



# Workshops

## Workshop Session 1: Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> (1:00–2:30pm)

### 1. Doing Transformational Short Term Mission Work

This panel will bring together a wide range of experienced mission trip planners in a discussion about the purpose of short-term mission experiences, the practical planning, and the arc of discernment that accompanies all such transformational work. #youth #mission

#### Moderator:



*Bronwyn Clark Skov* serves as the Officer for Youth Ministries and Team Leader for the Formation and Vocation Ministries Team for the Episcopal Church. She “strives to utilize my leadership skills and my passion for team work in coordinating events and initiatives for the greater good.”

#### Panelists:



*L. Sue von Rautenkranz* is the Archdeacon for the Diocese of Washington and coordinator of Potomac River Area Youth, a youth collaboration with three congregations in the Diocese of Washington. She looks at mission opportunities through the lens of the charity to mission continuum with spiritual development for all

ages.



**Tina Clark** leads “YES Colorado!” (Young Episcopalians in Service) which is a highly successful mission trip model of combined youth groups in a diocesan model of service. Previously the Family Minister at St Barnabas Episcopal Church in Denver, she has just joined the staff at St. John’s Cathedral in Denver as their Director of Christian Formation.



**Mary Carter Greene**, a priest and Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, California, has participated in the creation of mission trips from West Coast to Midwest to East Coast that engage youth in understanding and building up social justice as a core value for mission and service. She is the mother of two sons, an avid swimmer, and aspiring golfer.

## **2. Youth Ministry & Restorative Practices**

Explore how to handle conflict when it arises in a youth group setting by having a conversation about conflict and the power of listening and communication. Mediation and restorative practices, helpful tools to have in your tool belt when working in youth ministry, will also be offered. #youth #communication



**MiaLisa Millares** serves as the Children’s and Youth Ministry Coordinator at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in St. Paul, Minnesota and is the Program Director at Community Mediation & Restorative Services. She has a J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law, an Ed.M in Peace Education from Columbia University and has worked as an elementary school teacher, a family lawyer, a mediator, and as a restorative practitioner and trainer in both of those areas.

## **3. Caring for Those Who Care: Keeping Leaders Healthy**

As ministers, lay professionals, and volunteers, much of our work focuses on helping other members of the church learn and cultivate ways in which to best care for themselves. But do we practice what we preach? In this workshop, explore the ways in

which we practice (or don't practice) self care in physical, spiritual, and emotional ways, both to remain in good balance and health as well as better model this for those to whom we minister. Bring your ideas, challenges; where you have succeeded in caring for yourself and where you have forgotten to do so. #leadership



**Kathleen O'Donoghue** has over thirty-five years of experience in caring for others before caring for herself, being a minister, hospice chaplain, birth, foster and adoptive parent. Kathleen serves as the Children, Youth, and Family Minister at All Saints, Brookline, MA. Kathleen is particularly passionate about offering an extravagant hospitality to all God's people.

#### **4. Smart Leadership**

Congregational leadership requires non-anxious, self-differentiated, playful individuals who are connected to their membership but not swayed by emotions. We aren't going to be better leaders by trying harder or being smarter, instead we must re-think how we engage relationships, focusing on our own self. Explore the principles of leadership through the lens of Dr. Rabbi Edwin Friedman's theories of congregational leadership and Dr. Murray Bowen's "Family Systems Theory." Participants will receive the language and tools for non-anxious leadership and the opportunity to explore those tools through small group work with *Friedman's Fables*, parables that playfully allow for exploration of dilemmas, while offering questions to think about future leadership.

#leadership



**Missy Morain** is the Director of Christian Formation for Children and Families at the Parish of St. Matthew's, Pacific Palisades, California where she engages in daily ministry at St. Matthew's Day School, Day Camp, and Boy Scout troop, as well as parents, teachers, parishioners, and ministers.

## 5. Intergenerational Ministry: Why & How?

Explore the concept of intergenerational ministry and discover why gathering multiple generations together to learn, worship, serve, and build relationships is important for faith development and church growth. Beyond theory, this workshop will include time for evaluating your local context and planning practical ways to become more intergenerational through mission and service. #intergenerational



*Kelly Kaufman* is the Community Outreach Coordinator for [GenOn Ministries](#), an ecumenical ministry that equips churches to build and nurture relationships of faith with God through Jesus Christ. GenOn is best known for its intergenerational offering LOGOS.

