

WORKSHOPS AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION

February 25, 2011

St. Matthew's Church, Louisville, Kentucky

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Christian Formation Hopes for the Diocese – A Conversation with
The Rt. Rev. Terry A. White

“Ministering the Gospel of God” is found on the Seal of the Diocese of Kentucky. How are we formed, equipped, for effective Gospel mission? Join Bishop White in exploring the importance of life-long formation as it relates to the Church’s mission to proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and our baptismal covenant.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Eco-Ministry “Dirt” – The Rev. Jerry Cappel

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Peace and Justice – The Rev. Mary Abrams

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Epis*connections: The Digital Faith Community – What It Can
Mean to Your Website Ministry – Dave Hagan and The Rev. Mary Jane Cherry

Dave Hagan, the diocese’s website consultant, and Mary Jane Cherry, communications director, will answer questions and provide information about the Digital Faith Community, a network of diocesan and parish websites that are easily managed by volunteers and staff members. The Diocese makes the DFC website management system and technical support available, without charge, to all of its churches, diocesan departments, committees, programs and affiliated organizations. In addition to offering an overview of the DFC system and its tools, the workshop leaders will identify ways the Digital Faith Community may be useful to parishes that have existing websites. They also will explain specific functions such as the “People” tool, which can be used to maintain user databases and automatically build directories of clergy, committee members or other leadership.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Hospitality for All as Parish Ministry – Martha Bourlakas

Jesus did not merely suggest radical, inclusive hospitality. He daily lived it and continuously calls us into our own life of hospitality ministry. What does this mean for us? Should we be made to feel uncomfortable or pushed outside our comfort zone for the sake of the Gospel? By answering “yes,” we can all enter more fully into the life of the Gospel and lead richer, deeper spiritual lives. In this session, we will explore types of special needs of our parishioners and how we can embrace these individuals, helping them feel more whole. We will talk about specific ideas of welcome and incorporation into our parishes and into the Christian life.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Changes to the Health Insurance Canons – Church Pension Group
Medical Trust

The Rev. W.R. “Rusty” McCown, Account Specialist, Province IV, The Episcopal Church Medical Trust, will present the changes to the Health Insurance Canons passed by the 2009 General Convention and will answer questions about their implementation.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Sister Emily Cooper – Kentucky’s Florence Nightingale – The
Rev. Ken D. Thompson and Callie Hausman

Come to know the ministry of Sister Emily Cooper, a saintly Louisville woman who became one of the Episcopal Church’s first deaconesses and first director of the Home of the Innocents in 1880. Get help in planning the observance of “Sister Emily Cooper and All the Forgotten Children” day, June 11.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Fostering Ecumenically-Minded Clergy Peer Learning Groups –
Kentucky Council of Churches – Marion McClure Taylor