

GOD'S CREATION  
OUR RESPONSE



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## Ministry Fair Workshops

### Bishop's Sessions

#### **How Do Episcopalians Read Scripture?**

**Session 2**

In recent years a wealth of new books have appeared on the ways that Anglicans read and interpret the Holy Scriptures. What are they saying? In this workshop we'll try to discover the frameworks that our tradition has utilized to guide our study of the Bible. *The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander*

#### **What is Mission? How Do We Know When We're Doing It ?**

**Session 3**

In recent years we've talked a great deal about mission. "Stay focused on 'the mission,'" we say to ourselves. What is the mission ... of the church, of the believer, of God? Let's take a look at what mission is really all about! *The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander*

#### **What Is the Lambeth Conference and Does It Matter ?**

**Session 1**

During the summer of 2008 the bishop will be attending the once-a-decade meeting of Anglican bishops from around the world. This workshop will cover the history of the Lambeth Conferences and what's anticipated for 2008. Is the Lambeth Conference something you should care about? Come and see. *The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander*

### Christian Formation

#### **Beyond Adam & Eve: Sunday School Curriculum**

**Session 1**

As Episcopalians, we are known for our wonderful liturgy and beautiful music but we often don't know much about the Bible. Do you or members of your congregation ever wish they were more familiar with the Bible and its characters? *Beyond Adam and Eve* will help you attain your wish. It covers 50 questions that all Christians should be able to answer and also inspirational prayers and scripture passages. There is a companion curriculum guide for a nine-week class, appropriate for adults and youth. At the workshop you will participate in a sample class and see how much fun learning about the Bible can be! *Marion H. Williams, author and parishioner at the Cathedral of St. Philip*

#### **Establish & Enhance Your Own Parish Library**

**Session 1**

Does your congregation have a library that needs sprucing up? Would you like to start a library? This workshop will offer tips for selecting books and other materials, managing borrowing, and publicizing special features. *Elizabeth Ring, Director, Diocesan Resource Center, Supporting Lifelong Learning in the Diocese of Maine; member & Past President, National Organization of Episcopal Resource Centers.*

#### **(The) Heart of Godly Play**

**Session 2**

Come experience a story and learn about the heart of Godly Play. This will help you understand the depth of what can happen theologically and spiritually in the Godly Play Classroom. *Candy Moser, Godly Play Southeast Region Training Coordinator and Mary Gardener White, Accredited Godly Play Trainer*

**It's Not Just for Preschool: Godly Play with Old Children****Session 3**

Come join the conversation and discover how older children are responding to Godly Play. We will share some of the new stories and talk about how the children are responding to them and how they enrich their Godly Play experience. *Candy Moser, Godly Play Southeast Region Training Coordinator and Mary Gardener White, Accredited Godly Play Trainer*

**Starting and/or Maintaining a Vigorous Faith Formation Program****Session 2**

Come join us as we explore ways to form Faith Formation Committees or focus groups; set goals, objectives, and action steps; conduct parish needs assessments; explore curricula; recruit and nurture faith formation leaders for your programs; and discuss ways to form Christians in your parish. *Karen Murphy, Education Specialist in Curriculum and former Christian Education Director, St. Mary & St. Martha's, Buford; parishioner, St. Anthony's, Winder*

**Communication****Developing a Parish Website****Session 1**

Beneficial to clergy, parish communicators and members of vestries interested in creating or improving their website, this is an overall view of the steps parishes should take in creating an effective website: Beginning the process - a congregational project; determining the type of web presence; planning the site's identity; creating the content; constructing the site; hosting your site; advertising your address; and maintaining your presence. *Bill Monk, Manager, Client Services, Episcopal Media Center and Chair, Diocesan Communications Commission*