## 6. I'm Not a Racist: Moving Your Congregation from Tolerance to Justice

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and House of Deputies President the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings are inviting Episcopalians to study and commit to using “Becoming Beloved Community: The Episcopal Church’s Long-term Commitment to Racial Healing, Reconciliation and Justice” as a direct response to General Convention Resolution C019 (“[Establish Response to Systemic Injustice](#)”). Lay the groundwork here as you learn the basics to help support conversations in your parish surrounding racial justice such as: race as a social construct rather than a biological reality and the concept of privilege. Participate in three interactive activities to help understand racism, privilege, and how Scripture and our Baptismal Covenant mandate the work of reconciliation. #justice #belovedcommunity



*Cheryl Cementina* realized early in her work as a family therapist that much of her work consisted of teaching parents new skills. Since then she has taken many opportunities to teach adults: at church, as an ESL instructor, preparing new Americans for the naturalization test, and currently as the Adult Formation Coordinator at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Kansas City, MO.

She is also a member of the Diocese of West Missouri’s Diversity & Reconciliation Commission.

## 7. Sacred Space in Unlikely Places

To those who participate in the “Breaking Bread” community, worship means breaking boundaries of who feels welcome, where church happens, understanding of membership, liturgy as participatory rather than performance, music that is shared, and sacraments given freely rather than hoarded by a select few. Based on an evangelism course taught in the summer of 2017 in the Diocese of Iowa that focused specifically on public worship as evangelism and creating loving community, participants will have an opportunity to begin to draft a liturgy and share in the Eucharist. Leave feeling equipped to start innovative worship opportunities in your own community with lots of resources and connections for support. #worship #evangelism



**Lydia Bucklin** currently serves as the Missioner for Leadership Development & New Initiatives for the Diocese of Iowa and is co-creator of “Breaking Bread.” Lydia is a priest and mom to two young children. Her ministry passions include baptismal ministry, evangelism, and radical inclusion. Prior to her current diocesan role, Lydia served as Missioner for Children and Youth in Iowa since 2007.

## 8. The (Pop) Culture of Christianity

Today’s teenagers are bombarded with popular culture all day, every day. Memes, gifs, music, and video are ever present on their mobile devices. Adults see most of this digital noise as a distraction from what teens should be investing in: relationships, school, and faith. Learn how adults working in youth and family ministry can use popular culture to invigorate teens to be renegades for Christ, subverting the norm in their daily lives and friendship groups to live lives of love and purpose. Yes, pop culture and scripture do relate and can have real meaning in teens’ lives. #youth



**Brad Gough** is the Minister for Families at Church of the Redeemer in Cincinnati, Ohio. He also makes amazing whiteboard animation videos as a means to engage younger teens and their parents.

## Workshop Session #2: Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> (2:50–4:20pm)

### 9. A Faith-Based Trauma Informed Approach to Community Healing

How can we develop ministries of healing and wholeness in traumatic environments? A Trauma Informed Ministry can provide varied avenues for individual and community healing and wholeness through the power of partnerships and collective engagement, especially in environments where people experience high levels of individual and collective trauma. Using The Church of the Advocate in the Diocese of Pennsylvania as an initial example of theory and application, this workshop will also be a place to share and hear best practices from other ‘trauma-informed’ ministries. #trauma #community



*Renee McKenzie-Hayward* is the Vicar and Chaplain at The Church of the Advocate, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she also serves as a Chaplain to Temple University. Renee teaches as adjunct professor at Rutgers, Temple, and Palmer and Lutheran Theological Seminaries, including classes on Black Church History & Theology, Racial Justice, and Womanist Theology. She is a 2017 Fellow at the Episcopal Church Foundation.

### 10. Adult Sexuality: The New Frontier

We, as a church, are finally coming to terms with the fact that most sexual activity between adults in the United States takes place outside of marriage. That illuminates our ambiguity about covenants, the mystery of incarnation, pleasure, and wholeness. We, as a society, are finally admitting that our policies about some of the most controversial issues of the day are closely linked to conflict around our bodies: questions of justice and parity around gender, power, families, and human trafficking. Side by side this creates a broad conversation for faith communities to re-think, as adults, the roles our bodies play in our lives, relationships, and communities, and striving for justice in the world. How can we be bold, clear, loving, honest, and relevant in these conversations? Come and see. #sexuality #justice





**Heidi J. A. Carter** currently serves as the Lay Associate for Ministry at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Creve Coeur, Missouri. Ms. Carter has served numerous task forces in the Episcopal Church regarding human sexuality. With more than twenty-five years of experience in Christian formation focused on youth and adults, she is a past president of Forma and once diocesan formation leader. She also serves as the Director of Consultant Services for LeaderResources.



