



# The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama

The Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley, Jr., Bishop

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Dear Friends in Christ:

Our next Clergy Reflection Day will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will gather at All Saints Church, located at 110 West Hawthorne Road, Birmingham, AL 35209. Please register for this event as soon as possible by using our website, [www.dioala.org](http://www.dioala.org) and clicking on the "register" button. If you do not have internet access, you may register by calling Peggy Turner at (205) 715-2060, ext. 305.

Our program will be brought to us by the Center for Religion and Environment at Sewanee. Faculty members of the college and seminary have developed a continuing education piece for clergy and this will be the first pilot presentation of it. The description is as follows:

### **How Then Shall We Live? Beauty, Creation, and the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

This day of reflection explores the implications of the theology of beauty for the 21<sup>st</sup> century church and the society in which it lives. Why do the beauty of God's creation and our response to it matter? How do the impacts on creation of the ways we work and play relate to salvation and the proclamation of the gospel; to the growth of the church; to the church's prophetic role in today's world? We will explore these and related questions through presentations, videos, and small group discussions led by John Gatta, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Robin Gottfried and Sr. Madeleine Mary, Executive Director and Director respectively of the Center for Religion and Environment, at Sewanee: the University of the South.

Our schedule will be:

9:30 am	Gathering & Announcements
9:50 am	How then Shall we Live? Part I
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	How then Shall we Live? Part II
3:30 pm	Closure time

Bishop Sloan and I hope that you will make every effort to be present. For calendar planning the next Clergy Reflection Day will be December 7, including ordinations at the Cathedral Church of the Advent.

Faithfully in Christ,

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