**How to use the Digital Faith Community****Session 2**

Beneficial to clergy, parish communicators and members of vestries interested in creating or improving their website. This workshop will discuss how to use the *Digital Faith Community* in meeting the needs of an effective website as discussed in the Developing a Parish Website workshop. This will include: setting up; features; newsletters; calendar; email; how to use the website components; and establishing your parish website in the digital faith community *Bill Monk, Manager, Client Services, Episcopal Media Center and Chair, Diocesan Communications Commission*

**Parish Newsletters – Present and Future****Session 3**

We will talk about purposes and best practices for this time-honored church communication tool. What works for you? All e-mail, all print -- or a combination of the two? Bring your ideas, issues, info and inspiration. Connect with folks who also labor as scribes of the parish. *Nan Ross, Director of Communications, Diocese of Atlanta*

**Congregational Growth & Evangelism****Church Architecture: Form, Function, and Faith****Session 3**

The way we build our churches shapes the way we believe by shaping the way that we worship. For those who want to learn more about why churches look the way they do, the changes that have taken place in church architecture through the years, and how church architecture can be welcoming (or not) of visitors and newcomers, this workshop will explore the in's and out's of our church buildings and their role in shaping our faith. The second part of this workshop will be a primer in the basics of a church construction project and how to assess programming needs and the development of a master site plan for the local parish. *The Rev. Paul "Tripp" Norris, Rector, St. Columba's and Chair of the Commission on Church Architecture and Church Construction along with other commission members*

**Getting Ready to Welcome the Easter Crowds****Session 1**

Most of our churches get lots of visitors on Easter Sunday. How can your parish work together to make them welcome and encourage them to come back again and again? This workshop will look at specific ways parishes can equip themselves and get active in welcoming and

evangelism. We'll also provide some tools for follow up and incorporation of newcomers. *The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster Weltner, Canon for Congregational Development, and the Rev. Dr. Trawin Malone, Chair of the Congregational Development Commission and Rector, Church of the Atonement, Sandy Springs.*

### **Getting to Know DAYA—Diocese of Atlanta Young Adults**

**Session 1**

Have you ever noticed an age gap in your congregation? Are you between the ages of 18-35 and wondering where your peers are? Are you interested in learning more about young adult ministries and how to attract young adults to your congregation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please join us for an informative and fun seminar on Young Adult Ministries in the Diocese of Atlanta. DAYA is a new organization in the Diocese that has the mission of helping young adults grow in their faith and connect with their peers. We look for new ways to get people in their 20's and 30's excited about church again and we would like to share some of these ideas with you. We will give you a brief history of who we are, offer tips on how to get involved with young adults, and discuss ways we can all do this more effectively. We look forward to sharing our energy and our enthusiasm for a mission that Bishop Alexander has named one of his top priorities for the next year!!! *Lauren Woody, Diocesan DAYA Coordinator*

### **Hispanic Ministry**

**Session 1**

Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Atlanta is expanding greatly and more and more parishes are looking at serving this growing community. Come hear about general traits of the Hispanic culture as they are experienced in this country. The booklet, *The Hispanic Mission*, will be distributed and, going through it, we will talk about things to consider in starting a Hispanic ministry – positive aspects as well as difficulties that could be encountered. *The Rev. Isaias Rodriguez, Hispanic Missioner in the Diocese of Atlanta*

### **Marketing on a Dime**

**Session 3**

You know how wonderful your parish is--how do you get that message out to others? It's not just about newspaper ads, or just about your website (although those are very important). It's about looking at your neighborhood and surrounding area and finding the key ways to get out and let people know that your parish is there and ready to welcome new people. This workshop will look at specific and creative ways to stretch your marketing money (and even some places to find some) and make your parish known. *The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster Weltner, Canon for Congregational Development, and Jonathan Jones, Director of Congregational Development, St. Benedict's Church.*

