

Daring to Be Missional

CONVENTION 2013 FRIDAY HEARINGS & WORKSHOPS – SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

ORIENTATION FOR NEW DEPUTIES – 9:30 a.m. – *Morris 10*

CANDIDATES' FORUM – 10:00 a.m. – *Heritage Ballroom*

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS – Morning (10:00 – 10:50 a.m.)

Understanding the HDHP/HSA - High Deductible Health Plan /Health Savings Accounts (an important acronym to know) – *Morris 4*

Understand how the HDHP/HSA works to get the most from your benefits. How to get started and how to use these benefits will be covered.

Presenter: Ms. Toni Marie Sutliff, Church Pension Group, Regional Account Specialist, Integrated Benefits Account Management and Sales.

Appreciative Inquiry & the Missional Church – *Johnes Room*

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.

Presenter: The Rev. Ginny Dinsmore, St. Dunstan's, Succasunna.

Electronic Communications for Churches – *Morris 9*

Nina Nicholson, diocesan Director of Communications & Technology, and members of the Diocesan Technology Committee will answer your questions on electronic communications issues specific to churches, including the Church Website Project, church Facebook pages, and more.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) – *Morris 2*

Here is a great way to bring the church into the world, and to bring some new energy into congregational life. This workshop, taught by an experienced VBS director, includes VBS basics: choosing or developing curriculum, recruiting and training volunteers, using publicity effectively, and good administration techniques. We will also have time to share ideas and experiences for those who are looking to reenergize their program.

Presenter: The Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook, St. James' Church, Upper Montclair

Funding Future Ministry through Planned Giving – *Morris 11*

No matter where you are on journey to building an endowment or encouraging planned giving, join this workshop to learn and share ideas for funding future ministry through starting or growing a planned giving program.

Presenter: Mr. David Farrand, Calvary Church, Summit; chair of the Diocesan Fund Development Committee.

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS – Morning (11:00 – 11:50 a.m.)

Transformational Side Effects of a Capital Campaign – *Morris 11*

Whether you are considering embarking on a capital campaign, fearing thinking about it, ignoring the need for it, or burying bad memories of one in the past, you will be surprised to hear about the transformational effects a successful capital campaign can have on a church community. The Episcopal Church Foundation will share the secrets of doing a capital campaign successfully and how the process can have long lasting positive influences on stewardship, lay leadership and defined mission.

Presenter: Leslie Glover Pendleton, Associate Program Director and Capital Campaign Consultant, The Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF)

Safeguarding Seniors! – *Heritage Ballroom*

Offered by Senior Ministries, this workshop will address important issues facing seniors and provide participants with information they can use to promote safety and quality of life for seniors in their congregations. Topics will include safeguarding the home, protecting from financial scams, dealing with neglect, coping with loss, and other key issues affecting seniors. Participants will receive practical tips on planning and delivering programs, along with printed materials and other resources that can be used in their congregations.

Presenter: Ms. Mary Mae Henley, MSW, LCSW, St. George's Church, Maplewood

Discovering Spiritual Visual Aids in Your Church – *Morris 10*

Before the digital age visual aids were incorporated in the architecture and fabric of churches surrounding the faithful with spiritual help. Discover them in your church.

Presenter: The Rev. Canon Wade Renn, House of Prayer, Newark.

Education for Ministry (EfM) – *Johnes Room*

Learn about a program designed to help you do what you've always wanted to do--read and really understand the Bible as a whole. The study is done in warm and diverse communities of fellow explorers supported and guided by a trained mentor. During the workshop you will meet students from different groups who will tell you how they're experiencing the lessons, class time, and flow of the overall program. Four study years are available-- the first year is Hebrew Scriptures, 2nd Christian Testament, 3rd how'd we get from there to here (Bible to Christianity today), and 4th Christians seeking to serve God in the modern world. You need only commit to one year at a time.

There are 8 active groups meeting at different times and place available to you around our Diocese (and 5 more groups are forming). Because each group develops its own special style and procedures, we'll introduce you to as many of our mentors as we can. They'll talk about the unique strengths, goals their communities have developed.

Presenters: The Rev. Mark Waldon and EfM participants

A Commitment to Serve/Venture in Mission (ACTS/VIM) – *Morris 9*

An opportunity to learn about the diocesan granting group that financially supports programs and projects that encourage both congregational development and community outreach.

Presenters: Mr. Aubrey Thompson, Christ Church, Teaneck, and The Rev. Margaret Otterburn, Messiah, Chester

FRIDAY HEARINGS – Afternoon (times as indicated)

- 4:30-5:15 Budget Forum & Hearing – **Document 139AC-06(Updated)** - *Morris 11*
Presenters: Budget & Finance Committee
- 5:15-6:15 Resolutions – **Document 139AC-04** – *Johnes Room*
Presenters: Resolutions Committee
- 5:45-6:30 Constitution and Canons Committee – **Document 139AC-03** – *Morris 6*
Presenters: Committee on Constitution and Canons

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS – Afternoon (start times as indicated)

5:15pm - Unbinding Holy Week – Heritage Ballroom

We've received a rich tradition of Holy Week worship – truly the heart of the liturgical year. The BCP offers an ancient framework for us to dig into the stories. However, often we treat the BCP as “so many words bound between 2 covers.” Dent Davidson is here to offer you a permission slip to bring these liturgies to life. In this interactive workshop we will discover and share resources for new, creative possibilities, as we walk, dance, sing our way from Palm Sunday to the Great Vigil of Easter. Bring your own ideas and bulletins to share, if you like!
[This workshop will be repeated on Saturday.]

