

## Workshop Opportunities for Vestry University - 2014

| <b>Session A 9:15-10:30</b>   | <b>Session B 10:45-12:00</b>  | <b>Session C 2:00-3:15</b>  |
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| <b>A1 - Eucharistic Minister Licensing-</b> <i>An opportunity for training as a Eucharistic Minister (a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the church). Also an overview of the other lay licensed ministries.</i>  | <b>B1 - Grant Opportunities-</b> <i>In 2014, the diocese will distribute nearly \$350,000 to our congregations and affiliated ministries in support of outreach and congregational vitality. Learn about these three diocesan funds (ACTS/VIM, Marge Christie, and Alleluia), their impact, the grant process, and how to donate.</i>                                   | <b>C1 - 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>   |
| <b>A2 - Practical Stewardship Aids-</b> <i>A discussion of demonstrated ways to increase our stewardship response. Topics will include an overview of why people give, the how-to's of a narrative mission budget, and year-round stewardship.</i>  | <b>B2 - Generational Giving-</b> <i>Learn about the unique sensitivities and behavioral trends of different generational groups and how to tailor your stewardship message to more effectively reach everyone.</i>  | <b>C2 - Workshop cancelled - more information will be available by the 2015 Diocesan Convention.</b>  |
| <b>A3 - How to Avoid Conflict-</b> <i>Conflict can often be avoided when we understand our roles and responsibilities. Join the conversation on ways to avoid destructive conflict.</i>   | <b>B3 - Healthy Ways for Clergy &amp; Vestries to Work Together-</b> <i>Learn about ways that clergy and lay leaders can create and promote a culture of trust, responsibility and accountability.</i>  | <b>C3 - How to Thrive During Transition -</b> <i>Transition does not have to be a time of stagnation or non-growth. Learn ways to make this time productive.</i>  |
| <b>A4 - What You Need to Know About Your Church's Finances-</b> <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>   | <b>B4 - Management and Mission-</b> <i>Discussion with the Bishop about holding both management and mission in creative tension. FOR WARDENS ONLY.</i>  | <b>C4 - Episcopal Polity 101-</b> <i>Discussion of the particular fiduciary and spiritual responsibilities of the vestry as a whole, as well as for individual vestry members, wardens and clergy.</i>  |
| <b>A5 - Moving Back into the Neighborhood-</b> <i>How do I discover what God might be up to in my neighborhood? Join John McLaverty, a consultant for The Missional Network and Ginny Dinsmore, Coordinator for Missional Church Strategy for this interactive and informative workshop.</i>  | <b>B5 - Becoming Detectives of the Divinity – Our Work in the Church-</b> <i>What issues are we currently facing, for which we presently do not have an answer, but which we must address, if we are to live into God's future? This workshop offers an opportunity to name these issues and begin to think about life-giving ways of reacting to these challenges.</i> | <b>C5 - Becoming Detectives of the Divinity – Our Work in the Church-</b> <i>What issues are we currently facing, for which we presently do not have an answer, but which we must address, if we are to live into God's future? This workshop offers an opportunity to name these issues and begin to think about life-giving ways of reacting to these challenges.</i> |
| <b>A6 - Cross Roads Camp &amp; Retreat Center as a Tool for Congregational Vitality-</b> <i>Cross Roads Camp &amp; Retreat Center builds leaders and engages our participants in a deeply spiritual experience while having fun! How can your church utilize Cross Roads as a tool for faith formation &amp; congregational vitality?</i> | <b>B6 - Joys &amp; Challenges of Congregational Youth Ministry-</b> <i>Come meet other laypeople &amp; clergy who work with children in grades 6-12. We'll discuss the joys and challenges and learn about resources that can help churches.</i>  | <b>C6 - Keeping Young Adults Connected and Involved-</b> <i>Come hear from lay and ordained leaders about effective practices &amp; experiences that keep people (18-33) engaged &amp; excited about their faith communities.</i>   |
| <b>A7 - The Energy Services Program-</b> <i>Learn how your congregation can join more than 25 others across the diocese that are saving money and reducing their carbon footprint through the GreenFaith Energy Services Program.</i>   | <b>B7 - Property Management Guide-</b> <i>The newly updated Property Management Guide is an invaluable tool for congregations to use in managing their property(ies). Join the discussion involving roles, responsibilities and who does what with the wide range of property issues.</i>   | <b>C7 - Ways to Help Solve Your Property Problems</b> <i>Even when property problems seem insurmountable, there are financial resources and knowledgeable people to help manage and partially fund the project.</i>   |
| <b>A8 - High Deductible Health Plans-</b> <i>What are they? How do they benefit the member and the church?</i>  | <b>B8 - Your Church on Social Media-</b> <i>Learn strategies for building a social media presence for your congregation, with a special focus on Facebook, the social media platform most used by churches.</i>   | <b>C8 - The Church Website Project-</b> <i>Learn more about this free diocesan resource from a panel of church webmasters who are currently using it, as well as some of the Technology Committee members who developed it.</i>   |