

**143<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY**  
**June 10 – 12, 2011**  
**Convention Weekend Workshop Descriptions**

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**Alphabetical by Workshop Title**

## **After The Healing, God's Grace Fills Us with Strength**

*Sister Mary Elizabeth, CSM*

**Session 6: Saturday 1:30-2:15**

**Zeitfuss II Conference Room**

Virtue is the word used to describe the strength which God builds within our souls as we mature in Christ. As we are healed in mind, emotions and will, the Holy Spirit deepens within us faith, hope and love. This workshop will explore the role of the Theological Virtues in the maturation of the Christian disciple – how the outpouring of the Holy Spirit fills the believer's heart with the living water of strength in Jesus Christ.

Sister Mary Elizabeth has been a sister of the Community of St. Mary for twenty years, where she serves as vocation director, choir cantrix, farm manager and web mistress. She is member of the Order of St. Luke and a volunteer prayer minister with the Oratory of Christ the Healer at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center.

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## **Anglicanism and the Bible – Yesterday and Today**

*Rev'd Joel Grigg*

**Session 7: Saturday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Jelinek 1B**

Many people use the term "Scripture, Tradition, and Reason," to describe Anglicanism's approach to the Bible; but what does this mean? Better yet how do we do it? This workshop looks at how we as Anglicans have approached God's Word in the past and how it in turn shapes our ministry today.

Fr. Joel currently serves as Rector of St. John's Church in Massena. He graduated from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in 2001 and has served in the Diocese of Albany since June of 2001. His interests include Christian Ethics, and Biblical Theology. Above all, he has a deep desire to see God's people reclaim their biblical heritage and roots so that they will be salt and light to the world around them. Fr. Joel and his wife, Carolyn, have been married for 32 years and have two children, Teresa and Stephen.

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## **Art Making as Praise and Worship**

*Christine Simoneau Hales*

**Session 5: Saturday 11:00-11:45**

**Arts & Crafts**

"Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise You with the harp, O God, my God." Psalm 43:4

This workshop will be an opportunity to grow in your ability to paint, draw, worship, praise, and listen with God. We will use art materials and worship music to communicate with God in a way which will help us to go deeper in our relationship with God.

The IHOP "Harp and Bowl" style of music worship is about coming into God's presence through praise and thanksgiving. It demonstrates using intercessory prayer and art to be in communion with God for ourselves, for our churches, and for our communities.

Absolute beginners in art welcome!! Come, enjoy, and bless people with your art!

Christine Simoneau Hales is an artist and a professional credentialed member of the American Art Therapy Association. She has taught Prophetic Art for second year students at Randy Clark's School of Ministry in PA, is a licensed minister through the Global Awakening Network, and has self published two books: "The New Renaissance" Revival in Church Art Today, and "Prophetic Art". She and her husband, Michael, are on a mission in Bristol, UK, to help bring Revival to England and are very active in healing prayer ministry. Their website is: [www.KingdomArtsMinistry.com](http://www.KingdomArtsMinistry.com).

## **Beads, Breaths, Flames and Prayers**

*Rev'd Laurie Garramone-Rohr*

**Session 6: Saturday 1:30 – 2:15**

**Demarest A**

We will talk about/demonstrate varieties of contemplative prayer techniques that can be used individually or as a parish to deepen our relationship with God by opening the paths of communication. Originally taught as a 6-week Lenten devotion practice, these are simple ways to break through prayer boredom, staleness, or blockage. Come listen; come pray; come Holy Spirit!

Mtr Laurie is rector, St. John's, Johnstown NY.

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## **Being A Church That Can**

*Rev'd Marty Wendell and Rev'd Bill Tatem*

**Session 2: Friday 3:30 – 4:15**

**Arts & Crafts**

Many smaller churches feel they have few or no resources to help them grow and settle for a maintenance model of ministry. In this workshop, Fr Marty and Dcn Bill will share the story of a parish in danger of closing and how, in a ten year period, it grew into a vibrant parish. They will share practical approaches that small parishes might find helpful to use in reversing decline and creating enthusiasm amount their members. Most of these strategies require no money but can have signification results if there is a simple willingness to live out the Baptismal promise.

Fr Marty Wendell is Priest-in-Charge at Trinity Church in Watervliet. He swerved on the board of the Albany Episcopal Counseling service and presently serves on the board of Canterbury House. He is also a member of the band that plays for the Convention Liturgies.

