

DIOCESAN CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Friday Afternoon, February 26

All workshops will be at Grace Episcopal Church, 820 Broadway, Paducah, KY.

Advance registration for the workshop(s) of your choice (though not required) will help us assign space.

Register by e-mailing the Rev. Libby Wade (libby_wade@yahoo.com).

1:30-3:45 *Caring for Our Fragile Earth, Our Island Home*

What is our Christian response to living on this fragile earth? Is God green? How can we pray, give and act? What do “caring for” and “stewardship” really mean? How do environmental issues relate to poverty and the Millennium Development Goals? In this workshop, we will discuss theology, liturgy and practical solutions for the church’s response to God’s call to care for one another and all of creation.

Presenters: The Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel, Province IV Environmental Network Coordinator; Dr. Mary Abrams, Chair of the Diocesan Dept. of Peace and Justice; and other Department members

1:30-3:30 *Staging the Story: Using Drama in Your Church*

There are many ways you can use drama in your church to help make God’s message both clear and entertaining at the same time. It can be serious if you choose, but it can also be light and funny. And for those of you who get squeamish when you are asked to memorize lines, you don’t even necessarily need to do that. Readers Theatre is a great tool, also. You will see examples of what you can do in your church. It’s really fun! Give it a try. [Each hour of this workshop will stand alone, so one may choose to attend 1:30-2:30, 2:30-3:30, or the full 1:30-3:30.]

Presenter: Mr. Phil Counts, Director/Actor and member of Grace (Paducah)

1:30-2:45 *Living Our Faith: Stewardship in the 21st Century*

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Tim Mitchell, Rector of Church of the Advent (Louisville) and Church Pension Fund Trustee

1:30-2:45 *Charter for Lifelong Formation*

Last summer, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church adopted a Charter for Lifelong Formation and our Diocesan Dept. of Christian Formation submitted a resolution to this Diocesan Convention urging us to do the same. Faith formation for people of all ages informs, forms and transforms people and communities by providing an encounter with Christ and promoting discipleship. The Charter provides an intentional opportunity to plan and support our lifelong formation, while giving a framework to help dioceses and congregations organize their formation ministries and programs. Workshop participants will discuss ways in which our diocese might use the Charter to help invigorate faith formation.

Presenters: Ms. Debbi Rodahoffer, Director of Christian Education at St. Matthews (Louisville) and President of NAECED (National Association of Episcopal Christian Education Directors), with members of the Diocesan Dept. of Christian Formation

1:30-2:30 *“When the Storms of Life O’er Take Us:” Preparing for Disasters & Catastrophic Events*

Ice storms, tornadoes, and floods have come and gone across the diocesan geography. This workshop will provide an overview of the psychosocial impact of these and other catastrophic events, natural and human-induced. It will also present ideas for gaining and maintaining adequate coping skills and providing resources to the affected population, as individuals and congregations.

Presenter: The Rev. Karl Lusk, Vice-chair, KY Community Crisis Response Network, & Diocesan Disaster Preparedness Coordinator

2:00-2:45 *“Voices of Homelessness in Western Kentucky”*

Homelessness in rural and small-town Kentucky is different in several ways from urban homelessness. This workshop will offer a glimpse at the issues facing those experiencing homelessness in the Purchase Area and how churches and social service agencies are trying to help. Participants will hear the stories of homeless children and adults, as well as statistics, and receive handouts with concrete ideas for response that may be applied in their own setting.

Presenters: Ms. Heidi Suhrheinrich, Director of Paducah Cooperative Ministry, and Others

3:00-4:00 *Wellness and Faithful Living*

This workshop will examine current nutrition guidelines and recommendations, as well as exercise research and guidelines with particular emphasis on issues surrounding behavior change. What are God's hopes for us and how is it that we come to feel a call to change our lives? Having felt that call, what qualities or behaviors will support us in making changes in our lifestyle? These are the questions I hope to explore with participants. In doing so, I hope to involve and draw upon the combined experience of the group as we search for meaningful ways forward.

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Bill Watson, Rector of Grace (Hopkinsville), CREDO Staff, Physician, and author of a chapter in *All Shall Be Well* (Morehouse, 2009)

3:00-4:00 *Amendments to & Restatements of the Charters of Trustees & Council and the Bishop Dudley Memorial*

The Charters of Trustees & Council and of the Board of Trustees of the Bishop Dudley Memorial are the articles of incorporation of these two Diocesan corporations. Upon recent review by Trustees and Council, T&C found that it does not authorize the same membership on T&C as does diocesan Canon 17. Upon further review, T&C decided that other parts of the Charter needed to be amended to conform to other aspects of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and to add additional provisions which are common in the articles of incorporation of other charitable, non-profit corporations. An Amended and Restated Charter for T&C will be on the agenda for adoption during the Convention. Upon separate review the Trustees of the Bishop Dudley Memorial determined that their Charter fails to state accurately the formula which the Dudley Trustees have been using for the past several years to determine the Trustees' annual contribution to support the episcopate. When they reviewed the alternatives for amendment to their Charter, the Dudley Trustees also decided to revise their Charter. The Amendments to the Dudley Trustees' Charter have been adopted by final action by the Dudley Trustees, but according to Diocesan Canon 31 their Charter must be approved by the Convention before it can be filed in Frankfort. This workshop will be an opportunity for all interested persons to ask questions and understand the history of the Charters, how they relate to the Canons of the Church and why the amendments are being recommended.

Presenter: Mr. Robinson Beard, Chancellor of the Diocese of KY

3:00-4:00 *The Poetry of George Herbert*

Saturday, February 27 is the day set aside in *Holy Women, Holy Men* to honor the 17th Century English priest and poet, George Herbert. Our Convention Morning Prayer service on Saturday morning will use the propers for George Herbert's Feast Day and the words of the hymns and anthem will be taken from his poems. This workshop will give participants an opportunity to savor the richness of Herbert's poetry and learn a bit about his life.

Presenter: Dr. Barbara Cobb, Assistant Professor of English, Murray State University and member of St. John's (Murray)

3:00-4:00 *Transforming Lives Through Outreach Projects*

Inspiration and practical advice on how to implement similar projects in your community. Opportunity to ask questions and share ideas. Participants may attend individual segments or the whole workshop.

3:00-3:20	Reading Camp	Grace (Paducah)
3:20-3:40	Farmer's Market/Sustainable Agriculture	St. Andrew's (Glasgow)
3:40-4:00	tbd	

3:00-4:00 *Budget Conversation*

An opportunity to ask questions and discuss the proposed 2010 Diocesan Budget to be voted upon on Saturday.

Presenters: Dr. Bill Allbritten, Diocesan Budget Chair, and Ms. Becky Meyer, Diocesan Staff

3:00-4:00 *Resolutions Conversation*

Join the Convention Resolutions Committee for questions and conversation about the resolutions which will come before Convention on Saturday.

Presenters: Dr. Mary Abrams, Resolutions Committee Chair, and Others

4:00-4:45 *Orientation for First-Time Adult Deputies*

Presenter: tba

4:00-4:45 *Orientation for All Youth Deputies*

Presenter: Ms. Beth Bojarski, Diocesan Youth Director