### **Opening Doors**

**Session 3**

The challenge of "church growth" is a constant – How do we bring new people into our church fellowship? What is our part? What is God's part? "Opening Doors" is a six hour, two-part Acts 29 Ministries conference that will be introduced to you in this workshop. In this "Reader's Digest" version, we'll look at characteristics of growing churches, 7 expectations for church members; basic obstacles to growth and the role of vision and 14 different ways God can use you to bring people into your church. "Opening Doors" offers practical ways for all of us to fulfill the Great Commission. *The Rev. Frank Baltz, Teaching Associate, Acts 29 Ministries*

### **Environmental Stewardship**

#### **Caring for Creation: How We Think Really Matters**

**Session 2**

Trace the history of the way human cultures have thought about the Earth from indigenous peoples to the ancient Hebrews through Plato, St. Augustine, St. Francis of Assisi and the Protestant reformers down to the present. How we think makes all the difference in the ways we treat the creation. *The Rev. Woody Bartlett, Chair, Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, and Dr. Katy Hinman, Executive Director, GIPL*

### **Greening Your Congregation**

**Session 3**

How can your congregation take action on our call to care for creation? Learn how you can help “green” your congregation through worship and education as well as practical steps to make your facilities more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. Care for the environment is one of the diocese’s five areas of ministry that the Bishop focused on at the 2007 Annual Council. Learn how to give your congregation an eco makeover! *Katy Hinman, Executive Director, Georgia Interfaith Power & Light & Jennifer Downs, Associate Director, GIPL.*

### **Zola: The Art of Living Green**

**Session 1**

What if we could change the future by shopping? Every time we shop, it is like casting a vote with our dollars. This means we have a great deal of influence in the economy as consumers. We are a major factor in bringing about positive change! Join me as we take a look at a day in the life of an average American consumer for a step-by-step guide to some of the easy and affordable changes we can make to help the environment. We will also take an Eco Footprint Quiz to analyze our individual impact on the earth and brainstorm fun ways to lighten our step. *Beth Remmes, Founder, Zola: The Art of Living Green*

### **Finances for Parishes**

*All led by The Rev. William Bennett, Canon for Administration & Finance, Steve Burnett, Chair, Finance Committee of the Diocese of Atlanta, James B. Jordan, CPA & Principal, Jordan Kinsey & Jordan, CPAs, LLC*

### **Guidance for Treasurers and Financial Staff**

**Session 2**

Appropriate controls over finances, money handling, check writing, expenditure approval are essential in managing the financial life of a parish and in protecting the people who are charged with money management. What are your controls like? Are they adequate? Do they protect you? How will a regular audit help you to improve your financial oversight and provide protection for the financial staff of your parish? Come and find out.

### **Tips, Traps & Techniques for using ACS Software**

**Session 3**

*Automated Church Systems* financial software is widely used in the diocese. It is a great help in financial management but is not without its pitfalls. James Jordan has extensive experience in auditing accounts that use ACS. He can give seasoned advice on what ACS can and can't do as well as particular 'traps' that it has. This is designed specifically for parishes using ACS

### **What Vestry and Clergy Need to Know**

**Session 1**

Do you know what business methods are required by the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Atlanta? Do you know what your fiduciary responsibility is? Do you know what a fiduciary is? Do you know that audits are required and why? Do you know what your liability is for financial misrepresentation? If you are a vestry member or a parish cleric, you need to know the answers to these and many more questions. If you don't, plan on attending this workshop.

### **Global Mission**

#### **Guyana & its Rainbow of Six Nations**

**Session 3**

Guyana is a country of exceptional and vastly unexploited natural beauty, situated on the northeast corner of South America. It is one of the world's poorest countries, with the second highest HIV/AIDS prevalence rate, next to Haiti. This workshop will update the knowledge, skills and attitudes of healthcare providers, church leaders, missionaries, and youth leaders about Guyana, a site for foreign missions work in the Episcopal Church. Goals are to reduce childhood mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS, and create a global partnership for development of a New School of Learning in areas of spiritual counseling and public health. *The Rev. Dr. Harold Lockett, Priest-in-Charge, St. Timothy's, Decatur, Ms. Mary Connie Nelson, Nursing Educator, and Dr. Joan Liverpool, Program Director of Deskan Ministries*