Dcn Bill came to the Albany Diocese in 1982. He first attended St David's Church in East Greenbush, then St Andrew's Church in Albany, where he continues to work part-time as Finance Administrator. He was ordained Deacon in June 2006 and has served at Trinity Watervliet since.

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## **Bible Engagement for Children**

*Sonia Dobson*

**Session 5: Saturday 11:00 – 11:45**

**Jelinek 1A**

(for teachers, and parents)

The Big Story: An overview of the bible, a 40 weeks program for children who are not familiar with the Bible.

Born in Jamaica, West Indies, Sonia accepted the Lord at age 8. As a teen, she was an active volunteer in the Inter Schools Christian Fellowship and Scripture Union office in Kingston, Jamaica and while there developed a deep love for missions to youth.

Before joining Scripture Union, Sonia worked as a computer programmer and taught math and computer science at the College of Westchester. For the past six years, she has been saving at Scripture Union, USA with responsibilities for all eight states between New York and Maine. Today she travels the country conducting teacher training workshops at churches, conferences, and the Salvation Army. She has done workshops at the Children Pastors' Conference, Urban Youth Workers Conference and URBANA. She is currently a member at Ridgeway Alliance in White Plains, New York.

Sonia attended New York Institute of Technology, where she obtained a B.S. in Computer Sciences.

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## **Bird of Paradise Ministries Rwanda (Christian Caring For the Elderly)**

*Mary Munyangaju*

**Session 2: Friday 3:30 – 4:15**

**CE Building**

“Bird of Paradise Ministry Rwanda” (BPMR), is a Christian Charity which is committed to providing the basic needs of shelter, food, clothing, health care to the elderly as well as the spiritual needs. In 1994, the country experienced a horrific genocide. The survivors and in particular orphaned children and the elderly were left incredibly vulnerable as they lost families and became homeless with nobody and nothing to support them. Some organisations have tried to help children and women but I felt that largely the elderly lacked support. God put in my heart a vision to reach out to the aged. It was an act of faith that we opened the first “home” in Kigali- Rwanda on 15 April, 2011.

My name is Mary Munyangaju. My husband Jerome and our three children live and work in Northern Ireland. Jerome is ministering as a Rector of St. John’s Parish in Killyleagh (Down and Dromore Diocese), and I have been working in an old people’s home for last ten years until recently when I gave up my job to give full time attention to the Ministry. Both Jerome and I are originally from Rwanda but have lived in Northern Ireland for the last sixteen years.

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## **Blending Contemporary Worship In A Liturgical Worship Service**

*Kristin Roberts*

**Session 4: Saturday 10:00 – 10:45**

**Demarest A**

Worship has a profound impact on each individual who comes through our doors. In this workshop we will briefly address the importance of music in the worship service and explore some practical ways in which we can incorporate contemporary worship music within the rich heritage of our liturgical services. We will discuss choosing appropriate songs for each stage of the service, creative ways of teaching new music and share some resources that will help you to discover new music.

Kristin Roberts grew up in central PA, the daughter of a Lutheran minister. She has a B.Mus in piano performance from the Houghton College School of Music and has been a worship leader for over 15 years. Kristin has been serving as the Music Director at Christ Church in Ballston Spa since October 2009. She lives with her two fabulous children, Edison & Claudia, in Saratoga Springs, NY.

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## **...but my church isn’t like that**

*Colin Davis*

**Session 5: Saturday 11:00 – 11:45**

**Zeitfuss Lodge Conference Room**

Most of my life until nine years ago was spent in urban and suburban churches which were of a reasonable size. However God has challenged me over the past nine years to explore and lead ministry in much smaller churches, in different circumstances from those whose books we often read and whose talks we often listen to. This seminar came about through a response to that when I said “...but my church isn’t like that.” The reality is that all our churches are different and especially those in smaller towns and villages where life seems to move along at a different pace. It is good to encourage one another and identify similar issues and ministries we have experienced and also explore maybe the need for patience in both our church and personal lives as we walk with Christ day by day.

Colin is married to Kathryn with 3 children, Chris (16), Matthew (13), Grace (8). After school spent 14 yrs working in London before answering God’s calling to ordained ministry. My curacy was spent in a large charismatic/evangelical church in Milton Keynes before God called me to rural ministry in North

Devon, south west England where I spent 8 years as Team Vicar with responsibility for four parishes covering six rural communities, the largest had a population of 900. About four years ago God called us to explore a move to Northern Ireland and three years later we find ourselves the Diocese of Down and Dromore and the parishes of Carrowdore and Millisle - rural ministry but different again. God continues to surprise and bless us.

