

Current List of 2023 Winter Convocation Workshops –

Morning Sessions

1. **Real Connections – Listening to your Community** – An in depth look at the best practices, creative ministries, and how-to's of developing meaningful, diverse relationships with your parish's local community. *Keynote Speaker, Joy Skjegstad*
2. **Pray and Play Stations** - Use your body, brain, and spirit to connect with God in prayer, AND pick up some ideas to take back to your parish! Prayer stations will be set up to coincide with each liturgical season to help you brainstorm tools that might connect individuals and communities to God and one another all year round. Say hello to your inner child as we discover how playing is praying. *Facilitated by The Rev. Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Christian Formation.*
3. **Vestry/Lay Leadership** – Bp. Hollingsworth leads a teaching and discussion around lay leadership in the church. Not only for vestry members, the Bishop will explore our Episcopal understanding and approach in particular. *The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth*

Afternoon Sessions

4. **Real Connections – Listening to your Community** – An in depth look at the best practices, creative ministries, and how-to's of developing meaningful, diverse relationships with your parish's local community. This is the same workshop as the morning workshop of the same name. *Keynote Speaker, Joy Skjegstad*
5. **Serving People not Solving Problems** – Explore Asset Framing as an approach to parish life and community ministry in ways that are grounded in love and support by building on gifts and strengths. Using current examples from diocesan parishes, you'll be able to see your own context in a fresh, constructive way. *Facilitated by The Rev. Aaron Gerlach, Old Trinity/Tiffin and The Rev. Zeke Coughlin, St. Matthew's/Toledo.*
6. **Starting a Parish Conversation about Racism** - Racism is as much an issue for all-White congregations and communities as it is in multi-racial settings. Parishes who have begun this work will share how and why they got started, and how they have continued the work. We'll share resources for naming the pitfalls and progressing to meaningful and transformative conversations about race, racism, and the spiritual work of confronting what has been called "America's Original Sin".

7. **Parish and Clergy Coaching** - For individuals, teams, or groups. (Translation, for group leaders, vestries, or committees). Are you or your congregation reemerging wondering how best to be church? Have you looked at all that your church has to offer and wondered what to do next? Are your committees coming together after 2 years of Zoom, blinking and staggered and stalled? A coach can help you plan, take an action, work together in the new world. *Facilitated by The Rev. Percy Grant*
8. **Creating an Anti-Gun Violence Ministry in your Parish** – What can one parish do to combat the epidemic of gun violence in our country? *Join our own Rev. Rosalind Hughes, antigun violence activist and author of Whom Shall I Fear? Urgent Questions for Christians in an Age of Violence (Upper Room Books), for this important discussion.*
9. **Where I See God Leading the Church Today** – A panel of four priests share their perspectives on the future of the church as they each understand it, followed by an in-depth moderated conversation between them and workshop participants. *The panel: The Rev. Robin Woodberry, St. Paul's/Canton, The Rev. Alex Martin, St. Barnabas/Bay Village, The Rev. Leah Romanelli DeJesus, St. Luke's/Cleveland, The Rev. Noah Sutterisch, All Saints/Parma. Moderated by The Rev. BJ Owens, Dean of Trinity Cathedral/Cleveland.*