### **Making a Difference: Honduras Health Mission**

**Session 2**

The Diocese of North Carolina has been sponsoring this health mission to Honduras for more than 10 years. The mission is a joint effort between the diocese and a local community group. The mission's goal is to be sustainable and the involvement of local folk is key to its success. Bishop Alexander's wife, Lynn, has joined the group for the last five years. The workshop will include the history and development of the mission as well as some details regarding planning and implementation. Anyone interested in starting or attending a health mission will learn valuable information. *Lynn Alexander, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Nuestros Ninos Clinic in Austell, Georgia*

### **How to Mobilize around MDGs**

**Session 1**

Our wonderful, faithful Episcopal Church has a rather tepid history with "big initiatives" -- brilliant ideas to enhance our corporate life that enjoy a few months, maybe even a few years in the sun, then faded into obscurity. Where are they now? The Decade of Evangelism, Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, 20/20, Year of the Girl-Child...all needed, all well-conceived, all exciting, all mostly gone. The Millennium Development Goals movement currently enjoys top billing in the Episcopal Church. Designated top budget and program priority at General Convention 2006, people are preaching about them, holding conferences, writing books, and blogging. Still, the MDGs are vulnerable to the fate of initiatives-past.

In July 2007 the MDG Task Force for the Diocese of Minnesota, with support from the Episcopal Church Foundation, made a choice to try something different -- to design a strategic plan which focuses all of our energies on mobilizing individuals in the pews around MDGs. Our goal is ambitious - mobilizing 70% of the diocese in 18 months. The plan includes 0.7% individual giving campaigns, measurable outcomes, public narratives, and collective decision-making. Come hear how we arrived at this strategy, how it's going, and what we're learning in the process. *The Rev. Devon Anderson, Diocese of Minnesota, Chair, Minnesota MDG Task Force and Episcopal Church Foundation Transformational Ministry Fellow*

### **The Three-Legged Stool of MDGs: Relationship, Advocacy, Development**

**Session 2**

We Episcopalians know all about three-legged stools. Our theological mantra of Scripture, Tradition and Reason lives deep in our collective DNA. On face-value, the Millennium Development Goals seem like eight clear and simple avenues for the eradication of global poverty. And yet, one need put one toe in the global mission arena to know that doing *effective* ministry work in any one of the eight paths is complicated and multi-layered.

In September 2007, the Diocese of Minnesota held an MDG Training Summit, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Foundation. The goal was to explore in greater depth the relationship between three ingredients of effective global mission work: relationship, advocacy, and development. To be effective, sustainable, and mobilizing, global mission projects in congregations need to involve all three legs of this stool. This workshop will develop this idea and give specific examples of how individuals and congregations can engage them. *The Rev. Devon Anderson, Diocese of Minnesota, Chair, Minnesota MDG Task Force and Episcopal Church Foundation Transformational Ministry Fellow*

## **Leadership**

### **Appreciative Leadership**

**Session 2**

Have you heard about Appreciative Inquiry, but are not sure what it is? Come and explore the underlying principles and how they can help your vestry and other groups to do their work feeling empowered and energized. *Elizabeth Ring, AI Trained Lay Leader, Director, Diocesan Resource Center, Supporting Lifelong Learning in the Diocese of Maine; member & Past President, National Organization of Episcopal Resource Centers.*

### **Leadership for New Wardens and Vestry**

**Session 2**

What is being on the Vestry really about? It's not just making sure the "temporal affairs of the parish" are managed, but making sure that the Baptismal Covenant and its calling is at the heart of this leadership. This workshop will look at the gifts and tensions of Vestry leadership, and help

to equip new wardens and vestry members for the unique spiritual leadership of vestry membership. *The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster Weltner, Canon for Congregational Development, and the Rev. Canon Richard H. Callaway, Canon to the Ordinary*