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## **Celebrating 30 Years Of “Bringing Friends To Christ”**

*The Cursillo Community*

**Session 7: Saturday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Zeitfuss Lodge Conference Room**

How can we have a deeper relationship with God? How do we share His love with others and Bring a Friend to Christ? Hear the answer to these questions from Men and Women from our Diocese who attended the first Cursillo Weekends 30 years ago to this past spring Weekend. Clergy and lay people are encouraged to attend!

John Hyde, Cursillo Lay Director, will act as MC.

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## **Christian Community**

*Rev'd Lynne Crimi*

**Session 1: Friday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Jelinek 1B**

We are commanded by Christ to love one another. What does that mean for you and your church? We are to use our spiritual gifts for the benefit of the Body of Christ, the Church. How is this possible in the Diocese of Albany? Come and join the lively discussion.

Deacon Lynne Crimi is from Christ Church in Ballston Spa. She has a Master's Degree in Social Work and was trained by Dr. Herbert Benson at The Mind/Body Medical Institute in Boston. She has led numerous groups, teaching relaxation techniques and coping skills to people with terminal illness. Also, she has led several retreats, teaching church members how to draw near to God. She is married to Dennis and they have been blessed with three children.

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## **Christian Freedom Framework**

*Mother Miriam, CSM*

**Session 2: Friday 3:30 – 4:15**

**Zeitfuss II Conference Room**

See how organizing your life around the Benedictine model of prayer, work, and study can free you from stress and help you keep a balance between loving and serving our Lord, our family and those whom the Lord sends us at work and in our community and parish.

Mother Miriam has been Mother Superior of the Sisters of St. Mary for fifteen years and living the monastic rule of life for over 35 years.

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## **The Church And The Middle East Through The Eyes Of St. Paul**

*Rev'd Peter Pierson*

**Session 6: Saturday 1:30 – 2:15**

**Arts & Crafts**

Trouble seems to be always brewing and boiling over in The Middle East. Will there ever be an end to it? The Jewish people seem to be at the epicenter of it all, and have been for the past 4,000 years. Paul's letter to the Romans has three chapters which address the question of how His Chosen People fit into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. This workshop will address Romans 9-11, examine the Living Waters we have inherited through our Jewish Roots, and try to fit this all into the modern geo-political convulsing of the Levant.

Peter has been an ordained priest for thirty three years, serving in parishes from Maine to Florida, more than half of that time in Youth Ministry and Education. This past year he has been serving as the Interim Rector of St. John's in Troy. His introduction to the Diocese of Albany was his year of serving as the Priest-in-charge at St. Mark's in Philmont in 2003. Peter's ministry passions are Bible teaching and leading trips to Israel. He and his wife Mary live in Grafton, NY.

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## **The Church In Sudan**

*Rev'd Dr. Grant LeMarquand*

**Session 8: Sunday 9:00 – 9:45**

**Jelinek 1B**

Sudan, the largest country in Africa has been through decades of civil war in which millions of people, mostly from the south, have been killed. During the war the church was the only really viable institution in the south and most of the people have become Christians. Part of the peace agreement signed a few years ago gave the South the ability to vote on whether to become a separate nation. That referendum took place this year and by an overwhelming majority (99%) the South has decided to become independent. What led to such a terrible civil war? What is the Church in Sudan like now? What implications does the creation of the Republic of South Sudan have for the Church?

Fr Grant LeMarquand is Professor of Biblical Studies and Mission, Trinity School for Ministry and a former missionary to Kenya.

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## **Church-Wide Consultation, March 2011: C056 - Same Gender Blessings**

*Rev'd Scott Garno & Debbie Fish*

**Session 1: Friday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Arts & Crafts**

The 2009 General Convention of the Episcopal Church passed resolution C056 asking the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to collect and develop Liturgical rites and resources to be used for blessing same-gender unions. A "Church-wide Consultation" featuring one lay and one clergy deputy from each diocese was held in March of this year. Fr. Scott Garno and Debbie Fish will report on this consultation and the future of C056.

Fr Garno has been rector of St. Matthew's Church in Unadilla since June 2006. In July/August of 2003 he served the Diocese of Albany as a Lay Deputy to General Convention in Minneapolis. In July of 2009 he attended General Convention serving in place of Fr. Shaw Mudge and was elected a Deputy to General Convention for 2012. Fr Scott and his wonderful wife, Sarah, have two beautiful children, who keep them on their toes.

