

MINISTRY FAIR

Diocese of Central New York

Here and Now: Equipping the People for the Church of Today



Saturday, March 29, 2014

Storer Auditorium, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse

**Look inside and check-out the
25 different workshop offerings!**

Welcome to the 2014 Ministry Fair of the Diocese of Central New York. It is always great to gather in this way, yes to gain knowledge and skills for ministry in and through our parishes, but also to be reminded that we are a part of something larger than our own faith community. I always come away from this event with a grander sense of the Holy Spirit's work among us and wonderfully grateful for all of you.

Equipping us to be the Church of today is our theme, yet I hope you also see that this is in order that we are a Church of tomorrow. So come to this day with an open heart to receive all that God is calling you to be in the love that transforms and makes all things new, "To be the passionate presence of Christ for one another and the world we are called to serve."

Bishop Skip

SCHEDULE

MARCH 29, 2014

8:00—8:45 am	Check-in and Continental Breakfast (Storer Auditorium)
9:00	Opening Session
9:20	Session A
10:40	Session B
Noon	Lunch
1:00	Session C
2:20	Session D
3:45—4:15	Celebration of the Day

Diocesan Snapshot



Ministry Fair—2014

Session A

(9:20am—10:30am)

A1 — What Does a Healthy Small Parish Look Like?

Presented by: The Very Rev. Charles Taylor and Members of the Small Church Task Force

Are you weary of hearing how the small church needs to be “fixed”? What does the small church look like? Does it look like a big church waiting to grow up? No matter what the size of the parish the principles that make any church healthy are the same. We will explore with deep respect the advantages and disadvantages of the small church. Some areas to be discussed are: the relationship of the small church with the Diocese of Central New York, pastoral oversight, strategic planning, stewardship, and your concerns for the future of our small parishes.

A2 — For Those In Need: A Medical Mission Program to El Salvador

Presented by: Members of the Mission of Miracles Program

The Here and Now: take the door that is open for you to reach out and do mission. One “open door” is our companion diocesan relationship with the people of El Salvador. One mission project is the Mission of Miracles medical outreach program. Come and find out what it’s all about and how you can be involved.

A3 — Role of a Vestry

Presented by: Mr. Paul J. Curtin, Esq., Chancellor

This presentation will include an overview of the New York State laws, rules, canons and regulations that affect and guide vestries.

A4 — The Children Are Our Future: Keeping Children and Families Engaged at Your Church

Presented by: Ms. Christine Brown and Ms. Rory Lawrence

This workshop will follow the children’s worship journey of Trinity Church in Fayetteville. We will discuss the multi-curriculum based approach that Trinity has adopted as well as ways to encourage and foster a sense of community, love, and outreach within your children’s worship program.

A5 — Grant Proposal Writing Workshop

Presented by: Mr. Ross Gullo

Learn the fundamentals of grant writing with an experienced grant writer. This workshop imparts the basic skills and knowledge necessary to locate appropriate funding opportunities to create a successful grant funding program. You will learn how to raise needed funds by discovering how and where to look for potential funders who are a good match for your parish. Participants will learn the basic steps of writing a successful grant proposal.

A6 — Discovering the Extraordinary in the Ordinary

Presented by: The Rev. Adrian A. Amaya

This workshop will locate practices and disciplines within the very business of everyday life and give practical guidance on how ordinary life can be the place where our faith is deepened. We will explore how driving to work, waiting in line at the grocery store, downloading smart phone apps, eating supper, etc. can be ways to deepen our relationship with Christ and the world.

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Session B

(10:40am—11:50am)

B7 — Experiencing God NOTE: This workshop is offered again in Session C.

Presented by: The Rev. Toppie Bates, Ms. Kathy Crowther, Mr. Charlie Crowther, Ms. Nancy Graham, Ms. Mary Blum

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B8 — A Parish in Transition

Presented by: Transition Ministry Consultant Group of the Diocese

Is your church in transition (or about to be) from one clergy leader to another? Come learn from experienced Transition Ministry Consultants about this extraordinary opportunity for growth in your parish or mission. You will hear about the basics of transition time, including bringing closure to the previous pastorate, discovering a new identity, assisting leadership changes, renewing denominational linkages, and committing to new directions. Wardens, search committee members, and vestry members will especially find insight into navigating the transitions time. Bring your questions and concerns.

B9 — Share the Journey: The Episcopal Church and Refugee Resettlement

Presented by: Ms. Allison Duvall, Program Manager for Church Relations and Co-Sponsorship, Episcopal Migration Ministries; and Ms. Daryl Files, Volunteer and Donor Coordinator, Interfaith Works of Central New York

Episcopalians have long understood loving service and relationship with and among refugees as an essential expression of our Baptismal covenant. Join us to learn about the Episcopal Church's refugee resettlement ministry in the United States through Episcopal Migration Ministries. This workshop will explore global humanitarian refugee crises, how the Church responds, and how Episcopalians can join in global and local ministry with refugees through EMM's local affiliate office, Interfaith Works of CNY.