### **Parish/Clergy Transitions**

**Session 1**

What happens when the Rector announces she is leaving, or retiring. How does a search work, and what are the hills and valleys of "the search process" in the Diocese of Atlanta, and the Episcopal Church? Parishioners and clergy will get an overview of the church's search process and the theology of transition ministry. *The Rev. Canon Richard H. Callaway, Canon to the Ordinary.*

### **Volunteers: How to get them. How to keep them!**

**Session 1**

Is recruiting volunteers taking more and more of your time but generating the same few faces? Are you curious about effective recruitment and retention strategies? Come learn about volunteer trends, social motivators and best practices for engaging members of your community while supporting their Christian formation. Ms. Bruce has over 17 years of experience in nonprofit leadership, career counseling, and project management. She has completed Volunteer Management Training certification through the Points of Light Foundation and just recently completed a well received program on volunteers and volunteering at St. James, Marietta. *Kathryn Bruce, Community Volunteer Facilitator, Birmingham, Alabama*

### **What they didn't tell you when you were asked to run for the vestry**

**Session 3**

Canon Callaway will present administrative vestry roles and responsibilities. Lots of time for discussion and critical incident sharing. Perhaps more Q than A, but we'll try! For starters: When is the Parochial Report due? Is our parish required to have an audit? Where can I get demographic data on my community? Is the Parish Secretary entitled to health benefits? Anti-racism training... for us? What's a Confirmed Communicant? Will the Architecture Commission actually help us? *The Rev. Canon Richard H. Callaway, Canon to the Ordinary*

## **Liturgy**

### **Dynamics of a Successful Flower Guild**

**Session 1**

How do churches create beautiful flowers for their worship spaces on a budget and using volunteer flower arrangers? This workshop focuses on how to create, grow and operate a church flower guild. Topics will include flower guild budgets, funding of flower costs, weekly planning and ordering, developing volunteers, training and how to start and grow a flower guild. *Laura Iarocci and Victoria Denson, Faith Flowers and Flower Guild Co-Chairs at the Cathedral of St. Philip*

### **Eucharistic Visitor Training**

**Session 1**

Eucharistic Visitors are trained and licensed to bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend church because of illness or immobility. It is a ministry of presence, healing and hope for pastoral caregivers who also want to bring the Sacrament from Sunday services. The workshop will be a "hands on" approach to this ministry. The text is *A Manual for Lay Eucharistic Ministers*, by Beth Ely. *The Rev. Canon Todd Smelser, Canon for Pastoral Care and Worship, Cathedral of St. Philip and Chair, Commission on Liturgy*

### **Holy Hospitality**

**Session 2**

Clayton Morris, Staff Officer for Liturgy and Music for the Episcopal Church, has written the book, *Holy Hospitality: Worship and the Baptismal Covenant*. This workshop will look at our baptismal theology, our liturgical hospitality and how we utilize our liturgical ministries. It is meant to stimulate discussion and help parishes to assess their hospitality on Sunday mornings. *The Rev. Canon Todd Smelser, Canon for Pastoral Care and Worship, Cathedral of St. Philip and Chair, Commission on Liturgy*

### **Ministry of Vergers at St. Augustine's, Morrow**

**Session 3**

Has your parish considered establishing a verger ministry? The rector and vergers of St. Augustine's Church, Morrow, share what has worked well in their parish and why. *The Rev. Barry Griffin; Chuck Dale, Phil Kyle and Sterling White*

## **Music**

### **Liturgical Resources at Your Finger Tips**

**Session 3**

This workshop will explore the collection of supplemental liturgical materials prepared by the Standing Liturgical Commission (1997) and published by Church Publishing Incorporated. It includes resources and forms for Morning and Evening Prayer, Order of Worship for the Evening, the Great Litany, and the Holy Eucharist. *The Rev. Raymond Gotko, Associate Rector, St. James', Marietta & member of Commission on Music*