Debbie Fish attends Christ's Church in Duanesburg, where she serves on the vestry, altar guild, is a Daughter of the King, edits the parish newsletter and puts together the bulletin each week. She represented the Diocese of Albany at General Convention in 2009 and was elected to represent the Diocese, again, at General Convention in 2012. Debbie and her husband, Kenneth, have two children in college.

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## **The Dark Side**

*Chris Pollock*

**Session 2: Friday 3:30 – 4:15**

**Wigwam**

A seminar that explores the dark side of Christian Leadership that we never thought was there, but is. This material was part of the "Arrow" Course. This is a world wide Course designed to explore the Character, Call and Competency of Christian Leadership and I have just completed it as part of 'Arrow Ireland'.

If we look at the dark side of Leadership as a specific area, it will help you see why 'Arrow' offers so much to younger leaders (clergy and otherwise) who are passionate about a 'Jesus' Vision, Mission, Strategy and Team Building. If you engage with this material and sense it helping, then the Arrow Course is for you.

Chris is on the wrong side of 40, married to Wenda. He has three children, Beth, Lucy and Harry. He listens to Copland as well as Sinatra, enjoys "The Simpsons" as well as Jack Bauer. Chris is attending with others from the Diocese of Down and Dromore.

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## **Daughters of the King: "Be Filled with the Holy Spirit"**

*Trudy Bailey*

**Session 6: 1:30 to 2:15**

**Zeitfuss Lodge Office**

The Daughters of the King is a Holy Order whose members vow to live a life of prayer, service and evangelism. This workshop will discuss how a life of prayer can enrich and bless your life, your church, your clergy and your diocese.

Trudy Bailey is the President of the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Albany. She is the wife of the Rev'd Gregory Bailey, who is Deacon Vicar at Trinity Church in Gouverneur. They have two children and three grandchildren. Trudy is employed by the US Postal Service as a contract cleaner.

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## **Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts**

*Rev'd Canon Bob Haskell*

**Session 8: Sunday 9:00 – 9:45**

**Demarest B**

Many Christians have been equipped by God to do work for him, but some of them are unaware that God has equipped them. So some workers in churches are "square pegs in round holes." They are unequipped for what they have volunteered to do and are unhappy doing it. This workshop will help you discover the ways in which God has equipped or "gifted" you for ministry and help you find ministries which fit these gifts. A spiritual gifts questionnaire will be given during the workshop and all participants will receive a copy of the PowerPoint slides.

Fr. Bob Haskell has been Canon to the Ordinary for four years and worked with churches in the Diocese for two years before that as Canon for Congregational Transformation. He led churches in Binghamton, Syracuse, Philadelphia and Oneonta for 30 years. His primary interest in continuing education during this time has been church growth and church leadership. He is a certified Natural Church Development consultant. He is married to Margaret; they have two grown children, and they live in Burnt Hills.

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## Discovering Your Gifts Of Healing

*Rev'd Nigel Mumford*

**Session 2: Friday 3:30 – 4:15**

**Demarest A**

### **Bible:**

1 Corinthians 12:8-11

To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts (plural) of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

### **Reflection:**

A man dies and goes to heaven. He is in line to get through the pearly gates. St. Peter says to him. "The next batch is arriving later; come with me." They walk through heaven on golden paths until they reach a huge building. Inside it seems to be some sort of warehouse. St. Peter searches until he finds a shelf with several boxes, all wrapped up, with bows on them. The newbie to heaven asks "What is this?" He responds, these are the gifts that God wanted you to have but you did not ask for them.

### **Goal:**

This will be a time to explore, ask and seek "The Greater Gifts" as written in 1 Cor 12. What gifts do you have to offer God, the church and your fellow human beings? Was something put on your heart since childhood or from an experience in your life that might indicate such a call? Have you realized your/His full potential? Is this perhaps a part of the very fabric of your being? Come to this class and explore what gift He might have for you.

Rev'd Nigel Mumford, a former drill instructor in the Royal Marine Commandos was born and educated in England. After witnessing the healing of his sister, Julie Sheldon, a ballet dancer with the Royal Ballet in 1989, he dedicated his life to the healing ministry. In 2008, a new program was created at the Healing Ministry, call "The Welcome Home Initiative", led by Fr. Nigel, and two other retired military men, Bishop David Bena and Lt Col. Noel Dawes. This 3 day retreat program invites men, women and families of our Armed Forces, from all wars, to come "free of charge" and be "welcomed home". Fr Nigel lives with his wife, Lynn, in Greenwich, NY. He is also a circuit speaker for the International Order of St Luke and he serves on the international board of directors of Christian Healing Ministries, Jacksonville, FL.

