



**WHOSE CHURCH
IS IT ANYWAY?**

P R O G R A M

April 24th, 2009

Work Shop Schedule and Rooms

FRIDAY AUGUST 29TH		ROOM
1:00 - 2:15 pm	Welcome! Keynote Speaker & Opening Prayer	C202
2:30 - 3:45 pm	Workshops A	
	Catechesis of the Good Sheppard	C106
	Awareness Course	C201
	Justice for Children: The Heart of Discipleship	C101
	Welcome Friend: The Practice of Screening	C104
	Youth Ministry - Q&A and Conversation	C105
	Right 13 Introduction	C103
	Singing Is Formation	C202
	NOOMA - Viewing and Discussion	C102
4:00 - 5:15 pm	Keynote II	
5:30 - 6:15 pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Learning Circles	C202
8:15 - 9:30 pm	Workshop B	
	Year Round Child Advocacy	C101
	Catechu-whatsit?	C106
	Mission Trip	C105
	The ABC's of Mentoring Youth for Leadership	C103
	Children's Liturgy	C202
	Evangelism: Proclaiming the Word...	C201
	Via Media	C104
	Living The Questions, 2.0 - Viewing and Discussion	C102
9:30 pm	Social Time	Living Room

SATURDAY AUGUST 30TH		ROOM
7:00 - 7:45 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:30 - 9:45 am	Workshops C	
	Getting Stared With J2A	C101
	Awareness Course	C201
	Growing in Faith Together	C105
	Rabbinic Readings and Resources	C103
	Engaging Sunday School Youth w/Music & Games	C105
	Welcoming the "Other" in Church.	C104
	Social Media - Virtual / Real? Community Building	C106
	The Teaching Company - Viewing And Discussion	C102
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Learning Circles	C202
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:30 - 2:45 pm	Workshops D	
	Meeting the Challenges of J2A	C101
	Getting to Know the Women of the Bible	C103
	Millennium Development Goals	C104
	Youth Ministry - Q&A and Conversation	C105
	Poaching for The Kingdom (Ideas for Adult Formation)	C201
	Liturgy is Formation	C202
	Catechu-whatsit?	C106
	First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God - Viewing And Discussion	C102
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Last Words - Keynote Nadim Nassar & Closing Prayer	C202



Work Shop Descriptions A– Z

Description	Workshop Focus	When	Where
<p><u>Awareness Course: a Fresh Initiative for Adult Formation</u></p> <p>Nadim Nassar, Director of the Awareness Foundation and Co-author of the Awareness Course</p> <p>The Awareness Course equips Christians for life in a diverse world. It tackles subjects such as life in the global village, the link between globalization and fundamentalism, the cultural and historical roots of the three Abrahamic faiths, the greatly different Christian experiences in North America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia, and how to live an abundant life while getting on with your neighbor!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught from a Christian viewpoint • Islamic and Jewish perspectives aid self-understanding and broaden horizons • Versatile – easy to tailor to suit your venue; simple to contextualize • Puts Christianity in the context of the 21st century • Written from Western and Middle Eastern viewpoints, revealing the original culture of the New Testament • Excellent for outreach 	Adults	Workshop A Friday 2:30 - 3:45 pm Workshop C Saturday 2:30 - 3:45 pm	C201
<p><u>Catechu - whatsit? Gesundheit Indeed.</u></p> <p>Victoria L. Garvey</p> <p>Turns out the catechumenate has a good deal to do with our health as a community. This is the church’s mode of formation from its earliest period and it’s time to get on the ancient bandwagon and practice it again. So what’s it mean for Episcopalians and how can we practice it and what’s it like when it’s at home? The Bishop is enthusiastic about it and intends for all of us to participate. It has everything to do with welcoming and re-welcoming to the church; in particular it has to do with Baptism and Confirmation and Re-affirmation and Reception and how we prepare people for these sacramental seasons in their – and our – lives.</p>	Adults	Workshop A Friday 2:30 - 3:45 pm Workshop C Saturday 2:30 - 3:45 pm	C106