**Paul Fromberg** is the rector of St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco. From 1987–2004 he served churches in Houston, Texas. He is an adjunct instructor in practical theology and leadership, and teaches liturgics for the Diocese of Minnesota. Paul is the author of *The Art of Transformation* (Church Publishing, 2017) and serves the Episcopal Church as a member of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. Paul is married to Grant Martin and lives in San Francisco with their dog, Frankie.

## 11. Decision Making Tools for Your Ministry

From curriculum to context, location to liturgy, time to theme, making decisions regarding the “who, what, when, where, and how” of ministry is essential. How do we know we are making the best decisions possible in our own context? Using tools from social science, this workshop will provide practical skills and tools for each attendee to better define their ministerial context, weighing/measuring alternative choices, and implementing a decision. If you develop programs and need to make decisions with confidence in order to be able to inform and speak about your ministry, you'll walk away with tools to put into practice. #leadership



**Kate Huston** is the Director of Formation at St. Paul's Cathedral in Oklahoma City with responsibility for all formation events at the Cathedral including those for children, youth, and adults. She serves on a number of diocesan committees and has served as a Deputy to General Convention. Her previous experience as an academic in the

area of social science and in teaching organizational decision-making led to her capstone project for her 2015 Forma Certificate in Leadership for Lifelong Christian Formation.

## **12. Stations of the Cross: A Sensory and Experiential Walk**

There is a profound difference in walking the Stations of the Cross and experiencing the Stations of the Cross. Imagine a liturgy that begins with a burlap bag, symbolizing the roughness of the Holy Week story and then proceeding to collect objects at each station, noting the increasing weight of the story as you walk toward the cross with Jesus.

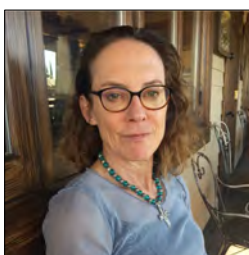
Discover the significance and experience of walking the Stations of the Cross in a way that engages all of the senses, leaving with practical information including a list of supplies and suggestions, ideas for how you can implement such a program in your respective parish context, and a sense of how the Stations of the Cross and the stories of Holy Week shape conversations around baptismal life, cross, and resurrection. #lent #worship



*Angela Compton Nelson* is the Minister for Christian Education at Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill, North Carolina where she works with babies up to high school age youth. She received her M.Div from Duke Divinity and is an Ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene.

## **13. How Can I Love a Racist? An Agape Workshop**

Is it possible to talk without shame and vitriol about issues of racism and injustice within a spiritual and religious context? Explore “Agape” through highly experiential and non-linear experiences, as well as its implications for understanding the white/black relationship in the United States. Practice some techniques that you can take back to your church and community. Materials for other topics, including “white privilege,” and “black denial” will be offered also. #justice #belovedcommunity



*Diana V. Gustafson* leads Agape workshops as well as others on race in parishes, schools, and seminaries. She is involved in issues of racial justice, interracial, and cross-cultural conversation within

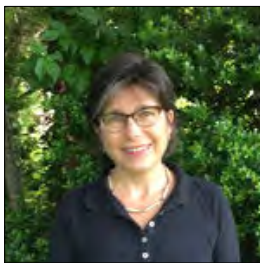


the church; spiritual formation and evangelism, especially among urban Millennials and the spiritual-but-not-religious; and creative and experiential Christian liturgy and adult formation. Diana earned an MDiv at Virginia Theological Seminary in 2016 and now serves at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Washington, DC.

#### **14. Practical Tools for Difficult Conversations**

Conflict within congregations is as old as the early Church. Here in the 21st century, it's never been more important to manage interpersonal conflict in productive ways.