B10 — Effective Church Websites: The Basics

Presented by: Mr. Andy Pierce

The web can seem completely overwhelming at times! This class will hopefully inspire you to create and/or improve your church website. We will talk about how to get your church online, why making the effort is important, and what steps need to be considered in planning for the work ahead! Where should you put your efforts? What tools and skills are needed? How much will it cost? Where can I get help? How can we set realistic goals for the digital journey? What priorities should be considered? Who should be involved?

B11— Conflict Resolution for Vestries and Other Church Groups

Presented by: The Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent

Whenever two or three are gathered together...conflict can happen. Conflict is neither good or bad—it's how we handle conflict, and how we behave when there's disagreement that can either bring healing and transformation, or devolve into schism and sin. We will talk about common conflicts in parishes, listening and communication skills, finding common ground, questioning assumptions, and maintaining our centeredness during conflict.

B12 — Swimming In the Baptismal Pool: Preparation as Formation

Presented by: Bishop Skip

Deep faith formation is essential if we are going to be a vital church for the 21st Century. This workshop is a suggested process for preparing parents of children, and adults, to be baptized, as part of the larger catechetical/formation process. We will explore baptismal theology, the expectations of the Book of Common Prayer, and a specific three-part methodology that can be used in the parish.

B13 — Firing Up the Heart of a Disciple

Presented by: The Rev. Deacon Dorothy Pierce and Ms. Cynthia Adamowsky

What does the word "disciple" mean to you? We invite you to a time of listening and sharing of stories and experiences of discipleship. Together we will view through a "new lens," pathways for igniting God's fire within our hearts! Come and be empowered to faithfully and lovingly minister to our brothers and sisters everywhere.

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Session C

(1:00pm—2:10pm)

C14 — Contemplative Prayer

Presented by: The Rev. William Redfield

The Church of the 21st century will necessarily be a “mystical church,” and the emphasis will be more on experience than on beliefs. Congregations will need to be given guidance about contemplative spiritual practices and contemplative liturgies. This workshop will explore some of the paths that can be implemented with specific ideas of where to begin.

C15 — Experiencing God (C15) NOTE: This workshop is offered again in Session B.

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C16 — Questions about Parish Accounting?

Presented by: Deborah Smith, Diocesan Treasurer

Have questions about the parish books? Feel like you are not sure what to do, where to go for information? Let's look at basics (good accounting practices), clergy compensation, parochial reports (the accounting portion), and other questions. As Treasurer of the Diocese I will answer your questions or promise to get them for you. If you have been connected with the parish books for a while come and share your knowledge with others in the group.

C17— Introduction to Social Media for Congregations

Presented by: The Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent

If you have a passing knowledge of social media and an interest in spreading the good news of the ministry of your parish, this workshop will help introduce you to current technologies and trends to help increase the visibility of your parish on-line. If you are already a social media pro, we may not have much to offer you, but we'd be happy to hear your suggestions. If you are completely unfamiliar with computers, we may not make much sense to you, but please do drag along a computer-type from your parish. Even the smallest of congregations can have a large and effective social media presence.

C18 — “Imagine All the People...”

Presented by: Ms. Felicity Hallanan, Dr. Chuck Stewart, the Rev. Georgina Hegney

Imagine 10,000 Episcopalians from around the world, gathered under one roof! Then imagine those lay and clergy people and their bishops, meeting from early morning to late night to celebrate and deliberate about the past, present, and future of the Episcopal Church. Finally, imagine the impact this could have back home. CNY Deputies from General Convention 2012 and those who will be attending in 2015 want to share all of this and more with you and, through you, with your parishes.

C19 — Fifty Years Later: The State of Racism in America

Presented by: The Very Rev. Peter Williams, and the Rev. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and other important milestones in the civil rights movement, the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Mississippi hosted a forum. Ray Suarez, host of ‘Inside Story’ on Al Jazeera America, moderated the event, and Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori delivered the keynote address. The two panel discussions were: “Racism in America Today: Why Does It Persist?” and “Racism in America’s Future: Where Is There Hope for Change?” We will watch the webcast of this important event, engage in discussion, and look toward our first Anti-Racism training here in the Diocese.

C20 — Safe Church Training NOTE: this workshop is two sessions in length from 1:00pm—3:35pm.

Presented by: Mr. Bill O’Connell, Safe Church Coordinator for the Diocese

Diocesan Safe Church Training is designed to increase awareness of sexual misconduct and abuse of power, to outline steps toward preventing abuse, to offer ways to intervene when misconduct occurs and to equip anyone in a position of parish leadership with ways of healing and rebuilding the body of Christ. Our diocesan policy requires all church employees, licensed ministers (i.e. Eucharistic Ministers), clergy, wardens, vestry members, volunteers who interact with youth, babysitters, Sunday School Teachers, Youth Choir and Acolyte Leaders take Safe Church Training.