### **Singing Through the Church Year: A Children's Choir Resource**

**Session 1**

A workshop for clergy, musicians, choir directors, and Christian educators. Using a hands-on approach, we will walk through this publication and explore: Bible Stories, Christmas and Epiphany Pageants, church seasons, liturgical colors, and facts, Bible study ideas, hymns, creative movement, music games and activities, music terms and rhythm, note reading, and notation. *Tamara Makdad Albrecht, author and choir director/organist at St. Bede's, Atlanta*

### **Widen Your Musical Repertoire**

**Session 2**

This workshop presents an introduction to a wide diversity of liturgical music and choral anthems that represent a variety of worship styles including jazz, gospel, Negro Spirituals and traditional Anglican anthems. *Trey Clegg, Choir Director/Organist, St. Paul's, Atlanta*

## **Safe Church Programming**

### **Adult Boundary Issues for Clergy & Lay Leaders**

**(both sessions 2 & 3 required)**

Two-part workshop providing the diocesan required training for clergy, staff, and others who minister to other adults on a one-to-one basis where issues of trust and confidentiality are at issue. One who counsels or ministers to others is potentially vulnerable to becoming sexually involved with them. This workshop will provide opportunities to talk about ethics, standards, power, intimacy, boundaries, gifts, and legal ecclesiastical ramifications. Both sessions are needed to fulfill the requirements for the training. *The Rev. Dr. Deborah Silver, Certified Pastoral Counselor and Psychotherapist and diocesan trainer for Safeguarding God's Children program*

### **Safeguarding God's Children**

**(both Sessions 2 & 3 required)**

Training for the protection of children and youth from child sexual abuse. This is the required training for clergy and lay staff in Episcopal institutions in the Diocese of Atlanta, along with lay volunteers who work with children and youth. Both sessions A & B are required for certification. *The Rev. Mary Erickson, diocesan trainer for Safeguarding God's Children and Associate Priest, St. Martin in the Fields, Atlanta*

### **Your Boundaries. Your Call!!**

**Session 1**

Overview of a new program for Teens from the creators of Safeguarding God's Children. This program teaches middle-and high-school youth self-protection skills around the area of sexual abuse. This workshop will share the program goals and methodology with parents, adult youth leaders, teachers, and clergy in order to help them determine its use in their parish. *The Rev. Dr. William Harkins III, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice, teaches pastoral theology and counseling at Columbia Theological Seminary, Priest Associate for Pastoral Care at the Cathedral of St. Philip and a diocesan trainer for Safeguarding God's Children*

## Social Ministries

### **(The) Church and It's Money**

**Session 1**

As people of faith we live in the tension between *marketplace* values—growth, increased profits and productivity, a competitive edge over others—and *gospel* values—fairness, forming community with the “least of these”, being good stewards. When we move from office or factory to pew, we do not move from one world to another—this tension follows us. The Church itself is faced with knotty questions over maximizing return from its assets in order to provide economic security to those who depend on it. Our economy is based on a *theology of scarcity*, stimulating our worries about whether there will be enough. At the same time our faith is rooted in a *theology of abundance* in which we believe that God created enough for the needs of all creation. It is in this tension that we enter this workshop. We will experience one module in the new curriculum (soon to be available) produced by the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice which addresses this topic. *Vicky Partin, Lay Missioner, Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry and John Hooper, Retired Director, Michigan Interfaith Loan Fund. Both members, ENEJ Education Team and Steering Committee, respectively*

### **Church of the Common Ground: Doing Church a Different Way**

**Session 3**

Come hear first-hand about some new ways of "doing church". Church of the Common Ground, an exciting ministry in our diocese, is literally "taking it to the streets." Growing out of the remarkable work of Ecclesia Ministries in Boston, this way of doing church understands the fundamental truth that "the homeless" are our fellow journeyers with God, not the object of our charity. Join the Rev. Bob Book, Holly Book, Deacon Carole Maddux and others as they share their experiences and discuss the spiritual and pastoral needs of the homeless community, as well as the history of the Ecclesia community and the Church of the Common Ground in downtown Atlanta.

