

## Workshops at Convention 2009

Friday Evening Educational Workshops (each person will have the opportunity to attend two of the following workshops)

### **Determining Your Congregation Openness Quotient**

The Evangelism Commission invites you to take our “Openness Quotient” survey, both individually and as a congregation to determine just how open and ready you are to welcome and incorporate visitors to your congregation. Church of the Good Shepherd, Vancouver, will share its very successful program for welcoming and incorporating visitors into their congregation, evangelism at its best. Come learn some things about yourself and ways you might be more welcoming to the visitors God sends you.

### **Lift Every Voice and Sing Sing-A-Long**

Lift up your heart and voice to God in this practical and engaging workshop. Sing many LEVAS songs, take home simple yet elegant arrangements, and learn fun and practical methods of presenting this material to your congregation. Expand your knowledge of African-American song history. We will also just have a good time praising God together in song.

### **Sacred Conversations on Race**

President Barak Obama’s speech “A More Perfect Union” in Philadelphia has set the stage for a more open and honest discussion in our congregations of the role that the sin of racism has played and is playing in our society. This is not a political dialogue, but rather an affirmation of our Baptismal Covenant that we are to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and further that we will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. As a diocese, we continue that dialogue among our congregations by offering an opportunity for facilitated conversations on the issue.

### **5 Things...Congregations Need to Know About Records!**

Records matter. However, taking care of records can be a challenge. For most of us gaining control of our paper records is difficult enough but when you toss in e-mail, web sites, wikis, blogs, and twitter, etc. – it can be overwhelming. In this presentation, Archivist and Records Manager, Diane Wells will discuss why it is so important to meet this challenge – including the challenge of electronic records. She will provide practical records management advice and address any specific records questions you may have.

### **Financial Sanity & Faith: Pulling it all Together**

How do you construct a strategy around multi-generational education? Provide a map for how and why this can become a year-round effort for youth and adults rather than an annual fundraising campaign. Explore - What a program like this could mean for your church? The goal of this workshop is to help participants:

- Broaden their perspective about what a church can do in the community (what partnerships can be formed, how churches can be more relevant to their members and community at large)
- Provide you with 2-3 clearly defined action steps for how to positively impact people in your congregation over the short and long term; and
- Briefly introduce you to our Financial Sanity Tools™ via a mini demo/training session for how best to use the tools in your parish

### **The College for Congregational Development: The Process of Planned Change in Congregational Life**

How many times have we wanted to make a change for the good of our congregation only to be greeted with cries of "we've always done it this way" coming from others (or from a voice inside ourselves!). This workshop will teach participants about change theory and process and will give participants a chance to do a little work on changes in their own congregations. Workshop leaders will be the Rev. Melissa Skelton, director of the College for Congregational Development and facilitators from the College.

### **Theology Pub**

The Commission for Emerging Mission is hosting a workshop on "How to run a Theology Pub", in which you'll learn by doing! Grab a beer and some food and have a seat, and we'll facilitate a relaxed conversation.

### **Risk Management in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

The Church needs to be a safe environment for the members of the body to live their lives in community. But, how do we make it safer and keep it that way. The agenda for this workshop will begin with participants selecting specific areas of concern and then we will work as a risk management committee to address problem areas and suggest the next steps in a safer direction. Bring your questions and your success stories. Take home materials and prizes!

### **Seeing God through First Nation Eyes: Indigenous Anglican Perspectives on Faith & Worship**

This workshop will explore Christian tradition from the perspective of First Nation's experiences. Panel members will share how the Good News of Jesus is experienced and practiced by indigenous people and why this matters to the rest of the Church.

In addition to the above workshops, if you are arriving early on Thursday, you have the option to attend one of the workshops listed below:

#### Optional Thursday Workshops

### **Families, Money & Habits: Charting a Course for The New Normal**

By all accounts, the current economic crisis is now second only to the Great Depression in the toll it is taking on individuals, families, communities and organizations. A recent study by the

American Psychological Association found that 75% of all adults in America list money as the number one source of stress in their lives. And if it's impacting adults, we know it's also being felt by children and youth. Communities of faith have an opportunity to heed the call of leadership and in turn offer hope and guidance for those among us who are living through or are soon to face some very challenging times. This workshop is designed to help your church better understand the core issues related to the economic crisis and in turn develop a multi-generational stewardship strategy that you could use immediately in your parish/community. In this highly interactive, action-orientated presentation participants will:

- Develop a deeper awareness of cultural trends and issues in today's radically shifting financial landscape;
- Discover new ways to communicate about money and values with children, youth and adults;
- Help families develop a financial decision-making process that honors each persons values and set clear financial goals that include saving and sharing;
- Receive take-home tools to use with youth and adults in their community.

### **Is That Covered by Insurance**

The Diocesan insurance program is a complicated combination of property and liability coverage designed to provide prudent coverage for your congregation. But, do you know what is in the portfolio? At least one person from each congregation needs to understand the program and the best way for that to happen is to attend this workshop. Take home materials and prizes!

### **Safeguarding God's Children**

The Safeguarding God's Children workshop, training on the prevention of child abuse will be offered at St. Luke Episcopal Church, 416 East Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98663. This training is required of all clergy active in the Diocese of Olympia and must be completed prior to August 1 2010. In addition it is required of all employees of congregations and all those who work regularly with children. The training will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and will be in two parts. The first is for Parents and Congregations and is a two-hour training in the recognition of the warning signs that will help in the prevention of child abuse. The second part is specifically for those who work with children and follows on the first part. All are welcome at the training. Those who are doing this work to satisfy the diocesan requirement must complete both halves of the training and must be present for the entire time. Questions? Please call or e-mail the Rev. Canon Joan Anthony ([janthony@ecww.org](mailto:janthony@ecww.org), 206-325-4200).