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<p><u>Catechesis of The Good Shepherd</u> Bruce Jones The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children. It is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Children gather in an "atrium," a room prepared for them, which contains simple yet beautiful materials that they use.</p>	Children	Workshop Friday A 2:30 - 3:45 pm	C106
<p><u>Children's Liturgy: Work of the People</u> [including the littlest] Dennis Northway and Shawn Schreiner Who was that fellow who had to remind his 'duh'sciples that the kiddos were welcome in his circle sippy cups and sticky fingers and all? Grace Church Oak Park has a service with a whole new congregation of families with young children. And those kiddos – and the rest of their families – know that the Episcopal Church Welcomes them wiggly and giggly and profoundly spiritual to boot.</p>	Children	Workshop Friday B 8:15 - 9:30 pm	C202
<p><u>Engaging Sunday School Youth with Music and Games</u> Jessica Elfring Ideas for games, music and engaging young people with them in Sunday school and Youth Group. Come learn new games, sing songs and take back new ideas?</p>	Children Youth	Workshop C Saturday 8:30 - 9:45 am	C105
<p><u>Evangelism: Proclaiming the Word - So People Will Hear It</u> Heidi Clark We spend hours putting together programs for our congregations. We are careful to select the right leaders, programs, and even spend time on our hospitality and environment. But how much time do we spend inviting people? Informing people? Getting them excited about what's happening in our classrooms and forums? Even excited enough to invite others! Come learn about your 7 target audiences, and how to promote the good work and blessings of your program ministry teams.</p>	Adult	Workshop B Friday 8:15 - 9:30 pm	C201



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<p><u>Getting to Know the Women of the Bible</u> Shawna R. B. Atteberry Women in the Bible shaped Israel's covenant and the Early Church. But their stories are normally glossed over. Learn how to bring these women and their achievements to the center stage in your teaching ministry.</p>	<p>Adult Youth</p>	<p>Workshop D Saturday 1:30 - 2:45 pm</p>	<p>C103</p>
<p><u>Growing In Faith Together®: intergenerational formation for small congregations</u> Darby Puglielli, Christian Formation Director and creator of GIFT® We replaced our Sunday school model with an innovative approach through our new Christian education program: Growing In Faith Together (GIFT)®. Sunday morning during the program year from 8:30 until 9:45 a.m., all ages gather together to eat, socialize/fellowship, sing, read and discuss the Bible story for the day, and react to it through drama or art. GIFT was created due to our small congregation size and lack of critical mass for a Sunday school model. During the workshop, we will be experiencing a sample morning and discussing how you can implement something similar at your church.</p>	<p>Intergenerational</p>	<p>Workshop C Saturday 8:30 - 9:45 am</p>	<p>C105</p>
<p><u>Journey to Adulthood - Getting Started</u> Debbie Buesing This session is a must for new Journey to Adulthood youth group leaders and program coordinators. You'll get a complete summary of the program's learning objectives and theological basis, and you'll learn the 10 things all new Journey to Adulthood leaders should do to ensure the program year gets off to a great start.</p>	<p>Youth</p>	<p>Workshop C Saturday 8:30 - 9:45 am</p>	<p>C101</p>
<p><u>Journey to Adulthood - Meeting the Challenges</u> Debbie Buesing The middle two years of the Journey to Adulthood program – the "J2A" part – has great challenges and opportunities. This section will give you an in-depth understanding of the four curriculum areas as well as ideas for planning your pilgrimage.</p>	<p>Youth</p>	<p>Workshop D Saturday 1:30 - 2:45 pm</p>	<p>C101</p>



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<p><u>Justice for Children: The Heart of Discipleship</u></p> <p>Laura Dean Friedrich</p> <p>Using framework of Jesus' ministry with children, participants will explore child advocacy as an integral aspect of discipleship. They will: 1) Explore biblical/theological framework for children's ministries; 2) Gain tools and strategies for action in their congregations and communities; 3) Develop skills for strengthening their specific ministries with and for children.</p>	Children	Workshop A Friday 2:30 - 3:45 pm	C101
<p><u>Liturgy is Formation: Loosening The Shackles That Bind</u></p> <p>Dent Davidson, Diocesan Missioner for Liturgy & the Arts</p> <p>Our Book of Common Prayer gives us a centuries old framework for the ways in which we worship. The framework of liturgy is time-tested and strong. Let's use that skeleton as a jungle gym, and explore ways to put some new flesh on "dem bones."</p>	Intergenerational	Workshop D Friday 1:30 - 2:45 pm	C202
<p><u>Millennium Development Goals</u></p> <p>Lee Geade and Newland Smith</p> <p>The MDGs are more than giving the 7% for international development. Members of the Task Force on the Millennium Development Goals will lead participants in reflections on the spiritual underpinnings of the MDG movement with time for participants to share practices of the MDG movement in their respective congregations.</p>	Intergenerational	Workshop D Friday 1:30 - 2:45 pm	C104
<p><u>Mission Trip</u></p> <p>Sue Cromer, Josh Frank and others</p> <p>Are you hoping to plan a Mission Trip for your youth or college students?</p> <p>Have you ever planned a Mission Trip and needed more resources and guidance?</p> <p>In this workshop we will share resources, wisdom, and experiences of planning and experiencing Mission Trips with young people. We will share timelines for planning, strategies recruiting youth, strategies for fundraising, what you need to plan for site visits. We will share resources, and share experiences of previous trips.</p>	Intergenerational	Workshop B Friday 8:15 - 9:30 pm	C105



