

# Imagining...

"...a perfect armchair companion for contemporary Christians."  
Phyllis Tickle

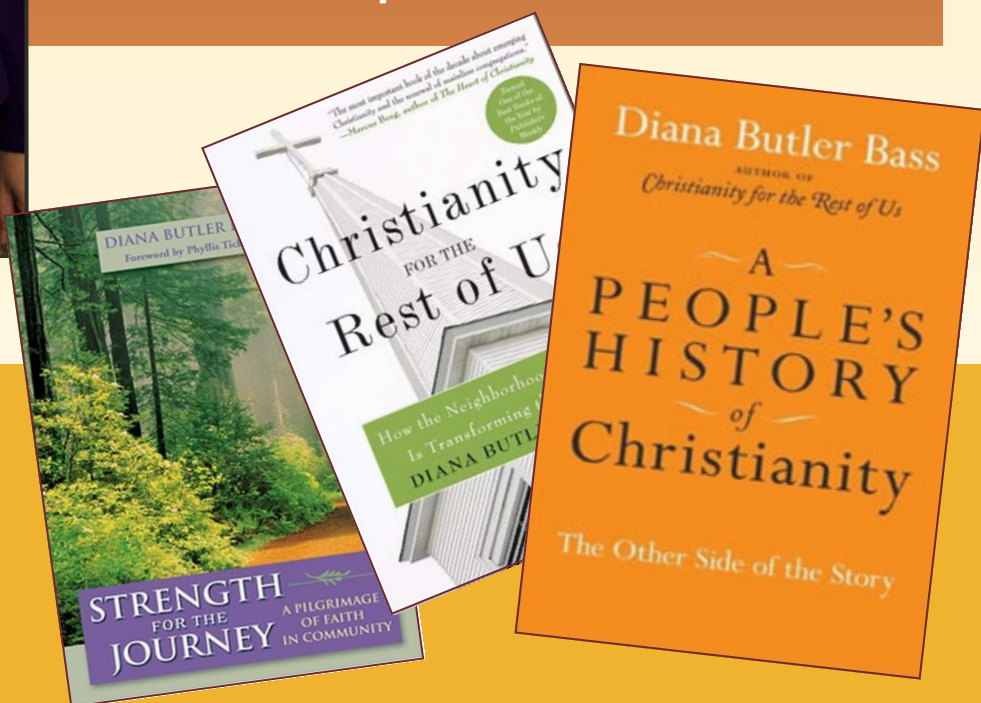
"...(she) invites us into a deep conversation with the past which thrusts us into the future with hope."  
Alan Jones

"Bass offers what is much needed for a church (alongside a society) that is into deep amnesia with little self awareness... It is immediately accessible, helped along by frequent and shrewd linkages to contemporary counterpoints."  
Walter Brueggemann



## Diana Butler

author, speaker, educator



### THREE EVENT WEEKEND

The Office of Life Long Christian Formation in partnership with St. James Cathedral, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, and the Congregations Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is sponsoring a series of conversations and presentations at three locations around the diocese for clergy, lay leaders, parishioners and general public.

#### THURSDAY & FRIDAY MARCH 11-12TH

##### Trends, Tinkertoys and Transformation

Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

Fri day 10 - 2 pm

St Martin's Episcopal Church

1095 Thacker St., Des Plaines, IL 60016

Registration fee - \$40, includes lunch both days

##### Bass and Lee: A Conversation

Thursday Evening 5:30 - 6:45 pm

St. James Cathedral

Book Signing and Refreshments

65 E Huron, Chicago, IL 60611

Open to all

#### SATURDAY MARCH 13TH

##### The People's History of Christianity - Presentation

10 am - 2 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

900 Normal Rd, DeKalb, IL 60615

Registration fee - \$20, includes lunch

all event pass  
\$50

*"Imagine, for a moment, a new story about mainline Protestantism. What if the story wasn't about decline, division, and spiritual dismay? What if the story was about imaginative congregations reaching back to their native stories, drawing out practices known to their ancestors and finding new ways of being faithful in a fragmented, de-traditionalized world?"*

Diana Butler Bass. *The Practicing Congregation: Imagining a New Old Church*

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