

## Workshop Opportunities for Church Leader University - 2019

### Session A 9:15-10:30

### Session B 10:45-12:00

**A1: 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. Special attention will be given to governance best practices. Presented by The Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs.*

**B1: Spiritual Formation: Nurturing the Journey.** *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 the testimonials of some who have taken that journey. We'll learn from their stories, gain insights for our own journey, and be prompted to consider ways in which we may be called to serve.*

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**A3: Living Local: Joining God – Tools for the Journey.** *To provide you with tools for your journey to join into God's work in the world through: Learning core practices to listen to God, one another in our congregations and to those in our neighborhoods: Creating space to talk about God in our lives and sharing our stories: Examining our ministries by listening, evaluating and discerning how to recognize God's movement in these ministries within our congregations and our neighborhoods*

**B3: 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.*

**A4: 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.*

*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.*

**B4: Compensation Policy for Congregations.** *What every congregation needs to know about clergy and lay employee compensation policy. We'll review the basics of clergy compensation, best practices for lay employees and the requirements for congregations, including health insurance and pension mandates with special emphasis on the newly-enacted state requirement for all employers to provide earned paid sick leave to employees.*

**A5: Stewardship as Spiritual Practice: What To Do Right Now** *We focus on why Stewardship is at heart a spiritual practice. We'll discuss what churches should be doing right now (in other words, NOT waiting until the fall) to expand their congregation's awareness of and support for Stewardship. We'll review ways to increase participation among non-pledgers.*

**B5: Stewardship: Expanding our Vision.** *This workshop will feature Laura Truax, author of "Love Let Go: Radical Generosity for the Real World." Ms. Truax is senior pastor at LaSalle Street Church in Chicago who shares the story of how a congregation was transformed by the way they dealt with an unexpected financial windfall through a program of systematic generosity.*

**A6: Asset Mapping.** *Asset mapping is a practice of ministry & stewardship development built on the assumption of God's provision, moving us from scarcity to abundance. The workshop will show how asset mapping builds mission with practical implementation and immediate personal commitments through an empowering and uplifting process that yields essential creative solutions*

**B6: Not Your Grandparents' Vestry Meeting!** *This workshop will explore the purpose of vestry meetings, pitfalls to avoid and opportunities to be more open to the Holy Spirit's guidance. More conversation than presentation, participants are encouraged to share their own best practices in crafting outstanding and efficient vestry meetings.*

**A7: Property Management Guide.** *Our properties raise issues of legal, financial, and property tax liability, insurance requirements, etc. The Diocesan Property Management Guide is filled with useful information about relevant property issues. Jim Caputo, the Diocesan Property Manager and John C. Garde, Esq. of the Diocesan Trustees will walk you through the Guide and answer your questions.*

**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*

**A8: Church communications: Pick the experts' brains.** *Meet with professional Episcopal communicators and members of the diocesan Technology Committee who are ready to answer your questions about websites, social media, e-newsletters, photography, videography, press releases, writing for the web and other church communications issues.*

**B8: Youth Ministry: A Holistic Approach.** *Join us for a discussion of the Pop-Up Youth Ministry, where a cluster of churches work to create critical mass of participants; empower and raise up youth leaders; develop bridges between church events, and Cross Roads Camp and Retreat opportunities.*