

Workshop Opportunities for Church Leader University March 21, 2020

Session A 9:20-10:35	Session B 10:45-12:00
<p>A1: So What Does a Parish Administrator Do? <i>In this workshop we will present an overview of tasks and responsibilities of a parish administrator that, if done well, are an important building block to any faith community's daily life and continued growth.</i></p>	<p>B1: Beyond Crayons and Worksheets: Church School that Engages in Everyday Life. <i>Come and Explore ways to teach scripture, tradition and spiritual practice to our children and youth in ways that engage both teachers and students</i></p>
<p>A2: Church Finances 101. <i>Instruction/reinforcement of church financial best practices for treasurers, wardens and finance committee members.</i></p> <p><i>(This workshop will be repeated in session B)</i></p>	<p>B2: Church Finances 101. <i>Instruction/reinforcement of church financial best practices for treasurers, wardens and finance committee members.</i></p>
<p>A3: Housing Help for People with Special Needs. <i>A home of one's own, either rented or owned, is the cornerstone of independence for any individual. The presentation will discuss the different available housing options, how to help people access the resources and the best ways to support families as they move their loved one to independence. A special emphasis will be given to housing and supportive services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.</i></p>	<p>B3: Music Ministry Maintenance. <i>This workshop will address the many facets of a parish music program, including employing musicians, organizing and recruiting adult and children's choir, addressing instrument maintenance (pianos, pipe organs, electronic instruments). Everyone is welcome—whether you are a priest, warden, vestry member, singer, or interested volunteer—come and join us.</i></p>
<p>A4: Get Started Now: Year-Round Stewardship Made Easy. <i>The Stewardship Teaching Team will focus on how to plan and implement a spiritually-focused Year-Round Stewardship Program in your church. Session will include a specific "How To" on "Stewardship Minutes," or lay testimony, which are one of the most effective year-round stewardship strategies.</i></p>	<p>B4: Your Welcoming Church. <i>"The Episcopal Church Welcomes You." Are you as welcoming as you could be? Do you visitors or prospective new members get "engaged" in the life of your church? In this workshop, we'll address common roadblocks to making parishioners (new and old) feel welcome, and provide simple guidelines to put in place right away.</i></p>
<p>A5: Practicing Christ: The Way of Jesus as Transformative Growth. <i>How do we become more Christ-like? Only by intentional change in our habitual attitudes and actions, aided by the grace of God. But how does that change happen? This workshop will combine practices of meditative prayer with an overview of the step by step stages of spiritual formation, and serve as an preview of a course in spiritual formation to be held in Fall 2020, led by The Rev. Robert Morris, The Rev. Anthony Puca and other spiritual formation facilitators in the Diocese.</i></p>	<p>B5: Becoming Connected (Youth Ministry). <i>A holistic approach for those in the first third of life and an exploration of ways to partner together to facilitate meaningful and impactful ministries for young people of faith. In addition, we will discuss the many ways involvement in Diocesan Youth initiatives helps to cultivate dynamic leadership development for our youth and young adults.</i></p>
<p>A6: Transition Nuts and Bolts. <i>A frank discussion about the mechanics of clergy transitions in the climate today. We will also cover how our local contexts in the Diocese of Newark impact the process and the importance of understanding how healthy discernment can make it renewing and life giving. This workshop will be led by Canon Margo Peckham Clark, Canon for Congregational Life.</i></p>	<p>B6: New to Church Leadership? An Orientation. <i>Canon Andrew Wright will present information and an orientation about the roles and responsibilities for those recently elected as a Vestry member, officer (or any church leadership role).</i></p>
<p>A7: Everything You Need to Know about Congregational HR Practice. <i>A comprehensive overview of best practices, procedures and requirements that all churches should know about and follow. Employment practices for both clergy and lay employees of the church will be explored.</i></p>	<p>B7 Communications as Evangelism. <i>Traditional communications platforms are being replaced by electronic media at a dizzying rate. It's intimidating, but also brings new and exciting ways to tell the Gospel story creatively. This workshop will help you sort the electronic wheat from the chaff. Bring your questions</i></p>
<p>A8: Creating Wholeness: Living after Loss. <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>B8: Church Safety and Evacuation Planning. <i>Jim Caputo, Diocesan Property and Risk Manager, will lead a discussion and review of evacuation planning and church safety</i></p>