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**St. George's Episcopal Church, York Harbor, ME  
to Partner on *Values in Action*,  
Trinity Institute's 47th National Theological Conference**

**February 2–3, 2018**

(York, ME - January 2018) -Deep-rooted partnerships, grounded in core values, are essential to the success of nearly every social justice initiative. At this year's Trinity Institute theological conference, [Values in Action](#), participants will learn how the impact of our actions—individually and organizationally—can be amplified through values-based partnerships.

St. George's Episcopal Church will be a partner site for the February 2-3, 2018 conference featuring a keynote address by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist **Jose Antonio Vargas**, to be held onsite in New York City for individual attendees and streamed across the globe at partner sites—churches, cathedrals, seminaries, and advocacy organizations.

St. George's Church will offer all aspects of the conference via livestream, and participants will be able submit questions directly to conference speakers via email during the question and answer periods. Onsite reflection groups are coordinated using materials prepared and provided by Trinity Institute.

The Reverend Calvin Sanborn, Rector of St. George's in York said, "We are delighted to host the 47th National Theological Conference of the Trinity Institute via livestream. The topic is timely and important. In a world that often seems deeply divided, our ability to make a meaningful positive impact is significantly enhanced when we create partnerships with other organizations that value justice and peace, and promote the dignity of all people."

In addition to Vargas, founder and CEO of Define American, who has chronicled his life in this country as an undocumented immigrant, other [speakers](#) include leading activists, theologians, and authors whose life and work show the power of values in action: **the Most Rev. Michael Curry**, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; **Michelle Alexander**, author of [The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#); poet, theologian, and mediator **Pádraig Ó Tuama**; and the **Rev. Elizabeth M. Edman**, author of [Queer Virtue: What LGBTQ People Know About Life and Love and How It Can Revitalize Christianity](#).

**The Rev. Dr. William Lupfer**, rector of Trinity Church Wall Street, said “We make the greatest impact when we are working toward one purpose following one vision. That vision springs from shared values. Learning to discern our common values requires dedication and intention, but brings great rewards for our congregations, neighborhoods, and the world.”

For more information about attending the conference in person at St. George’s Episcopal Church, please contact Sudie Blanchard ([sblanchard@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org](mailto:sblanchard@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org)) or call the church at 207-363-7376 and leave a message.

### **St. George’s Episcopal Church**

St. George’s is a welcoming, inclusive, vibrant community where every person of every age is invited to engage in mission and ministry.

### **Trinity Institute**

Trinity Institute is an annual conference in its 47th year that equips clergy and laypersons for imaginative and catalytic leadership. Trinity Institute conferences present emerging and inclusive theological and social perspectives and engage participants in inquiry, dialogue, and reflection. Participants from all faith perspectives are welcomed. The conference is sponsored by Trinity Church Wall Street, an Episcopal parish in New York City. Recent conferences include *Creating Common Good: A Practical Conference on Economic Equality*; *Listen for a Change: Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice*; and *Water Justice*.

### **Trinity Church Wall Street**

Trinity Church Wall Street is a growing and inclusive Episcopal parish that seeks to serve and heal the world by building neighborhoods that live Gospel truths, generations of faithful leaders, and sustainable communities. The parish is guided by its core values: faith, integrity, inclusiveness, compassion, social justice, and stewardship. Members come from the five boroughs of New York City and surrounding areas to form a racially, ethnically, and economically diverse congregation. More than 20 worship services are offered every week at its historic sanctuaries, Trinity Church and St. Paul’s Chapel, the cornerstones of the parish’s community life, worship, and mission, and online at [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org). The parish welcomes approximately 3 million visitors per year.

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