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Session A:
The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal
New Pavilion, DaySpring
Who Should Attend? Vestry Members and Officers

The church is a body in which human community is being redeemed and made holy, through the development and observance of spiritual and moral practices that form us for mission. These include (but are not limited to) regular attendance at worship, hospitality to strangers, study, witness, reconciliation, and justice work. Bishop Breidenthal will lead our 2015 Vestry Retreat in reflection on how we as leaders can best model and promote such practices. We’ll take time to become familiar with the concept of practices, generate our own list of essential practices, and consider some down-to-earth ways to help our congregations live them out.

Prior to his election as Bishop of Southern Ohio in 2006, Bishop Breidenthal served as the dean of Religious Life and of the Chapel at Princeton. Before moving to Princeton, he served for nearly a decade as the John Henry Hobart Professor of Christian Ethics and Moral Theology at General Theological Seminary in New York City. He was a senior chaplain at Harvard School in California and an Episcopal Church Foundation Fellow in Oxford, England.

(or) Session B: Education for Ministry, Lay Eucharistic Training
Pavilion A, DaySpring
Who Should Attend? Anyone in need of training as a Lay Eucharistic Minister or Lay Eucharistic Visitor.

At Vestry Retreat 2015, there will be an option for introductory training for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Education for Ministry, two programs that assist parishes in deepening the involvement of laity.

Education for Ministry: Come to this workshop to find out all there is to know about Education for Ministry. We begin with an overview of the basics of the program, including what the program is and is not. Then everyone is invited to participate in a short exercise which will give you a sense of how the seminar group works, including Spiritual Autobiographies, a brief reading and Theological Reflection.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: In the Book of Common Prayer, we are all called to ministry, The Rev. Melissa Sands will present Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Visitor training. This class will prepare lay persons to serve in these ministries in their parishes, and meets the educational requirement for a Eucharistic Visitor license.