Differences of opinion within congregations aren't to be feared; in fact, they can spark creativity and strengthen relationships when handled in healthy ways. This engaging and experiential workshop will give participants practical tools for having difficult conversations about topics that matter. #leadership #communication



*Cathy Ode* has an M.Ed in Counseling, a certificate in mediation, and advanced training in marriage and family therapy. With over two decades of lay ministry experience, she has worked with children, youth, adults, and congregations in various roles including family ministry, volunteer management, crisis

intervention, and faith-based consulting. She currently serves as Director of Faith Formation and Community Engagement with St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Barnstable, MA on Cape Cod. <http://www.cathyode.com>

#### **15. Four Steps to Financial Wellness**

What's the forecast for your financial future? The outlook is brighter when you're financially well. Financial wellness occurs when you're able to save for goals, manage hardships, and enjoy a standard of living that's right for you. That's a real possibility if you have the tools to make it happen. In this workshop clergy *and* lay leaders will learn the skills needed to become financially well. Utilizing four connected steps, participants will explore their current financial situation and uncover ways to become more financially secure. #financialwellness

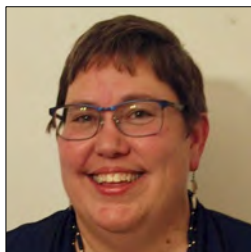


**Pattie Christensen** serves as Vice President for Education in Health & Wellness. Pattie has oversight responsibility for the development and management of financial and health education programs and resources. She is a graduate of the College for Financial Planning, completing the certified financial planning education program and has received both the ChFC® Chartered Financial Consultant and the RICP® Retirement Income Certified Professional designations through the American College of Financial Services. She has been with the Church Pension Group since 1993.

## **16. Story Telling: Connecting Our Story with God’s Story to Build Up the Body of Christ**

Come explore how our own stories connect with the Divine Story, and how these connections provide the fuel for us to clarify our values, articulate our vision and ignite our calling. This experiential workshop explores the intersection of storytelling, goal setting, and vision sharing. Through games, discussion, individual reflection, and group process you will identify the stories that make you who you are and remind you of what really matters in your daily life and vocation. Participants will take home tools and tips to continue the storytelling, goal setting, and vision setting in your life and ministry context.

#leadership #storytelling



**Kate Gillooly** is Director of Congregational Development at Heights Christian Church, Director of the Deacon Formation Program for the Diocese of Ohio, and a member of the national Training Network for Education for Ministry. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio with her husband and two sons, and is currently working toward her Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Development through Bexley Seabury Seminary.

### **17. Seeking Justice: Formed by Prophets and by Jesus (using Godly Play)**

In Isaiah 61 we hear, “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me...” As our call to prophetic ministry is rooted in our biblical tradition, this workshop will focus on the prophets and Jesus’ ministry in terms of Isaiah’s vision of deliverance. How can we tell these stories with a focus on justice and God’s mission of restoration and reconciliation with older children, youth, and adults in today’s world? Using Godly Play we will experience these stories and discuss how to design a Bible study series (perhaps for Lent) for adults focused on the prophets, Jesus’ prophetic ministry, and our call to follow in Christ’s footsteps in words and action. #justice #storytelling



**Rosemary Beales** is a twenty-year-plus practitioner and trainer in Godly Play<sup>®</sup> and has been the chaplain to 400 children for ten years at the Lower School at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Virginia. With a particular interest in equipping parents as their children’s primary spiritual guides, she is also priest associate at St. Paul’s in Alexandria and St. Alban’s in Annandale.

**Workshop Session#3: Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> (9:00–10:00am)**

**18. Courageous Conversations: Gender, Sexuality and the Language of Inclusion**

This panel discussion will focus on why language is so vital to extending our welcome to LGBTQ+ folks of all ages. How can our church become an ally and gain confidence in the changing nature of language we use for all of God’s people? #justice #evangelism

**Moderator:**



*Matthew Welsch* is a postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Virginia where he is the Director of Children’s Ministries and Staff Lead for the LGBTQ Affinity Group at Christ Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

**Panelists:**



*Eric Travis* has spent decades ministering with youth and young adults, and currently serves as Missioner for Youth and Young Adults in the Diocese of Michigan.



*Lauren Kay* is a Postulant for Holy Orders with the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, currently studying at Seminary of the Southwest (MDiv '19). Lauren is a Queer Christian with a passion for social justice work, including issues that face the LGBTQ+ community. She is actively involved with bringing LGBTQ+ education and safe spaces to SSW, and strives to be a visible safe person for LGBTQ+ people in the church. Pronouns: she/her

**19. From *Harry Potter* to *Hunger Games*: Literature as a Tool for Justice**

We are in a golden age of children’s literature. All you have to do is think Harry Potter or Hunger Games to realize that today’s young people are passionate about the books they choose to read and the characters, worlds, and ideas they meet in them. These stories shape their sense of justice and the questions their generation is asking of our culture.

