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Workshops Schedule - Friday, November 8, 2024

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

Constitution and Canons 101

The Rev. Canon d'Rue Hazel, Canon to the Ordinary

Ballroom A

Often seen as a complex governing document, the Constitution and Canons provide a necessary framework for mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church. This workshop will provide practical skills for clergy and lay leaders who wish to learn and utilize this resource more fully.

Love Jesus. Embody justice. Be disciples. Where do we start? — Discipleship Lens

Ms. Jenny Grant, Manger, Faith and Community Engagement, Episcopal Relief and Development, Interim Canon Heidi J. Kim, Interim Canon for Discipleship, and Canon for Racial Justice and Healing Lee Hill

Ballroom C

Love Jesus, Embody Justice, Be Disciples: Where Do We Start?

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We are a community of disciples who love Jesus, are transformed by a faith lived out in daily life, and committed to racial justice and reconciling all people with God and one another.

What does this look like in our daily lives and ministries? While our diocesan motto and vision are clear, the call to engage discipleship and justice can also raise questions about how and where to start, and how to sustain ourselves and our ministries over time. This workshop will utilize the framework of the [Inner Development Goals](#), created by an international consortium in response to delays in achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, to begin to map a way forward for ourselves and our ministries. This session will prioritize discipleship and spiritual (trans)formation.

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Caffeinated Church

Ashley Graham-Wilcox

Ballroom D

Boost your church communications and administration with the help of Caffeinated Church. Caffeinated Church is a place to go for resources, idea-sharing, collaboration, and training for all areas of church communications and administration. The Diocese of Virginia has partnered with Caffeinated Church to offer membership to diocesan churches for \$20 per year (a 66% discount!) Ashley Graham-Wilcox, an independent consultant specializing in church-related communications, leadership development, events, and a leader at Caffeinated Church, will share details about this opportunity and answer questions at this workshop.

A Door to Hope: Jesus, Justice and Becoming Human

The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Duke University Chapel and Professor of Homiletics and African and African American Studies

Ballroom E

Join Rev. Dr. Luke Powery for a special dialogue workshop exploring the themes developed in his newest book, *Becoming Human*, as well as his talks, "Jesus and the Gift of Tears" and "Jesus and the Gift of Song." Drawing from his research, sermons and writings, Dr. Powery will guide participants in a thoughtful conversation based on biblical texts, theological themes of Howard Thurman, and our call to do justice. Ms. Carolyn Lainer, Chair for the Ministry for Racial Justice and Healing, will serve as the facilitator for this workshop. Together, they will create a space for open and honest dialogue about the human experience, the role of emotions in our faith lives, and the importance of building inclusive and compassionate communities.

Small Churches Can Be Strong Churches

The Rev. Shirley Smith Graham, Minister for Congregational Vitality

Ballroom F

Can a church be small and vital too? You bet. This workshop offers participants the "vital signs" that help us understand how a church is doing as well as some of the markers for thriving that increase focus, energy and joy in a congregation.

Reimagining Global Mission: Becoming a World Where Love is the Way

Diane Wright, Diocesan Global Mission Advocate

Small Workshop Room #1

Is your parish discerning launching (or relaunching) an effective global mission ministry? Why engage globally when there is such need locally? How do we discern God's call into mission? What resources are available to support us in this ministry? Join us for an interactive conversation on what global mission looks like in the 21st century, why we are called into the world, and how we can be companions in transformation and see Christ in each other in different parts of the world.

Mission Real Estate Development: Is Your Property Underutilized?

Nina Janopaul and Kat Turner, Virginia Episcopal Real Estate Partners (VEREP) board members

Small Workshop Room #3

Mission Real Estate Development is a way for churches to build financial stability or ministry through the creative use of their physical property and real estate. The session will discuss how to discern a missional calling and how church real estate can be used to enhance missional work and provide financial resources to support ministry.

VEREP representatives will discuss pilot projects underway in the Diocese and share resources that are available for churches to begin their own assessment of their readiness for Mission Real Estate Development. Examples will be given on successful MRED within the Diocese and elsewhere. A list of further resources for learning will be available.

Discernment: Listening for God's Call in your Life and Community

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Key Price, Diocesan Vocations Minister

Small Workshop Room #4

In this introductory workshop, participants will be introduced to the concept of Discernment as spiritual listening in community. Information and examples shared in this workshop will involve personal discernment ("listening for God's call in my life") as well as community discernment ("listening for what God is calling us to do as a community") informed by our diocesan approach to spiritual discernment in community. All are welcome!

3:00 – 3:50 p.m.

Introduction to Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM)

Kendall Martin, EMM Senior Communications Manager and Allison Duvall, EMM Senior Manager for Church and Community Engagement

Ballroom A

Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) is the refugee resettlement and migration ministry of The Episcopal Church. Since 1988, EMM has resettled more than 100,000 individuals to communities across the United States. Learn more about EMM's important work and how you can support refugee resettlement and migration ministries in your community.

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Key Resources for Vestries, Finance Committees, and Administrators

Ted Smith, Diocesan Treasurer

Ballroom E

This workshop will go over important ways that vestries and other leaders can get up to speed on important aspects of the temporal affairs of congregations.

Lay Leaders and Clergy Strengthening Their Churches Together

The Rev. Shirley Smith Graham, Minister for Congregational Vitality

Ballroom F

This workshop gives participants the opportunity to work through how their church gathers participants, how people experience the transforming power of God, and where they practice their discipleship, while looking especially at the neighborhood or area context in which the church is doing ministry. The best benefit is for lay delegates and clergy to attend together although all are welcome.

Crisis in the Sudans: How Episcopalians Can Help

Dane Smith, Executive Director, American Friends of the Episcopal Church in Sudan

Small Workshop Room #1

Sudan is being torn apart by rival military groups. Thousands have died, more than 10 million are displaced, and starvation has set in. The Episcopal Church of Sudan, ousted from its offices, has desperately been trying to help dispersed congregations. The recent Episcopal Convention resolved that the Episcopal Church (US) should advocate for a settlement and contribute to organizations promoting that objective like AFRECS and ERD. The workshop will update you on the crisis in both Sudans, on what is being done by Episcopalians already, and how you and your parish can help.

Congregational Historiography

Nathan Madison, Registrar and Historiographer

Small Workshop Room #3

This session will include an explanation of current projects of the Archivist and Historiographer regarding the organization, digitization, and preservation of the Diocesan Archives. It will also focus on answering participants questions they may have about: preserving their historical records, best archival practices and materials, topics of research, maintaining current records for the future, and any other queries or issues they have encountered as they work to preserve their parish's history.

Discernment: Developing and Practicing Skills for Spiritual Listening

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Key Price, Diocesan Vocations Minister

Small Workshop Room #4

Those who attended last year's workshop on discernment and/or the 2:00 p.m. introductory workshop on discernment are invited to this follow-up opportunity for deeper exploration of discernment skills. Participants in this workshop will practice active sharing and active listening techniques informed by our diocesan approach to spiritual discernment. Participants in this follow up workshop should attend feeling informed and comfortable with the idea of community-based discernment so that techniques can be practiced in small groups.