

Workshop Opportunities for Vestry University - 2013

Session A 9:15-10:30	Session B 10:45-12:00	Session C 2:00-3:15
A1 - Liturgy for Diverse Congregations - <i>Liturgy can be viewed as the work of the people of God for the transformation of our world. Join us as we examine ways to make Our liturgy reflect our passionate spirituality and commitment to radical welcome.</i>	B1 - What If We Had a Deacon? Finding Opportunities-Avoiding Obstacles - <i>Discussion on how vestries can and should be actively involved with a deacon's presence in their congregation from first introductions to farewell blessings.</i>	C1 - Biblical Engagement - <i>Talk about including bible study in your Vestry meetings—its value and how to do it.</i>
A2 - 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>	B2 - Your Church on Facebook and Twitter – <i>Learn about the benefits and challenges of the two social media platforms most commonly used by churches, so you can decide if one (or both, or neither) are right for YOUR church.</i>	C2 - THE DIOCESE!? - <i>The Diocese has routinely held two definitions: Only one of them is correct. Find out what the Diocese truly is and how your congregation completes and also can benefit from its existence.</i>
A3 - Dealing with Problems at the Heart of Church Conflict - PART 1 - <i>Helping congregations recognize and faithfully deal with issues that can lead to destructive conflict.</i>	B3 - Dealing with Problems at the Heart of Church Conflict - PART 2 - <i>Now that you have identified and dealt with the conflict, how do you forgive and move forward.</i>	C3 - How to Thrive During Transition - <i>Transition does not have to be a time of stagnation or non-growth. Learn ways to make this time productive.</i>
A4 – What Makes Us Episcopalians? - <i>Learn everything you always wanted to know about how and why Episcopalians do the things that they do: why we have Wardens and Vestries, what is The "BCP", why we have Bishops and more.</i>	B4 - 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>	C4 - What Keeps Young Adults Coming to Church? (panel) - <i>An opportunity to hear from young adults why they are involved in their church community and what keeps them coming.</i>
A5 - Appreciative Way & the Missional Church <i>This workshop will offer a brief introduction to appreciative inquiry and how it can be utilized in Missional conversations and overall culture change and transformation.</i>	B5 - Leadership in the Missional Context - <i>Going missional requires a shift in thinking and behavior for all leaders. Join members of the Mission Strategy Committee for a conversation of what is required to lead at such a time as this.</i>	C5 - How to Host Missional Conversations - <i>An introduction to facilitating a conversation about being a missional congregation. Even if you know very little about being missional, you will come away with a basic understanding as well as ways and resources to approach your congregation.</i>
A6 - Caring for & Insuring Your Property - <i>What are the priorities; safety and maintenance; how and who can get it done.</i>	B6 - 10 Things You Can Do to Get Sued? - <i>How to avoid common legal issues involving insurance, liability, personnel and other issues.</i>	C6 - ALL Christian Ministry is Mutual - <i>An annual Mutual Ministry gives us an opportunity to insure congregational health through understanding and acknowledging our responsibility to one another and the church. Come and explore how to make this exercise joyful, generative and life-giving.</i>
A7 - Stewardship I-Year round Stewardship - <i>Learn the basics of a year-round program and get resources to help you develop such a program for your church.</i>	B7 - Stewardship II-Practical Stewardship Aids - <i>Talk about the practical aspects of stewardship. Learn about what works in successful stewardship programs . . . and what doesn't. You will also get more resources that you can use in developing and growing stewardship in your church.</i>	C7 - What You Need to Know About Your Church's Finances - <i>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."</i>
A8 - Discipleship, Mission and Management – <i>A discussion with the Bishop about "the Warden's Portfolio ."</i> FOR WARDENS ONLY.	B8 - Cross Roads....For All Ages - <i>Believers of all ages must have sanctuary and "A Time Apart" to intentionally nurture relationships. Explore how CR can be an indispensable resource and partner for your whole parish/church family/community.</i>	