Explore the riches of new books for children and youth that enable us to engage young people and adults in conversations around issues of justice that include empathy, dignity for all, peace, and injustice.



**Katherine Doar** is an Episcopal priest who has 18 years of experience in parish ministry with children and youth at St. Francis Episcopal Church, San Jose, California. She also coordinates author visits to schools for Hicklebee's, an independent children's bookstore in the heart of Silicon Valley. This has given her the gift of listening to some of the best writers of this generation share their work with their audience and the opportunity to experiment with using these incredible stories in her ministry setting. #children #youth

## 20. Women of Color Rise Up

Women of color in the church have played a particular leadership role in proclaiming that the kin-dom of God is here. This workshop seeks to provide a theological / scriptural framework and a praxis that draws connections between the women who followed God's call in the Hebrew Bible, the women who helped lead the Jesus Movement in the first century, and the women of color of this generation who continue their tradition.

Participants will leave with a new understanding of women in the Bible, an introduction to womanist, mujerista, and Asian feminist theologians, and practical ways to implement these theological frameworks in their daily ministry. #bible #evangelism



**Maria Elizabeth Munoz** is a Chicana activist priest who has served churches in Los Angeles and Chicago. Liz is Godly Play teacher and trainer who interweaves the principles of Godly Play in the teaching and spiritual formation of saints of all ages. She recently moved to the Bay Area where she is completing her DMin thesis on bilingual preaching and working on planting Godly Play en Español programs in the surrounding areas.

## 21. Transformative Communities: Teaching Asset Based Community Development

While the Gospel calls us to love our neighbor and to participate fully in the active service of those on the margins of society, Jesus also teaches us that the capacity for change exists in each and every one of us. Our role is to inspire and educate people to preach the Gospel not about what communities lack, but about what they possess, and to empower individuals deemed voiceless and helpless to speak up, organize, and to confidently transform their communities from within. This workshop will present resources for facilitating the ABCD approach of transformative community. #leadership #mission



*Chad Brinkman* is the Program Officer, Engagement for Episcopal Relief & Development, where he works to “engage,” educate, and mobilize local communities, affinity groups, and the larger Episcopal Church in the work of Episcopal Relief & Development. He is the father of a fat ginger cat and a hilarious baby boy,

husband to a beautiful and talented redhead, and an avid cook—skilled in the clandestine art of vegetable butchery. Chad has been on the staff at Episcopal Relief & Development since 2010.

## 22. Deep Green Faith: Creation Care as the Work of Reconciliation

By relying on largely secular frameworks of creation such as stewardship of material resources, political activism, and social advocacy, many churches or people of faith have created barriers to a much-needed, deeper spiritual engagement around these issues. We will analyze these frameworks and explores alternative structures for using the work of reconciliation, gospel celebration, and fellowship as a means to more deeply engage our own personal faith and move our congregations forward in joining the mission and celebration of God’s work of reconciling the whole creation through Christ. #justice #environment

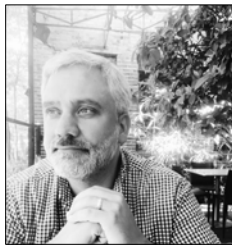




***Jerry Cappel*** is resident Priest at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He serves on the Advisory Council for the Stewardship of Creation for The Episcopal Church and is the Environmental Network Coordinator for Province IV. He is a GreenFaith Fellow and a Fellow for the Center of Religion and the Environment at Sewanee.

### **23. Grieving from the HeART**

When a community or individual experiences loss, there is deep sadness, anger, resentment ... and there is remembering, surprising laughter and joy, and deep love. All of these reactions are valid, real, and important. There is a story to be told—and it is in the rhythm of grief as we remember that the story soars. These stories can be shared in words, but also through the process of painting stories in which we can access our deepest emotions. Explore how a community or individual might use the act of creating art to be a life-giving resource in our journey with grief in your ministry setting. #trauma #storytelling



***Roger Hutchison*** is Director of Christian Formation and Parish Life at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas. An artist and writer, his books, including *The Painting Table* and *My Favorite Color is Blue, Sometimes*, explore the intersection of grief and art.

