

## 2019 Winter Convocation Workshops

### Morning Workshops

1. **Exploring Lay Leadership** – Examine the purpose, roles, and responsibilities of lay leadership in the Episcopal Church with Bishop Hollingsworth. How does our structure reflect our theology? And how do we understand and build the connections we have with each other? – *The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of The Diocese of Ohio*
2. **Speaking our Faith** – Building upon her Friday keynote presentation, The Rev. Kit Carlson will offer practical help in learning to have compassionate, caring conversations with other people about spirituality, belief, and Jesus Christ. This workshop will help you personally and begin to equip you to bring this important work to your parish. This workshop will be repeated in the afternoon workshop session. – *The Rev. Kit Carlson, Winter Convocation Keynote Presenter*
3. **Youth Ministry in Smaller Churches** - Youth Ministry at its heart is relational. It is holding young persons in the woods of adolescence and assuring them that they will make it through, loved, and not alone. No matter what size your congregation, it is so easy to fall into the trap of measuring success in numbers and calendar events. Of believing that more is, well, more. We will spend 90 fast minutes exploring practical aspects of ministry like marketing, recruiting, parent support; the balance of study, prayer, fellowship, service and worship. And we will do so while also discerning specific goals for the variety of opportunities to engage, and be engaged by, the youth in our parishes, and those who seek to serve Christ in them. This workshop will be repeated in the afternoon workshop session. - *Ms. Heidi Carter, Winter Convocation Guest Presenter*
4. **Playing with the Psalms** – Not all prayer looks or feels the same! Join with an artist and a musician in praying, singing, and reflecting on a Psalm through your own artistic expression. No special abilities or training are needed. This is a hands-on and unique spiritual experience. - *Ms. Denise Stewart, Church of the Good Shepherd/Lyndhurst and Michelle Gaw, St. John's/Ohio City.*
5. **Mission: Going Global (and local) with God** - Mission and outreach efforts often turn into “us” doing for “them.” How do we break out of that pattern and develop relationships that transform all of our lives? We’ll reflect on the work the Commission on Global and Domestic Mission (CGDM) has done with its partners in Tanga and Belize, and consider what questions we all need to ask about our local and global mission work to help us move from “doing for” to “sharing with”. We’ll also explore resources CGDM offers to help imagine what such mission can look like in your parish. – *The Rev. Margaret D’Anieri, Canon for Mission/The Diocese of Ohio, Ms. Lisa Roth/Trinity Cathedral, The Rev. Beth Frank, St. Mark’s/Canton, and Members of CGDM*

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8. **Connecting Communities** – This workshop will give you a taste of our diocese’s new nine month process to help your congregation grow closer to God, each other, and your community. Our diocesan team has been trained by The Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile and members of his team from Luther Seminary. - *Ms. Kate Gillooly, St. Luke’s/Cleveland, The Rev. Alex Barton, Redeemer/Lorain, Ms. Michelle Killin-Keith, St. Peter’s/Lakewood*
9. **Dinner Church** – At Dinner Church, liturgy becomes informal, sermons become dialogues, and Holy Communion is placed in the context of a family meal. It is a fresh way to nurture members and invite friends. Join three parishes in our diocese in a discussion about dinner church. The challenges and our successes experienced in these three different contexts will be shared as well as resources to get you started. - *The Rev. Aaron Gerlach, Old Trinity/Tiffin, The Rev. Rachel Kessler/Harcourt Parish/Gambier, and The Rev. Matt Wahlgren, St. Paul’s/Fremont*
10. **Singable Hymns (from the Hymnal!)** – George Baum spent 30 years playing in a band and writing songs, which is how he learned that not every song is a "sing along." Come and learn how to spot the singable hymns in the Hymnal 1982 (and walk away with your own starter list). - *The Rev. George Baum, St. Timothy’s/Massillon*
11. **Breathing Life into Your Stewardship: Learning Best Practices from Other Parishes** - In this interactive workshop you will learn tips, techniques and best practices that parishes in the diocese have used to enhance or revitalize their stewardship programs. *Ms. Laura Hnat, Chief Development Office, The Diocese of Ohio*
12. **To Know the Artist, Study the Art! - Collaborative Ministry through the Arts** - A collaborative production of PARADE – the Emmy-Award-winning Broadway musical – recently provided a tool to help St. Timothy’s/Perrysburg exercise a powerful community awareness witness and ministry. The collaborators will tell the story of bringing together an Episcopal parish with a community theater organization and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. This is one element of a multi-faceted approach to community ministry, utilizing the arts as a medium for multi-faith conversation (and evangelism). – *The Rev. Jeff Bunke and friends of St. Timothy’s/Perrysburg*
13. **Making the most of your photos and social media** - Learn about best practices for taking and sending photos as well as some suggestions on how to store them. We will also go over some procedures for making the most out of your social media pages, focusing primarily on Facebook and Instagram. Q&A to follow. – *Ms. Jessica Rocha, Director of Communication, The Diocese of Ohio*

14. **Fearless Finances** – For parish treasurers, bookkeepers, and others similarly responsible, Sue Leishman will look at things that are new in that work, and answer any questions you bring. - *Ms. Sue Leishman, Chief Financial Officer, The Diocese of Ohio*
  
15. **God is Calling! Can you hear it? The Creating a Culture of Calling Project** - God never stops calling us individually and as parishes. Your calling is not just about your purpose or vocation, and it's certainly not limited to your job. Twenty-four churches across the country, funded by a Lilly Grant are exploring the meaning of calling and designing ways to build a culture of calling in their congregations to assist people with hearing and responding to the voice of God in their lives each day. Participants will leave with a new way to think about God's call in their own lives and lots of ideas for how to bring the power of God's ceaseless calling alive in parishes. *The Rev. Gayle Catinella and Mr. Jim Merhaut, St. John's/Youngstown*
  
16. **Becoming Beloved Community at Your Church** – Last year at Convocation, our keynote speaker Heidi Kim gave an excellent overview of The Episcopal Church's Becoming Beloved Community initiative for Racial Reconciliation. If you want to know more about creating a Becoming Beloved Community group at your church, this is for you! You'll hear how the Becoming Beloved Community group got started at Trinity Cathedral, how it has weathered challenges along the way, and how participants address some of the tough topics around racial reconciliation. - *Ms. Allison Hauserman, Ms. Debbie Likins-Fowler, both of Trinity Cathedral/Cleveland*