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## **Domestic Violence 101 for Your Parish:**

### **Rights, Remedies and Christian Responsibilities**

*Rev'd Dr. Anne F. Curtin and Rebecca Alamillo*

**Session 6: Saturday 1:30 – 2:15**

**Demarest B**

Round table discussion of what domestic violence is, the legal process and how to help individually and as a parish.

Rev'd Curtin is a teacher, an attorney and an Episcopal priest. She has led the Diocesan abuse prevention program, "Godly Boundaries." She now is the Executive Director for HWS including a healing prayer ministry based at Christ Episcopal Church in Cocksackie.

Ms. Alamillo is the domestic violence community educator for Columbia and Greene Counties. She is the dv court advocate and shelter director for victims in Greene County. She is active at St. Luke's in Chatham.

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## **Empire Haiti Coalition**

*Robert Lillipop and Rev'd Scott Underhill*

**Session 7: Saturday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Arts & Crafts**

The Empire Haiti Coalition is a group of not-for-profits, churches, businesses and academics in New York's Capital Region, that have partnered with six schools -churches in the Central Plateau region of Haiti. The objective of the partnership is to support our Haitian

neighbors with sustainable education, water, nutrition, health, and other basic living needs. Deacon Scott and Robert will talk about "A Place for You in Haiti". This presentation will talk about our model of mission/partnership in Haiti. How parishes and individuals can get involved.

We will also talk about "The Need for Clean Water" and how after prayer everything we do begins with water.

Biography of the Robert Lillipop was not available at the time of printing.

Dcn Underhill currently serves at St George's, Clifton Park.

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## **Empowered Prayer**

*The Rt. Rev'd Dan Herzog*

**Session 8: Sunday 9:00 – 9:45**

**Demarest A**

"Prayer" is a lot like the wall switch: plain looking, but concealing much voltage of pure power. Christ's plan is to connect our hearts with His. Prayer is that high-voltage connection. Jesus wants to pour His power and love into our hearts and become the real dynamo within us. This workshop will focus on the ways we are formed, reformed, transformed by prayer. *On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink".*

BISHOP DAN HERZOG, 8th Bishop of Albany, was consecrated in 1997 and retired in 2007. He resumed active ministry in April, 2010, dividing his time between assisting Bishop Bill, teaching, spiritual direction, and reconciliation. He is presently also serving as interim at St Ann's, Amsterdam. Bishop Dan and Carol, who are chaplains to the retired clergy, have been married for over 46 years and they have five adult children and fourteen grandchildren who are the joy of their lives.

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## The Engaged Workshop

*Rev'd William Hinrichs*

**Session 3: Friday 4:30 – 5:15**

**Arts & Crafts**

Come and learn about an exciting pre-marital program that helps engaged couples get off to a great start in their marriage. This lay-driven program is committed to improving the quality of Christian marriages.

Engaged Workshop is a marriage preparation course designed to be used by local churches or other groups. It is based around a series of short talks, given by two or three married couples, on various aspects of the marriage relationship. It includes a number of short exercises to help engaged couples express themselves to each other.

Engaged Workshop gives engaged couples the chance to begin their marriage with some well proven communication tools that will help them handle the conflicts and difficulties that arise in all marriages.

Fr. Bill Hinrichs is currently the Rector of Christ's Church in Duanesburg. Before retiring from full time parish ministry he was Rector of St. George's Church in Clifton Park for seventeen years and of St. John's in Massena for five years before that. Fr. Bill and his wife Barbara were a presenting couple around the country for Episcopal Engaged Encounter for seventeen years and Fr. Bill was national chaplain for the program for six years.

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## Equipping Our Youngest Saints

*The Puppets of Grace*

**Session 2: Friday 3:30 – 4:15**

**Jelinek 1B**

Come and meet the Puppets of Grace (Melville, Promise, and Grampa). Experience the joy of providing teaching every week at Sunday worship with the assistance of puppets. Each week the puppets of Grace present real life struggles of trying to live a life following Jesus. Fun for grown-ups and children.

Promise Puppet - Came to Grace Church, Waterford, from Florida in 2006. Promise comes to life through Mother Kathy Coons who serves as Vicar of Grace Church, Waterford. Promise has served on the most recent women's Cursillo and is an honorary Cursillista!