[www.rogerhutchison.org](http://www.rogerhutchison.org)

### **24. Raising a Child of Faith**

What would make a child, when asked what's the most important thing about his life, respond, "God"? Hearing her son, then nine-years-old, answer this way during a resiliency program offered in the wake of the Sandy Hook shootings, was a surprise to Sophronia. Although they attend church, she had no idea how much his faith had sustained him through the tragedy. Using the four keys she identified that contributed to his faith development, participants will discuss and brainstorm creative ways to help

children develop a more personal relationship with God at church and home. #trauma  
#children



**Sophronia Scott** is an author of fiction, also currently serving as the chair of the Christian Formation committee at Trinity Episcopal Church in Newtown, Connecticut. She has been intentionally involved in faith formation for the past five years as a church school teacher and confirmation mentor/leader. **Tain Gregory** is in the eighth grade at Newtown Middle School. He enjoys riding his bike, playing video games with his friends, acting in musicals, and playing piano. He's also a Boy Scout in Newtown's Troup 770 and appeared in the documentary *Midsummer in Newtown*.

## 25. What? When? Why? How? Creating a Christian Formation Tool Box

Every Christian educator—both lay and clergy—need to have some basic tools to tap into on a regular basis for planning and implementing a formation program for children, youth, and/or adults. This workshop will provide tools for answering the questions: What curriculum should I be looking at? How to I engage and support volunteers? How do I plan out the year? What are the core documents I need to know about as a formation leader in the Episcopal Church? What about that kid that always acts out? (Add your own question here.) #leadership #children #youth #adult



**Sharon Ely Pearson** has been involved in Christian formation with all ages for forty years and has literally written the book on these questions based on her experience. She has lived through it all—locally and nationally—and now serves as an editor and the Christian Formation Specialist for Church Publishing Incorporated. She volunteers at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Wilton, Connecticut and lives in neighboring Norwalk.

## 26. Faith Milestones

Milestones that take place in our faith lives—baptism, communion, confirmation, to name a few—are celebrated in community together in our congregations. However, throughout our lives there are countless other milestone moments in our daily lives, such as losing a tooth, getting a driver’s license, or becoming a grandparent. How do we provide opportunities for these milestones to be recognized in the home and within our faith community? In this workshop, participants will learn five basic steps to create your own milestone moment as an opportunity to bring God’s presence into everyday lives.

#family #community



**Debbie Streicher** has facilitated and developed faith formation programs for all ages in the congregational setting for more than 25 years. She is Co-Director of [Milestones Ministry](#) and Past President of the Christian Education Network of the ELCA now living in West Virginia. Her vision is to involve all ages in faith formation, strengthen family relationships through spiritual growth, and empower God-given gifts to do ministry.

## 27. Fundraising for Christian Formation

We’re all familiar with the youth group car wash or bake sale, but what are the best means for raising resources for your programs? Whether you’re looking to fund the next short-term mission work or endow a speaker series, it’s important to have an effective strategy for reaching your goals. In this workshop, we’ll cover the three basic types of giving; effective principles for fundraising; and a simple overview of how Christian formation leaders can raise resources for ministry. #financialplanning #leadership



**Donald V. Romanik** has been President of the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) since 2005. Formerly, he has served as an attorney in both government and private practice and has been active in civic, charitable, and religious organizations. A proponent of lay leadership and the ministry of all the baptized, his book, *Beyond the Baptismal Covenant: Transformational Lay Leadership for the Episcopal*

*Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, advocates for a new type of entrepreneurial priest and effective clergy + lay partnerships. ECF is an independent, lay-led organization that helps congregations, dioceses, and other Episcopal communities of faith develop leadership and raise resources for ministry.

## Workshop Session #4: Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> (10:30–11:30am)

### 28. What Are We Doing? Making Church Last a Lifetime by Creating Faith-Filled Lives

This panel workshop will focus on how different congregations have developed new approaches to long-term sustainable ministry that have been transformational for individuals as well as the congregation itself. From over-arching ideas to specific ministry plans, panelists will talk about the ways they have created new ways of envisioning their formation ministries that won't falter, even if they win the lottery.  
#leadership #children #youth #adults

#### Moderator:



**Bill Campbell** is the Executive Director of Forma and lives in Alexandria, Virginia where he worships at St. Paul's in Old Town. He is passionate about seeing Christian Formation practitioners excel in their ministry and find joy in their personal lives. If you get away from this conference without meeting Bill, then he will feel like he failed at his job! Be sure to say hello!