Discover how you and your parish can create true relationship with the homeless community in a manner that opens minds and hearts to finding grace in new ways and new places. *The Rev. Bob Book, Holly Book, Deacon Carole Maddux*

### **Infusion Youth Leadership Program**

**Session 3**

As outreach coordinators and parish educators, look around your committees and parish leadership to see who will be there to take your place. You may discover few leaders under 30 years of age. This workshop describes one program which engages 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade youth in community through leadership, service, and spiritual reflection. Co-sponsored by the Pastoral Institute in Columbus, *Infusion* uses “servant leadership” as a model for teaching values and relationship building. In the year-long experience, 15 students explore social issues and the systemic causes of oppression while studying various religious texts. The goal is to develop culturally and spiritually aware youth who will become our future community and religious leaders. *Infusion* is decidedly Episcopalian but welcomes diversity in religions and cultures. *Kimberly Gaymon, Infusion Program Director and Counselor at the Pastoral Institute, Columbus.*

### **Military Ministry: Supporting U.S. Service Personnel and Their Families**

**Session 1**

Know someone who's serving our country overseas? Have a parishioner who's returned and needing pastoral care? Is your parish willing to contact vets and provide creative outreach? How about if your family or congregation are grieving the loss of a loved one killed in action or one who's come back injured? Do you wonder how to “Support Our Troops” whether or not you support the war? Gather with others from around the diocese to discover resources available to care for the multi-faceted needs of those serving in the military. As we enter into the 5<sup>th</sup> year of current engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan, discover how parishes can mobilize to reach out to service members and their loved ones, especially for National Guard and Reserve forces who may not have access to base-specific support resources. Help us create a diocesan-wide network that can help such ministries grow.

The session will explore resources available through the Office of the Bishop for Chaplaincies, including the H.O.S.T. (Home Support Team) Program, an ecumenical and interfaith model for

providing much-needed support. Participants will learn how to create a plan for effective ministry and partnerships. Bring your own ideas, questions and experience – all of them will be valuable!  
*The Very Rev. Wesley Smith, Rector of Christ Church, Macon and former Army Chaplain.*

### **Opening Eyes –Resources to Help Understand Race and Reconciliation      Session 2**

Get a taste of resources that may be new to you and your parish as you grapple with eradicating racism and work toward becoming more fully “the beloved community” of Dr. King’s dream. All of us are impacted by our histories, our cultures and our personal experiences; our own “blind spots” are easy to come by and harder to remove! Resources for helping each other open our eyes will include excerpts of the videos *A Girl Like Me*, *The Color of Fear* and *White Privilege 101*, along with many other materials which are also available for loan from the Diocesan Resource Center.

Ideas for practical use in congregations and group settings will be discussed, including, we hope, many ideas from participants! Bring your stories, your questions, your hopes and your fears, as we offer them all for God’s grace and God’s healing. *John Ford, VP & Dean of Campus Life at Emory University, member of the Commission on Anti-racism and the Institute for Ministry & Theological Education Board, and parishioner at St. Bartholomew’s, Atlanta and Bill Nevins, Chair of the Commission on Anti-racism, diocesan and national trainer for Seeing the Face of God in Each Other, and parishioner at the Cathedral of St. Philip..*