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<p><u>Poaching for the Kingdom</u></p> <p>Don Frye</p> <p>Why reinvent that proverbial wheel or a way to do an adult forum or even a service when there are all sorts of tantalizing possibilities just there for the picking? Come on and get some energizing ideas for your congregation. How about reminding folks about how the journey of Jesus is not simply an edifying story of the past, but our story right here, right now.</p>	Adult Intergenerational	Workshop D Saturday 1:30 - 2:45 pm	C201
<p><u>Rabbinic Readings and Resources</u></p> <p>By Randall Warren</p> <p>Are you facing the uninspiring task of teaching that same tired Old Testament lesson? Are you searching for a fresh take or a new idea? Why not see what the Rabbis (and others) have to say? This workshop will consider the history of Rabbinic Biblical commentary and interpretations. We will look at how you can be inspired by a rich history of Biblical inquisitiveness that many Christians never encounter. We will also give you several useful resources to help you begin exploring this deep and fascinating world (which is now more widely available in English and Spanish than it has ever been). No knowledge of Hebrew is required but a love of good questions is a must.</p>	Adult	Workshop C Saturday 8:30 - 9:45 am	C103
<p><u>Right 13 - Introduction</u></p> <p>Heidi Clark</p> <p>Rite 13 The initial 2 years of the six year <i>Journey to Adulthood</i> program, Rite 13 is about building community: what it means, how it functions, the privileges and responsibilities it entails. At its heart is the celebration of the gifts of creative energy and of manhood and womanhood. Goals of the program include: establishing and maintaining cross-gender relationships, establishing the church as a safety zone in the midst of a sometimes chaotic period in life and building a group which begins to share experience and memory. How do we do it? By careful listening, community building and a serious study of spirituality, self, society and sexuality, and all of this in a playful way.</p>	Youth		C202



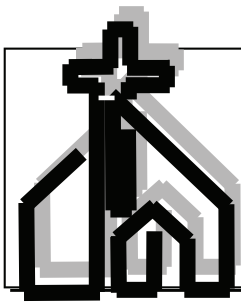
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<p><u>Singing is Formation: Equipping the Saints with Joy</u></p> <p>Dent Davidson, Diocesan Missioner for Liturgy & the Arts</p> <p>It's a simple fact - what we sing, we learn. Let's explore and share resources that help to deepen our faith, and find ways to help each person in your congregation become a more confident, joyful singer.</p>	Intergenerational		C202
<p><u>Social Media - VIRTUAL/REAL? Community Building</u></p> <p>Barbara Rasero, Elizabeth Nelson</p> <p>We'll explore the phenomena of Social Media, "the media designed to be disseminated through social interaction". Along with simple how-to demonstrations for how to create a Face Book page or Tweet on Twitter, we'll talk about the social, spiritual and religious issues of building VIRTUAL/REAL? Communities using these tools.</p>	Adult Youth	Workshop C Saturday 8:30 - 9:45 am	C106
<p><u>Via Media</u></p> <p>Don Frye</p> <p>Here's a program that celebrates who we are as American Anglicans and invites others to "come and see," offering seekers – and life-longers – both the content and the context for conversations about Christian faith from an unabashedly Anglican perspective. Among other things, Via Media challenges the idea that only Evangelicals can do evangelism. What Via Media celebrates is a church that tells the truth about both its strengths and its challenges, inviting those seeking spiritual community to come and do the same.</p>	Adult	Workshop B Friday 8:15 - 9:30 pm	C104



