

Workshop Opportunities for Vestry University - 2012

Session A 10:15 - 11	Session B 11:15 - 12	Session C 1:45 - 2:30
<p>A1 - Unpacking Compensation <i>Helping congregations understand the ins and outs of lay employee compensation and benefits.</i></p>	<p>B1 - Grants - ACTS/VIM & Alleluia Fund <i>There is money available to help support congregational growth. Learn about the funds and how they can be accessed.</i></p>	<p>C1 - The Variety of Ways You Lead <i>Practicing and modeling spiritual formation is a key component in being an effective vestry member.</i></p>
<p>A2 - Your Church on Facebook <i>A guide through the technical challenges of setting up a church Facebook page, as well as the challenges of using it both effectively and responsibly.</i></p>	<p>B2 - The Church Website Project <i>Learn all about this free diocesan resource, so you can decide whether it's a good solution for your church.</i></p>	<p>C2 - Appreciative Way <i>Learn how this tool, known as Appreciative Inquiry, can be used within the congregation for strategic planning, vestry retreat, self-study and for a daily way of living in the positive.</i></p>
<p>A3 - Dealing with Problems at the Heart of Church Conflict - <i>Helping congregations recognize and faithfully deal with issues that can lead to destructive conflict.</i></p>	<p>B3 - Episcopal Polity 101 <i>Discussion of the particular fiduciary and spiritual responsibilities of the vestry as a whole, as well as individual vestry members, wardens and clergy.</i></p>	<p>C3 - ALL Christian Ministry is Mutual <i>An annual Mutual Ministry Review is important to the life & health of a congregation. Understanding & acknowledging your role & responsibility to one another & the church you serve is essential in building a community and solid leadership.</i></p>
<p>A4 –Understanding Giving & Generosity <i>We need to understand how and why people give to have effective stewardship.</i></p>	<p>B4 - Practical Steps to Increase Giving <i>What are the most important things we can do and say to influence people's giving? Discussion about effective ways to increase giving.</i></p>	<p>C4 - The Nuts & Bolts of Planned Giving <i>Practical advice on encouraging bequests and other planned gifts. Learn about available resources from the diocese and the Episcopal Church Foundation.</i></p>
<p>A5 - Holy Listening <i>The practice of Holy Listening is the basis of spiritual direction and pastoral counseling. There are aspects that we are able to use in our vestry meetings and in all phases of our church life.</i></p>	<p>B5 - What is Missional Church? <i>How does 'missional' differ from 'church mission'? Get a taste of what will be offered on diocesan regional meetings aimed at providing clarity about the missional concept.</i></p>	<p>C5 - Creative Use of Sacred Space <i>Learn what you can do to make your space more attractive AND theologically connected.</i></p>
<p>A6 - Caring for Your Property <i>What are the priorities; safety and maintenance; how and who can get it done.</i></p>	<p>B6 - Insuring Your Future <i>Safety in and around your buildings; church insurance.</i></p>	<p>C6 - Leases and other Legalities <i>Discussion and explanation of common legal issues including leases, insurance and other various liabilities.</i></p>
<p>A7 - All About the DIT <i>Learn about the DIT (Diocesan Investment Trust) and how it can help support your congregational finances.</i></p>	<p>B7 - I'm on the Vestry - What Does All This Financial Information Mean? <i>Learn and discuss income statements, balance sheets, budgets, etc.</i></p>	<p>C7 - Yes, You Can Do an Audit Without Breaking the Bank? <i>Learn ways to complete your audit without it being a huge financial burden.</i></p>
<p>A8 - - Diocesan Council <i>Diocesan council is a vital part of diocesan life— learn who we are, how we got there and what we do.</i></p>	<p>Management and Mission - <i>Discussion with the Bishop about holding both management and mission in creative tension. FOR WARDENS ONLY.</i></p>	<p>C8 - The Standing Committee <i>Understanding the Standing Committee and how they can help you and your congregation.</i></p>