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"CELEBRATING GOD'S ABUNDANCE"

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# Parish Leadership Day 2017

## Saturday, March 18

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### SCHEDULE

8:30	Coffee, sign in
9:00	Welcome & prayer
9:15-10:15	<b>Plenary--The Rev. Jay Sidebotham</b> <b>Spiritual Growth in the Episcopal Church:</b> <b>Where are we spiritually? Where are we headed?</b> <b>What's getting in the way? What are signs of hope?</b>
10:30 - 12	Morning workshops <b><u>Jay Sidebotham:</u></b> <b>Best Practices That Contribute To Spiritual Growth</b> In this workshop, we will consider five best practices which have been identified as catalysts for spiritual growth, hallmarks of particularly vital congregations. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The heart of the leader</li><li>• Getting people moving</li><li>• Embedding scripture in the life of the community</li><li>• Creating a sense of ownership</li><li>• Pastoring the community</li></ul> <p>After describing these practices, we'll offer examples of ways they are being put to work in the life of congregations, and in the wider church.</p> <b><u>Mike Wagner</u></b> <b>Learning to Lead Again: Mission, Leadership and Community:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The energizing power of a shared "mission"</li><li>• How and why discipleship is essential to church health</li><li>• Creating a church community that communicates</li><li>• How to form a peer learning community for leaders</li></ul>
12-1	Lunch
1-2:30	Afternoon workshop (same workshops; participants switch)
2:40 - 3:30	Panel; ending plenary
3:30	Closing prayer