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Session D
(2:20pm—3:30pm)

D21 — Mission Statements: Get Started, Go Forward

Presented by: Members of the Ministry Support Committee of the Diocesan Board

History and our experience has clearly shown us that the effectiveness of organizations, including parishes, increases when they have a clearly defined and articulated mission. Effectiveness is further heightened when the mission is supported by thoughtful, prioritized goals. These are not easy tasks! Our session will examine how to get started and move forward with existing mission statements. It will include tutorials, group discussions, existing examples, and supporting rationale for undertaking these difficult tasks.

D22 — Interfaith Conversation

Presented by: The Rev. William Redfield

Experiencing the reality of living in an interfaith world, the members of our congregations are eager to know how we as Christians should regard others who are on a different spiritual path. Using the Gospel truth as our guide, this workshop will present how opening to the truth of other spiritual paths can paradoxically deepen our commitment to our own. Specific program ideas will be presented.

D23 — Advanced Church Websites

Presented by: Mr. Andy Pierce

In the last three to five years there has been an enormous change to how, where, and why churches are creating and changing their online presence. New technologies for reaching out have been created and are evolving very rapidly. I will give an overview of what are considered “best practices” for 2014. We’ll endeavor to give you “new eyes” for looking at your website, and new inspiration for how and why changes might be indicated, and people and places you can go to for help. You will learn some ways you can find who is visiting your website, and what they do when they arrive at your site.

D24 — The Wild-Wacky-Wonderful WORSHIP Workshop

Presented by: The Rev. Joell Szachara

Been there? Done that? Have a liturgical t-shirt to show for it? Boring...same old, same old...we never change! Do any of these sound familiar regarding your worship services in your parish? Well, that can change! This workshop will go through the liturgical seasons in a church year and you will learn some new wild ideas, wacky suggestions, and wonderful choices to liven up your worship services. You will leave the workshop with resources, hand-outs, and the permission to “try this at your parish” and share it all with your worship committee, your minister of music, even your rector!

D25 — How to Reveal and Develop a Music Ministry in Your Church

Presented by: Members of the Leadership Program for Musicians in CNY

Is music a part of your worship service? Is there a musician in the house? How can a church with limited resources enhance their worship with vibrant music? We will provide resources and share ideas on how any church, anywhere can have life-giving music be a vital part of their ministry. Come see how to reveal and use the talents of your congregation to create a music ministry!

D26 — Here and Now: Educating and Advocating for Holistic Health for the Church of Today

Presented by: Ms. Kathryn Medovich, RN and Ms. Elaine Carril, RN

What is Parish Nursing or Faith Community Nursing, and how can a health ministry benefit your church congregants? How would it look in your church? Who would be involved? What is the history of Parish Nursing? What websites are available that describe FCN? How does Faith Community Nursing look in one of our local parishes?

Celebration of the Day

3:45 pm in Storer Auditorium

*The day's learning and praying come together in a joyful celebration
led by Bishop Skip and the Rev. Renée Tembeckjian.*

Directions to Storer Auditorium at OCC

4585 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, 13215

From North of Syracuse, Route 481

Take 481 South to exit 1 for Brighton Ave, Turn left at Brighton Ave.
Turn right at RT-173/E. Seneca Turnpike, Continue to follow E Seneca
Turnpike, Turn right at College entrance.

From South of Syracuse, Route 81

Take Rt. 81 north to exit 16 (Nedrow), Turn left off exit on to Salina Street
(Rt. 11) to Rt. 173 (W. Seneca Turnpike), Turn left on to Rt. 173 and continue
1.8 miles to intersection of Rt. 175. Bear left onto Rt. 175, Continue on Rt.
175 0.8 miles to second traffic light, Turn right at College entrance.

From East or West of Syracuse, New York State Thruway

Take Thruway exit #39 to Rt. 690 East, Continue on Rt. 690 to Rt. 695
Bear left on Rt. 695 to Fairmount/Rt. 5, Turn right on Rt. 5 (West Genesee St.)
and follow to third traffic light, Turn left to Rt. 173 (Onondaga Rd.) and
proceed 4 miles. Turn right at College entrance.

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(Registration must be postmarked by Friday, March 21st)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Parish Affiliation: (if any) _____

♦ Workshop Choice for each session (use code, i.e. A1 or D22)

Session A: _____ Session B: _____ Session C: _____ Session D: _____

- ♦ Registration fee, if postmarked by March 21st is \$15.00 (includes a continental breakfast, lunch buffet, and all workshop materials)

- ♦ Registrations postmarked after March 21st, add a \$10 late fee.

- ♦ Please make your check payable to: Diocese of Central New York

- ♦ Mail form and check to: Debbie Nettle, Diocese of Central New York, 1020 7th North St., Suite 200, Liverpool, NY 13088

- ♦ Questions? Contact Kathy Dengler at kdengler@cnyepiscopal.org or 315/474-6596.