### **We Are the Church Together: Stories of Inclusion, Food for the Journey      Sessions 2 or 3**

Churches are at their best when every member is welcomed, offered a seat at the table, invited to eat and be filled, and then asked to serve the one who would come behind them. People with disabilities have historically been missing from the table in many of our congregations and communities. This workshop, offered twice, will offer participants an opportunity to hear, tell, and respond to stories about the ways our congregations have begun the work of making this fellowship possible for people with disabilities. Facilitators will share their experiences with people with disabilities and mental illness. Workshop participants will also be invited to share stories and resources about their congregation’s experience welcoming people with disabilities. All storytellers and good listeners are welcome. *Mark Crenshaw, Director Interfaith Disabilities Connection, The Rev. Michael Tanner, Rector, Holy Comforter, The Rev. Benno Pattison, Rector, Epiphany, and The Rev. Beverley Elliott, Associate Rector, St. Bartholomew’s.*

## **Spiritual Growth**

### **Enneagram and Spiritual Growth**

### **Session 2**

Discover how the Enneagram serves as a powerful tool for supporting the work of awakening to our Essential Nature. In this very brief overview, we will see how the Enneagram, as we know it today, is a synthesis of ancient wisdom and modern psychology and how it is linked to early Christian tradition. We will get a glimpse of the nine personality types defined by the Enneagram but with a focus on the Enneagram’s deeper function as a pointer to who we are beyond the level of personality – towards a deeper dimension of ourselves that is infinitely more profound, more interesting, more rewarding and more real. *Lynda Roberts and Pisha Reardon, Specialists in the Insight Approach to the Enneagram*

## **Stewardship**

### **ABC’s of Stewardship**

### **Session 1**

For those who wish to explore the true stewardship message and ways it can be presented to parishes. The message is spiritual and biblically based, and the response can transform individuals and parishes. A basic course for lay people who have recently become stewardship chairs, vestry or committee members, and for clergy who want to know more about this ministry. *Karl Woltersdorf and Ron Owens, Consultants, Diocese of Atlanta Commission on Stewardship*

**Biblical Basis of Christian Stewardship****Session 3**

An exploration of biblical foundations of Christian stewardship. A PowerPoint presentation titled "The Circle of Stewardship" serves as the centerpiece of the session, while the session's design encourages and relies upon participation from the attendees. Designed for anyone who has an interest in what the Bible has to say about the basic building blocks of Christian stewardship. *Mal Underwood, Consultant, Diocese of Atlanta Commission on Stewardship*

**Parish Capital Campaigns: Good Fundamentals are the Key to Success****Session 1**

Many parish capital drives are won or loss before the campaign is ever launched. Learn what to do and what not to do to insure that your capital improvement program leads to the only kind of campaign your parish should ever undertake and that is a successful one that enhances ministry. Bring your vision; be prepared to share where you are as a parish and where you believe you are being called in terms of buildings and facilities. *Glenn Holliman, Vice President of Giving Services and Anne Ditzler, Assistant Director of Giving Services, Episcopal Church Foundation*

**Parish Capital Campaigns: Beyond Fundamentals-Conducting a Campaign****Session 2**

After planning and visioning comes the execution of a capital funds drive. Learn the basic organization structure of a campaign, job descriptions, material needs and a sample calendar of what has to happen and when. Hear how other parishes have addressed challenges and overcome them, leading to capital campaigns that have improved the delivery of ministries. *Glenn Holliman, Vice President of Giving Services and Anne Ditzler, Assistant Director of Giving Services, Episcopal Church Foundation*

**Planned Giving 101: Now is the time! Start planned giving in your parish****Session 2**

This workshop will help you assess the potential benefit of a planned giving program in your parish and to understand what is involved in putting one in place. We will review the essential elements for a successful program and outline the proven steps necessary to establish a viable program. *Charles Gearing, Archdeacon and Planned Giving Advisor, Diocese of Atlanta*

**Planned Giving Re-activated: Get your program on track again****Session 3**

This workshop is designed for those parishes that have made some start on their planned giving programs but need to give them some new life. We will review new ideas and resources that can help substantially, including the role of the Bishop Child Heritage Circle. Also, we will share stories of what works and what doesn't. *Charles Gearing, Archdeacon and Planned Giving Advisor, Diocese of Atlanta*

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