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<p><u>WELCOME, FRIEND: <i>The Practice of Screening Volunteers In A Hospitable Church</i></u></p> <p>Randall Warren & Elizabeth (Beth) Erickson</p> <p>It seems perplexing; how to welcome a volunteer's help and still keep the program (and God's People) safe? Is there a way to screen without paying out buckets of money? Discover a screening method that is friendly, yet diligent, and requires a minimal cost. Participants have the opportunity to observe the method, then directly practice it.</p>	Adult	Workshop A Friday 2:30 - 3:45 pm	C104
<p><u>Welcoming "The Other" in Church</u></p> <p>Heidi Clark</p> <p>Who is and who is not welcome in our parish? We will look specifically at a program used in the Episcopal Church exploring the messages of welcome, and of unwelcome, we send to our Gay and Lesbian brothers and sisters. Reflecting upon that may help each of us as individuals and as church professionals look at how we do and do not welcome the 'other' in the communities where we live and move and have our being. This conversation ultimately spills over into other groups where we fall short, including but not limited to non-readers, people without transportation, senior adults, and those from different ethnic or cultural communities.</p>	Adult	Workshop C Saturday 8:30 - 9:45 am	C104
<p><u>What's [Convention] Got to Do with it, got to do with it?</u></p> <p>Victoria Garvey</p> <p>So it's the end of the triennium and as we do every three years, we've just completed another General Convention [the 76th, with the 1st stretching back to the post-revolutionary period]. Ho hum, what's it got to do with the average parishioner? Lots. Pray with the BCP? It's got to do with you. Care about Christian Formation? Or the economy or war or peace or camp for the kiddos or campus ministry or the life of the congregation? Then it has to do with you, bub and bubbette. Come have conversation <i>over lunch</i> with at least one who's been there, done that and is still energized by the experience.</p>	Adult	Lunch	Dining Hall



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<p>So You Think You Want Sunday Series? At each of the slots set aside for this subject we will review one of the following and then discuss the experience. See the insert in your packet for a description of each of these.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nooma</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Living the Questions</p> <p>The Teaching Company. We'll be showing a segment from "Great Figures from the New Testament"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God</p>	<p>Adult Youth</p>	<p>Workshop A 2:30 - 3:45 pm</p> <p>Workshop B 8:15 - 9:30 pm</p> <p>Workshop C 8:30 - 9:45 pm</p> <p>Workshop D 1:30 - 2:45 pm</p>	<p>C102</p> <p>C102</p> <p>C102</p> <p>C102</p>
<p>Youth Mentoring for Leadership -The ABC's Sue Cromer and Youth Ministers</p> <p>Experienced youth ministers will share the basics of mentoring youth for leadership roles and their spiritual growth.</p>	<p>Youth</p>	<p>Workshop B Friday 8:15 - 9:30 pm</p>	<p>C103</p>
<p>Youth Ministry - Q&A and Conversation - Sue Cromer and Youth Ministers</p> <p>Come join in a group conversation about Youth Ministry in your congregation, the diocese and beyond. Bring your questions and issues. What's important about this ministry? Where do you start? How do you engage young people? These and more can be topics of conversation.</p>	<p>Youth</p>	<p>Workshop A Friday 2:30 - 3:45 pm</p>	<p>C105</p>
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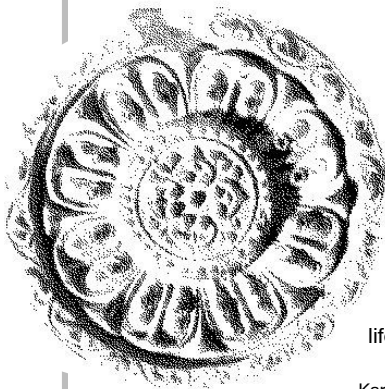
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How would your life have been different if your parents told you to look both ways before you cross the street and wash your hands before eating, and then, you are loved, you are loved? Put your napkin on your lap, and by the way, you are loved by a loving God who supports you. With that understanding from my youngest years, I would be able to hear the spiritual chatter of the universe with greater ease and the mirrors in my life would, more often than not, reflect loveliness at its most basic.

-- Karyn Kedar, *Our Dance with God: Finding Prayer, Perspective and Meaning in the Stories of Our Lives* (Jewish Lights, 2004), 118.

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