Melville Puppet - Came to Grace Church in 2006, after being rediscovered in a closet in the home of Mtr Kathy. Melville was formerly the toy of Mtr Kathy's children. Melville now comes to life through Karen Coffrin. Karen is a librarian at the Waterford-Halfmoon Elementary School.

Grandpa Puppet - Came to Grace Church in 2009 and was ordered via the internet. Grandpa was presented to Fr Herbert Sanderson at the liturgical celebration of his 50th anniversary as a priest. Fr Herbert is retired and assists at Grace, Waterford. Grandpa and Fr Herbert are the most recent additions to the Puppets of Grace.

Two other puppets from Grace have been launched into the mission field and may stop in to join in the fun.

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# **Evangelization Of The Nations And The Transformation Of Society**

*Rev'd Scott Evans*

**Session 8: Sunday 9:00 – 9:45**

**Zeitfuss II Conference Room**

God has used a relatively small church in the heart of London to reach the nations for Jesus Christ. The spark of this revival began two decades ago at Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) with a course called Alpha and has grown into Marriage Courses that are being embraced by the government of China, Divorce Recovery Courses and most recently Parenting Courses that help people cope with the trials of life and bringing up Children. HTB now consists of 4 churches in the heart of London, with an in house seminary, a thriving prison rehabilitation ministry, and service to the poor and homeless. Why not Albany? This workshop will discuss the vision and leadership working at HTB and how we can put these principles to work in our Diocese for the Evangelization of the Nations and the Transformation of Society! We will discuss a church growth model that leverages Alpha and growth courses combined with Healing Ministry and Social Action. The 2011 Capital District Alpha Invitation will be discussed. Come and See!

Fr. Scott was ordained a transitional deacon on May 30 2009 and a Priest on January 9th, 2010, and serves as an assistant at Christ Church Ballston Spa. Scott is a Senior Research Engineer and Project Leader in the Advanced Communications Systems lab at GE Global Research in Niskayuna, NY and holds BS, MS, and PHD degrees in Electrical Engineering. Scott started his seminary training at Fuller Theological Seminary and graduated from Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary in October 2009 with a Masters of Arts in ministry degree. Scott is passionate about Healing ministry and evangelism, serving on the healing prayer team at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center and training/mentoring Alpha course teams in the area as an Alpha advisor. Scott and his beautiful wife Stephanie have been blessed with four awesome children and live in Burnt Hills.

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## **Five things I would to say to leaders from the Confession of St Patrick**

*The Rt Rev'd Harold Miller*

**Session 1: Friday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Demarest A**

St Patrick was one of the most transformational leaders of all time, remembered for his Christian convictions and message throughout the world. The thought struck me: Does Patrick reveal to us some of the secrets of his missional leadership in his writings. I found at least five key things in his *Confessions*, and would love this opportunity to share them with leaders of today.

The Rt Rev'd Harold Miller has been Bishop of Down and Dromore for 14 years following spells in both theological education and pastoral ministry. Married to Liz, they have 4 grown-up children and one grandchild. The link between Down and Dromore and Albany diocese arose from the friendship that developed between Bishop Harold Miller and the former Bishop of Albany, Daniel Herzog.

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## **Generosity in answering God's call as Stewards of His Creation**

*Rev'd Derik Roy*

**Session 7: Saturday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Demarest B**

A few year back, Bishop Love expressed a concern that our Diocese, its churches and people, were laden with a negative spirit of poverty. This spirit, he said, was demoralizing and often stopped us from doing the ministry and mission God has called us to. Quite frankly we all struggle with money. Perhaps that is why Jesus talked so much about money and possessions. Indeed, Jesus said more about money than about almost any other subject. He knew how we handle money and view money was directly linked to our spiritual health and our ability to make a difference for God in our communities and beyond. How many rectors and vestries have struggled and prayed and struggled with money issues or more aptly put, lack of money issues?

In this workshop we will explore what God's view of money is for us as individuals and then some practical ways to go about teaching stewardship in our churches. We will also look at a variety of stewardship campaigns that have been effective. It's only in facing stewardship directly from a biblical perspective that we can defeat that negative "spirit of poverty".

Father Derik Roy has been rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa, for 17 years and ordained for 34 years. Father Roy has attended numerous workshops over the years on church growth and evangelism and has served growing congregations for many years.