Presenter: Mr. Dent Davidson, Canon for Liturgy and Music, Diocese of Chicago

5:15pm - Ministry Trading Cards – Morris 10

- Have you worked long hours prepping a session for your church? Given it once or twice then put it away on the shelf?
- How many of those workshops, programs, retreats, or classes have you done but now they lay fallow?
- And do you also find it too expensive to pay honorariums for guest speakers and presenters?
- Are you tired of the isolation of going it alone?

Ministry Trading Cards® is a web-based service for bartering of programs, retreats, and workshops. Clergy and lay leaders can upload the details of their offerings. No honorariums are involved. Each month a different session could be offered in your congregation while you could be offering your already prepared material to a new audience.

Presenter: The Rev. Philip Carr-Jones, Holy Spirit, Lebanon

5:15pm - Compensation: Meaningful Statistics – Morris 9

An engaging workshop with information and meaningful statistics to change the conversation on compensation that is oft times complex and challenging. Here's an opportunity to look at the trends in giving, pledging units, endowments, Sunday attendance and neighboring diocesan comparisons to begin an integrated discussion in planning congregational ministries.

Presenters: Dr. Matthew Price, St. Stephen's Church, Millburn, and Mr. John Niles, Grace, Nutley, and members of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Human Resources and Benefits

5:30p.m. - Ministry of the Verger – Don't Let It Be A Mystery – Morris 4

Learn how verging is a special calling to the ordering and conduct of the Church and the Church's liturgy.

Presenter: Ms. Katherine Pendzuk, Training Course Registrar, Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church

5:30p.m. - Young adults in our diocese are on fire and focused! – Symmes Room

They have wonderful gifts to share and are looking for new ways to grow in their faith and figure out how the church fits into their lives. Come hear from some of the participants in our diocesan Young Adult Ministry Visioning Summit to find out what's on their minds and how our churches can best connect with our young people."

5:30p.m. Centering Prayer: Consenting to the presence and activity of God – Morris 2

This workshop is designed for those who've used this practice for years or those of you who are looking for a way to pray or a new way to pray; or perhaps you're just curious. Centering Prayer is a way to practice consenting to God's presence. There will be an introduction to the prayer and its history, a practice session, and a discussion.

Presenters: The Rev. Diana Clark, Calvary, Summit; Ms. Sue Morgan, All Saints', Glen Rock; and The Rev. Dr. Shane Phelan.

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS - Lunch Time (grab a lunch and go)

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EVERYONE KNOWS SOMEONE: Responding To and Supporting Those Affected by Mental Illness – Morris 9

It is true. Everyone knows someone; someone affected by mental illness. In this workshop Deacon Lynn will offer information about mental illnesses and current treatments, specific and practical skills and approaches that can help someone with a mental illness or a family member with resources available in communities. Whether you are lay or clergy, you can offer meaningful pastoral care to someone affected by mental illness and make a difference in their lives. Come and learn how to build bridges to hope.

Presenter: Deacon Lynn Czarniecki, Building Bridges to Hope Ministry

"Theology of the Hammer and Nail" – Morris 2

It's a Habitat phrase they sometimes use to describe their ministry. As to a description of the workshop: "This workshop will include a brief history of Habitat for Humanity. We'll also discuss the different ways congregations can get involved with their local Habitat affiliate, and

it will also serve as a strategy session for our upcoming diocese wide build day on April 13th.”

Presenters: Mr. Patrick Forsythe, Grace Church, Nutley, and Mr. Spencer Reckford, Newark’s Outreach Coordinator

NEWARKS ACTS: Why They Selected Newark and a Year of Service – Morris 6

The eight NEWARK ACTS Interns will share their individual stories for coming to Newark and participating in our program. They will talk about their work experiences and ministry in our diocese. The interns will also share their experience of living in an intentional community with strangers that they first met just months ago. There will be time for questions and interaction with each intern.

Presenters: The NEWARK ACTS Interns; The Rev. Erik Soldwedel, Program Director

GreenFaith’s Energy Services for Churches: Cutting Costs, Responding to Climate Change, Engaging the Community – Morris 4

GreenFaith offers a range of resources to empower churches to reduce their energy use and costs while protecting the environment, responding to climate change, and engaging members of their communities. Participants in this workshop will learn about these opportunities – including hosting a Solar Screening event, undertaking an energy audit, purchasing electricity from a renewable, reduced rate source, and earning the GreenFaith Energy Shield.

Presenter: The Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director, GreenFaith

Missional Conversations: Be Introduced to the Concept of Missional Church! – Morris 11

Hear about real examples in our Diocese, how it’s different from traditional mission (outreach), how the Diocese of Newark is preparing congregations to live missionally.

Presenters: Members of the Mission Strategy Committee

Violence in Our Community – Morris 10

A representative from the Violence Institute of New Jersey will speak about the research into the causes, prevention, and reduction of all types of violence including youth violence, child abuse, domestic violence and intentional assault injury.

Presenter: Mr. Jack Farrell, LCSW, Program Analyst, Violence Institute of New Jersey, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

Chapel: A Place for Meditation and Rest – Morris 1

The chapel is open at all times during the convention on Friday and Saturday to provide a quiet space for contemplation and silence.