#### Panelists:



**Matt Holcombe**, Associate Rector at Christ Church Charlotte, North Carolina is overseeing a congregational program restructure to cultivate ministries that invite children, youth, and adults to explore, grow, and deepen their relationship with God.



**Colette Potts**, Director of Children's Ministries at St. Barnabas, Falmouth, Massachusetts has developed the "Barnabas Model" as a way to integrate children's ministries into the life of the whole church through intergenerational relationships.



**Roger Speer** is a lifelong servant of the Episcopal Church. He has worked with mission, congregational, diocesan, national, and international formation initiatives during an exciting tenure as a youth minister. At Church of the Good Shepherd in Augusta, Georgia he has developed the “Pilgrim’s Way” to include a holistic approach to Christian formation through purpose statements, methodology, communication strategies, and balancing program offerings. At heart, Roger is an artist and craftsman with degrees in art education and graphic design that he uses to produce new ways to express the gospel with as much innovation as possible. He is husband to Fran and father to Fynn.

### **29. Rockin’ Toddlers in the Neighborhood**

How do you reach out to young families in your neighborhood not associated with your congregation in a fun, non-threatening way? Learn how to build relationships and extend invitations to church events that will be happily received, including social media—for free. Participants will take away concrete ideas and tools including: how to evaluate the strength of your church and how to leverage them to reach young families; the framework for Rockin’ Toddlers; and ideas to use summer time (when families are less programmed) to start and build relationships with your neighbors. #family #evangelism



**Lisa Scott Jones** is the Children & Young Family Minister at St. Peter’s in Del Mar, California. Professionally, Lisa has a rich background in community outreach, membership development, and social media management. Lisa has worked for the YMCA, Girl Scouts, UC San Diego, and several churches (Episcopal, United Church of Christ, and Presbyterian).



### **30. Forming Francis: Equipping Veterans to Lead Your Parish Justice Ministry**

St. Francis was formed for his epic ministry by his experience in combat and the trials of homecoming. How did these experiences form him for his life work of reconciliation, mercy, and justice? We will explore Francis' story and how today's veterans can find a life of service to the poor, the marginalized, and all those experiencing injustice, oppression, and racism. The workshop will focus on practical ways to invite, welcome, and connect members of the military and veterans. We will also explore the emerging subject of moral injury, the spiritual effects of PTSD, and how the Church offers a unique set of healing rituals for the invisible wounds of war. #trauma #justice #community



*David W. Peters* served as an enlisted Marine and an Army Chaplain, deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in 2005. His ministry experience includes youth ministry, hospital and military chaplaincy, as well as parish experience. David's writing has been published by the Huffington Post, Oxford University Press, and he is the author of two books, *Death Letter: God, Sex, and War* (Tactical 16 Press, 2014) and *Post-Traumatic God: How the Church Cares For People Who Have Been to Hell and Back* (Morehouse, 2016). David is the founder of the Episcopal Veterans Fellowship in Texas and was named one of five Episcopal Church Foundation 2017 Fellows. He enjoys speaking to groups about war and the trials of homecoming, long-distance running, reading novels, extra-dark chocolate, and bicycle commuting. He is the father of three sons and is married to the lovely Sarah Bancroft.

### **31. Partnering with Parents**

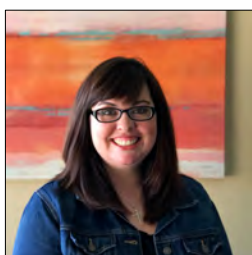
If we're lucky, we see children at our churches about forty hours a week annually. A parent has about 3,000! As faith formation people we need to partner with parents to make the most out of all the hours to build a life of faith. How do we better connect with parents, doing more than sending out a newsletter, but to actively partner with them to engage and equip them in their child's faith journey? Leave with fresh ideas, whether your are in a small parish or large congregation, that will help you connect to parents of all ages, from babies to high school students. #family #children #youth



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### **32. It’s All About Relationships: Youth + Church + Community**

For a youth ministry to thrive, there must be strong relationships at its core acting as the backbone, fostering intentional building of community, which ultimately instills important Christian values that we wish for future generations. Explore the nuts and bolts of building a solid youth ministry program, including go-to-resources, best practices, and tested tips, that are all support relational ministry at their core.