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## **From Jerusalem to the Ends of the Earth:**

### **Missions from the Diocese of Albany**

*Rev'd Robert Haskell, Tom Gizara, Jennifer Dean*

**Session 3: Friday 4:30 – 5:15**

**Zeitfuss Lodge Conference Room**

This workshop describes the many ways people from the Diocese of Albany are involved in mission, both overseas and in the U.S. This would be a good for those people who would like to join a missions endeavor and would like to know what missions are available. Overseas missions described include Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Nigeria, Southern Sudan, Madagascar, Liberia, and Peru. Domestic missions include Appalachia and New Orleans. This is the presentation on Diocesan missions that was given to the Presiding Bishop during her recent visit to Albany

Jennifer is a parishioner at St. Stephen's in Delmar and currently Warden. She is on the Diocesan Standing Committee and Mission Board, and is active at church in the areas of outreach, LEM, Daughters of The King, and leads a mission team annually to the Appalachian Mountain area of Virginia.

Tom Gizara is almost a cradle Episcopalian, having been baptized in the Polish National Catholic Church in Detroit, MI. He married Jeanne in 1969, and they have two grown children, Thomas William and Randy. Tom and Jeanne have been attending Trinity Church in Watervliet for the past 14 years. Tom is the Chairman of the Missions Committee of the Albany Diocese.

Fr. Bob Haskell has been Canon to the Ordinary for four years and worked with churches in the Diocese for two years before that as Canon for Congregational Transformation. He led churches in Binghamton, Syracuse, Philadelphia and Oneonta for 30 years. His primary interest in continuing education during this time has been church growth and church leadership. He is a certified Natural Church Development consultant. He is married to Margaret; they have two grown children, and they live in Burnt Hills

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## **The Future is Ancient**

*Simon Richardson*

**Session 6: Saturday 11:00 – 11:45**

**Jelinek 1B**

Many of us are trying to find new ways to connect with those who do not yet know Jesus, or whose first love has become cold. However, it appears that for many, some of the ancient ways of the Church are providing new and broad avenues into the presence of God. Contemplation, New Monasticism, the Rebirth of Liturgy and of Orthodoxy - these are some of the things stirring hearts and minds today. Let's discuss how to open the future by reimagining the ancient past.

Simon Richardson - Born in England, educated in Durham, Oxford and Canterbury, and now Rector of Hillsborough in the Diocese of Down. Married to Moyra, with two children, Erin and Patrick, and obsessed with music, theology and reading pretty much anything I can get my hands on.

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## **Generational Healing 1: Teaching**

*Rev'd Scott Evans*

**Session 6: Saturday 1:30 – 2:15**

**CE Building**

Generational Healing involves healing our families and family systems from effects of generational sin and patterns of disease and dysfunction that have been passed down through the generational lines. This workshop will discuss the various aspects of generational healing and participants will have the opportunity to fill out a family tree that highlights areas of woundedness, trauma, patterns of sin and disease, and to offer these family trees to the Lord Jesus Christ for healing. We will have the opportunity to stand in the gap and repent on behalf of ourselves and our families for any ways that our families have turned away from God and sought knowledge or power from any means other than God. The workshop will be followed in a second consecutive session where a generational healing Eucharist will be celebrated - outdoors on the beach weather permitting. Please join us for these opportunities to bring freedom to our families through the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Scott was ordained a transitional deacon on May 30 2009 and a Priest on January 9th, 2010, and serves as an assistant at Christ Church Ballston Spa. Scott is a Senior Research Engineer and Project Leader in the Advanced Communications Systems lab at GE Global Research in Niskayuna, NY and holds BS, MS, and PHD degrees in Electrical Engineering. Scott started his seminary training at Fuller Theological Seminary and graduated from Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary in October 2009 with a Masters of Arts in ministry degree. Scott is passionate about Healing ministry and evangelism, serving on the healing prayer team at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center and training/mentoring Alpha course teams in the area as an Alpha advisor. Scott and his beautiful wife Stephanie have been blessed with four awesome children and live in Burnt Hills.

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## **Generation Healing 2: Eucharist On The Beach**

*Rev'd Scott Evans*

**Session 7: Saturday 2:30 – 3:15**

**CE Building (if raining)**

This is the follow up to the "Generational Healing 1" workshop, with a Eucharist on the beach, weather permitting.

Please see Fr. Scott's bio under "Generational Healing 1"

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## **Go Into His Courts With Praise: The Prayer Of The Heart**

*Rev'd Ellen Neufeld*

**Session 6: Saturday 1:30 – 2:15**

**Jelinek 1B**

Many of us want a deeper relationship with God in prayer. Meditative prayer is the gateway into Contemplation -- the deep prayer of the heart. We will be exploring "The Prayer of the Heart" in three basic methods: the prayer of gazing; "breath prayer;" and, meditation on the Cross as ways of opening our hearts for God's Grace which calls us and brings us into Contemplation. This workshop includes some new insights on this vital topic.

