

Parish Resources

Creative Church Fundraising

The Rev. Sara Gavit and St. Anne's, Calais

The folks of St. Anne's in Calais are trying new, creative ways of fundraising. We have modified traditional events and opportunities to fit the realities of our community today. We would love to share what we learned over the past couple years. We will also invite you to share your ideas and stories. What worked well for you and what challenges did your church face? Please join Rev. Sara Gavit and the St. Anne's Fundraising Committee for a fun, informative discussion.

Welcoming Children (Back) into the Pews

The Rev. Cn. Sara D'Angio White

These last two years have left an indelible mark on children and families with young children. What does it look like to be a welcoming space for children who have been socialized in a radically different way from the generations above them? What does it look like to support the adults in their lives? We'll look at the research, consider the mandate to "welcome the little children," and wonder together how we can support all generations in our worship spaces.

Social Justice

Earthkeeping in the Parish: How You and Your Congregation Can Respond to Bishop Brown's Earth Day Proclamation

Diocesan Climate Justice Council and the Rev. Jenny Reece

This workshop offers the parishes of the Diocese of Maine help in understanding and implementing Bishop Brown's Earth Day announcement that acknowledges the crisis of climate change. In it he calls for every parish to take leadership in our local communities as we and our neighbors grapple with the results of human carelessness in our relationship with God's good creation. Set in creation as stewards to "till and keep" it, we must not only acknowledge where we have fallen short of this, but must also take action to right what is wrong. This workshop will equip leaders and members of the parishes with creative resources and ideas to help our churches be rooted in creation-centered worship, education, advocacy, and transformation. Come and find out how to be your parish's Earth Keeper! Rev. Dr. Jenny Reece is a retired priest in the Diocese of Maine and Chair of the Climate Justice Council.

Diocesan Resolutions and Our Relationship with the Wabanaki People Committee on Indian Relations

Interested in learning more about recent and forth-coming Diocesan resolutions regarding our support for our Wabanaki tribal neighbors? Matt Dunlap, chair of the Committee on Indian Relations (CIR), John Maddaus, chair of CIR's Legislative Committee, and Ben Cooke, sponsor of the resolution on territorial acknowledgements, will share where we stand on 2021 Convention Resolutions 1 (tribal sovereignty) and 3 (territorial acknowledgements) and preview a 2022 Convention Resolution on Indigenous residential schools. We have a 30-year history of

building relationships with our Wabanaki neighbors, as reflected in several earlier resolutions as well. Join us to discuss where we have been, where we are now, and where we may be going.

Living Out Our Faith

Building Bridges: A Deacon's Ministry, Bringing People Together Heather Sylvester and The Rev. Kris Conley

Join us to learn about and explore the ministry of the deacon, and to consider your own role in the Church. Deacons are architects of bridges between the church and the world. We use our "four senses" of eyes, ears, mind and heart to do this work. We look forward to sharing with you our experiences, and to hearing about yours. This workshop will be facilitated by The Rev. Kris Conley, a deacon serving at St. David's in Kennebunk, and Heather Sylvester, who is currently in the process for ordination to the vocational diaconate.

The Ministry of Planned Giving Cn. Terry Reimer

This workshop serves as an introduction to planned giving, within the wider framework of stewardship. We will discuss the biblical concept of stewardship as it relates to God's bounty. We will also introduce the variety of ways in which gifts can be made to the church from accumulated personal or family resources. Lastly, we will provide resources available to us through the Episcopal Church Foundation and The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS). This workshop will be led by Canon Terry Reimer, the Diocese of Maine's Canon for Finance and Stewardship.