growing in Christ October 5, 2019

Session A 9:15-10:30	Session B 10:45-12:00
<p><b>A1: Making Disciples: Adult Formation Ideas and Opportunities.</b> <i>Let's take a look at different models for adult education and formation in congregations. We will discuss how to structure a schedule of offerings generally as well as specific ideas for topics and programs that could be presented in a congregational setting. Bring your ideas to workshop and share together!.</i></p>	<p><b>B1: How to Facilitate a Conversation About God.</b> <i>This workshop will deal with controlling group / room dynamics as well as simple techniques for facilitating a workshop.</i></p> <p><i>Body language and tools from Foundations of Internal Consulting will be used.</i></p>
<p><b>A2: Spiritual Formation: Nurturing your Spiritual Journey.</b> <i>Finding the path by which we are nurtured in our spiritual journey can be a journey in itself. This interactive workshop offers an opportunity to hear testimonials from others who are on that journey. There are so many rich spiritual practices we can call on to enliven our spiritual life. As we listen to their stories, we may gain a new understanding of how to nurture our spiritual lives and perhaps gain insights into ways that feed the spiritual formation of our communities as well.</i></p>	<p><b>B2: The Spiritual Practice of Stewardship.</b> <i>In this workshop we focus on why Stewardship is at heart a spiritual practice, and how church leaders can educate and inspire their congregations to embrace Stewardship year round. We'll discuss ways to educate a congregation about pledging (and proportional giving) with special attention to congregations whose members come from outside the Episcopal tradition.</i></p>
<p><b>A3: Contemplative Prayer.</b> <i>Learn and experience how Centering Prayer can be an invaluable tool both on a personal level and also in vestry and other congregational meetings.</i></p> <p><i>Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us.</i></p>	<p><b>B3: Spiritual Foundations of Transition.</b> <i>Times of transition for parishes when a priest leaves, and in the rest of our busy lives, can seem like a crisis or a to-do list.</i></p> <p><i>We will talk about how to maximize such holy times for change and growth.</i></p>
<p><b>A4: Congregational Asset Mapping.</b> <i>Sometimes our congregations' gifts are "hiding in plain sight." Learn how to uncover them! Join us for a working session on Congregational Asset Mapping where you'll "learn by doing." At the end you'll be ready to take this same creative process to your own faith community.</i></p>	<p><b>B4: Why We All Need Spiritual Direction.</b> <i>Henri Nouwen wrote: "The farther the outward journey takes you, the deeper the inward journey must be. Only when your roots are deep can your fruits be abundant." In this workshop we will discuss why we need a companion to walk with us as we go deeper and further in our spiritual lives.</i></p>
<p><b>A5: Diaconal Ministry Unpacked - An Invitation to Learn More about Vocational Deacons.</b> <i>Deacons are a vital part of the baptized community. While all unique, deacons share a common theology of ministry: to bring Christ to the world, and the needs of the world to the church. Deacons are called specifically to a ministry of service and they promise to "look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need." (BCP, pp 544). But what do deacons actually do? Could a deacon have a place in your worshiping community?</i></p>	<p><b>B5: Small and Thriving Congregations.</b></p> <p><i>What makes a small and thriving congregation?</i></p> <p><i>What advantages are to be found in small congregations compared to larger ones?</i></p> <p><i>Come explore these questions as we consider how God works in and through the gifts of small congregations.</i></p>
<p><b>A6: Gifted, Called, Sent for Your Congregation.</b> <i>This workshop will explore ways to present Gifted, Called, Sent in individual congregations. We will take the presentations offered to the 2019 Convention attendees and work to create workshops tailored to raising awareness to what already exists and to stretch forward into future development in ministry.</i></p>	<p><b>B6: Make Your Own Anglican Prayer Beads.</b> <i>Anglican Prayer Beads offer many possibilities that help to enrich your spiritual journey.</i></p> <p><i>In this workshop you will learn the meaning of the beads, how to make an Anglican rosary, and prayers for their use.</i></p>
<p><b>A7: Creating Wholeness: Living after Loss.</b> <i>Finding meaning after loss is a challenge, one that requires attention to our physical, emotional, social, and spiritual health. Together we will have a conversation about how grief changes our vision for our lives and how we can create a new vision, full of meaning and purpose.</i></p>	<p><b>B7: The Bible Study You Dreamed Of.</b> <i>EfM (Education for Ministry) is a unique blend of Bible Study, Community Building, Theological Reflection (discovering connections between what God did in the Bible and what God's up to in your life and the world today). And discovering our vocation (why did God put me in the world today?).</i></p>