



## EPISCOPAL DIOCESE of INDIANAPOLIS

181<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention  
November 16-17, 2018

### Convention Workshops

#### **Fostering Compassion, Peace, and Reconciliation**

*Location: Cook East room*

Trinity Church in Bloomington has been on a journey to foster Compassion, Peace, and Reconciliation within ourselves and our larger community. We'd like to share with you our processes, what has worked and what has been a challenge, what we're learning, and the path that remains before us. Come learn how you might begin or continue similar ministry in your own community.

*Led by: clergy and lay leaders from Trinity, Bloomington*

#### **Spiritual Reflection: Grounding for Financial Literacy and Congregational Vitality**

*Location: Zebendon room (Friday only, 10:45-11:45 a.m.)*

Based upon the Pathways Pilot Parishes' experience, come learn how skill-based financial literacy can be grounded in the Bible, prayer and conversation to create transformative and adaptable lessons for your whole faith community. Part of the workshop will be dedicated to a spiritual reflection experience.

*Led by: the Rev. Dr. James Lemler, Pathways Chaplain and Melissa Hickman, Pathways Program Director*

#### **Congregational Vitality: Experiments in the Neighborhood**

*Location: Hansen room*

Two of our diocesan congregations have been recently experimenting in their neighborhoods. St. John's, Speedway, has taken its summer worship on the road, celebrating the Eucharist and gathering community in different locations. Good Samaritan, Brownsburg, has been targeting public festivals and external gatherings since its inception in 2015 and recently began neighborhood walks. If you're curious about what is happening outside of your walls and want to try something different, come along to learn some new skills and an interesting conversation.

*Led by: clergy and lay leaders from Good Samaritan, Brownsburg and St. John's, Speedway*

#### **Practices for Faithful Innovation**

*Location: Olcott room*

The church is in the innovation business--helping bring forth new life out of death, despair, and disconnection. This workshop will offer simple practices that help churches discover a faithful future as we carry forward the best of our traditions into connection with our neighbors.

*Led by: the Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile, Luther Seminary*

## **Evangelism with Integrity**

*Location: Ralph Rogers room*

Many Episcopalians agree that sharing the gospel is an imperative of discipleship, but recoil from models of evangelism that are self-righteous and invasive at best, and coercive and colonialist at worst. What is evangelism out of an Episcopal ethos? How do we proclaim the message of God's love by means of God's love? The Evangelism with Integrity initiative seeks to guide Episcopalians in reimagining evangelism as primarily a practice of building spiritual intimacy. Sharing the gospel comes out of sharing our lives, and the tools of spiritual intimacy—trust, vulnerability, invitation to depth—make possible an evangelism of authenticity, integrity, and joy.

*Led by: the Rev. Whitney Rice, St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Zionsville*

## **Lessons Learned from the Pathways Pilot Parishes**

*Location: Zebendon room (Saturday only, 9:00-10:00 a.m.)*

The panelists will discuss the lessons learned from their experiences on their congregations' Vitality Teams. What worked? What did not work? And what can future Pathways parishes expect from the experience?

*Led by Lara Dreyer, Good Samaritan, Brownsburg; Donna Adams, St. Timothy's, Indianapolis; Kate Bacon, All Saints', Indianapolis and the Rev. Erin Hougland, Pathways to Vitality Priest with Melissa Hickman, moderator.*

## **Creation Care: Churches That Grow!**

*Location: Cook West room*

Something is abuzz at St. Peter's, Lebanon and St. Alban's, Indianapolis, and it is catching the eye of their local communities and helping them engage more in their own neighborhoods. St. Peter's hosts both an apiary (home to several bee hives) and Harvest House Community Center, which teaches people how to plant gardens, prepare the food from the gardens for use in our meals, and preserve the food for use later. St. Alban's hosts a Peace Garden that is working to help decrease food insecurity and to simultaneously remember and call attention to those dying from violence. Located on a prominent half acre of their front yard, the garden annually provides 4.5 tons of fresh produce to local food pantries in areas most impacted by the violence. If you'd like to learn more about how you might use your grounds to reach your community, and to care for the Earth, we welcome you to more conversation.

*Led by clergy and lay leaders from St. Alban's, Indianapolis and St. Peter's Lebanon*