**Lauren Wainwright** brings ten years of experience working in small and large church settings and building these lasting relationships. She is the Director of Youth Ministries at St. Michael & All Angels in Dallas, Texas. Lauren received her Certificate in Youth and Family Ministry from Forma in 2015. #youth #community #leadership

### **33. Four Steps to Financial Wellness**

What’s the forecast for you financial future? The outlook is brighter when you’re financially well. Financial wellness occurs when you’re able to save for goals, manage hardships, and enjoy a standard of living that’s right for you. That’s a real possibility if you have the tools to make it happen. In this workshop clergy *and* lay leaders will learn the skills needed to become financially well. Utilizing four connected steps, participants will explore their current financial situation and uncover ways to become more financially secure. #financialwellness



**Pattie Christensen** serves as Vice President for Education in Health & Wellness. Pattie has oversight responsibility for the development and management of financial and health education programs and resources. She is a graduate of the College for Financial Planning, completing the certified financial planning education program and has received both the ChFC® Chartered Financial Consultant and the RICP® Retirement Income Certified Professional designations through the American College of Financial Services. She has been with the Church Pension Group since 1993.

#### **34. Respecting the Dignity of All: Updated Policies for the Protection of Children, Youth & Vulnerable Adults**

Following Jesus into loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships requires an awareness of power, vulnerability, and intimacy in all our relationships, particularly ministerial relationships, where we often find ourselves in relationship with those who are vulnerable, and/or those who have been wounded by others. Be the first to explore the 2017 updated “Model Polices for the Protection of Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults” for the Episcopal Church, including social media, mission trips, pilgrimages, and camp & conference center programs, as well as the experiences of LGBTQ individuals. Created by the Task Force to Update Sexual Misconduct Polices mandated by General Convention Resolution A073 (2015), these policies are grounded in theology and serve as the foundation for newly envisioned safe church training. #justice #leadership



**Robin Hammeal-Urban** serves as the chair of the Task Force to develop these new policies and currently serves as Canon for Mission Integrity & Training in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, where she has overseen safe church practices since 2000.



**Eric Travis**, a member of the Task Force, has spent decades ministering with youth and young adults, and currently serves as Missioner for Youth and Young Adults in the Diocese of Michigan.

### 35. Righting a Racial Wrong in a Small Parish

How did the recent uncovering of serious Jim Crow-era discrimination against the congregation's only black member (1900-1959) turn into a special service of repentance in 2015? A former priest-in-charge and a vestry member at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Clay Center, Kansas will share their experience of working together to right this racial wrong. They will offer any changes the initial effort had (or didn't) among members of the congregation. Do you seek to respond to the call to address past racial injustice in your congregation? In learning about St. Paul's efforts, both the successes and disappointments, perhaps you can begin similar efforts to repent and reconcile in your own congregation. Time will be taken to share the work being done in participants' churches. #justice #belovedcommunity



**James (Jim) R. Beck** is a senior professor of counseling (retired) at Denver Seminary in Littleton, CO. After retirement in 2006, Jim and his wife Ginny moved to rural Clay County, Kansas, where Ginny has deep roots. They joyfully became Episcopalians in 2014. Jim is trained and has worked as an ordained pastor and licensed clinical psychologist. *Have You Seen My Spirit* is his second book written during retirement years.



**S. Lavonne Seifert** served as Priest-in-Charge at St. Paul's and currently is Associate Rector of Grace Church in Providence, Rhode Island. Before her call to ordained ministry, Lavonne enjoyed a long career in the field of corporate communications and public relations in the metro Kansas City area. She and her husband, Dave, now reside in Uxbridge, MA, with their energetic English springer spaniel, and are happy to be living in Massachusetts near their daughter, son-in-law, and four grandchildren.

### **36. Building a Framework for Anti-Racism Training**

Completing Anti-Racism training is mandated by Episcopal Church Canon for those being ordained, required for those serving in church leadership roles, and necessary for laypersons to help eliminate the sin of racism in the world as we Become Beloved Community. The Episcopal Church Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism (ECCAR) has identified that there seems to be no consistency in the training that exists on anti-racism and this workshop will cover how ECCAR has approached defining the framework containing core components to be included and the rubric to be followed by anyone developing and delivering training on anti-racism. These components are part of a new certification process that has been submitted by the Committee as a formal Resolution for consideration at the upcoming Episcopal Church General Convention in June. #justice #beloved community



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