Mother Ellen has lived and worked in our diocese for ten years. Before becoming a priest in 1994, she received advanced degrees in Theology and Spirituality from Fordham University. She studied spiritual direction with Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR of EWTN. She is a founding member of the Franciscan Community of the Holy Cross and is married to Fr. Mike Neufeld.

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## **Have it Your Way: Defining Your End of Life**

*Rev'd Micki Thomas*

**Session 3: Friday 4:30 – 5:15**

**Demarest B**

Each of our lives will end one day. There are ways to be sure that "your" wishes are carried out. This workshop will explain Health Care Proxies, Living Wills, Organ Donation, Preplanning your Celebration of Life and more plus supply you with the necessary paperwork.

Dcn. Micki was ordained in 2008 and serves as Deacon at St. Paul's, Greenwich; is a Daughter of the King and she is Education Coordinator for Parish Health Ministry – offering courses to help parishes begin a Health Ministry. She & Ron have been married 44 years and have 3 grown sons, wonderful daughters-in-law & they have been blessed with 6 grandchildren.

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## **He? She? Or It? The Theology Of The Holy Spirit**

*The Venerable Dr. Christopher Brown*

**Session 6: Saturday 1:30 – 2:15**

**Zeitfuss Lodge Conference Room**

Who or what is the Holy Spirit? Sometimes talk of the Holy Spirit sounds all too much like the "The Force" from the Star Wars films. But according to the Scripture and the Creeds, the Holy Spirit is a person! Albany's Canon Theologian translates the theology into ordinary language, and introduces us to the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

Fr. Christopher Brown is Rector of Trinity Church, Potsdam. He studied Asian religions at Amherst College before coming to faith in Jesus Christ in his early 20s. He received his M.Div. from General Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Union Theological Seminary. He served parishes in Manhattan and in Westchester and Ulster Counties before coming to the Diocese of Albany in 2000. He is Provincial Chaplain for the Community of St. Mary, Canon Theologian for the diocese, head of the northern Deacon School faculty, and author of the diocesan canonical exams.

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## **High Church To High Energy: Ministry To Soldiers And Civilians At War**

*CH (CPT) Glen Lightfoot*

**Session 4: Saturday 10:00 – 10:45**

**Zeitfuss Lodge Conference Room**

**Session 7: Saturday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Wigwam**

Come and see the variety of study, worship, counsel and meditation available to soldiers and civilians in war zones overseas. Hear an Army chaplain's perspective how the wartime experience can be filled with God's glory in ways never imagined. Sense the beauty of Christ, as he may be experienced amidst the tragedies and horrors of war. This workshop will appeal mostly to clergy and missions-minded persons; but also to anyone with co-workers, church members, friends and family deployed overseas. The New York Army National Guard will deploy 3,000 troops beginning six months from now. Learn how you can motivate them to become active in the ministry of their chaplain overseas. PowerPoint slides, commentary and music will be integrated with humorous appreciation and serious respect for the wide spectrum of faith and practice of our soldiers and civilian coalition forces.

Chaplain Glen Lightfoot is an Army National Guard chaplain and Episcopal priest, with past memberships and affiliations in Baptist, Pentecostal, Disciples of Christ and Methodist churches. He studied at secular colleges and took his seminary education from conservative, liberal and traditional schools. His 28 years of military service includes six enlisted careers and two officer careers in the Air National Guard, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and Navy Reserve. Before commissioning a chaplain, Chaplain Lightfoot's civilian employment was 14 years as a state police officer and social worker, and 4 years as interim pastor. He deployed to Iraq in 2005 and will deploy to Afghanistan next year. He and his family attend Calvary Episcopal Church in Burnt Hills.

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## **Holiness of Life**

*The Rt. Rev'd Dan Herzog*

**Session 2: Friday 3:30 - 4:15**

**Zeitfuss Lodge Conference Room**

God made us for wholeness. Even when humanity screwed it up, He did not abandon us. Too many Christians think that the call to holiness means dull living and no more fun. The reality is that being alive in Jesus is the best of all worlds. Deep down it's what we truly desire. (Most of us would like to get it together.) This workshop looks at the means Christ has provided for us, the ways we get to enjoy Him now, and the long range plan God has for our happiness. Very useful if you believe in life after life.

BISHOP DAN HERZOG, 8th Bishop of Albany, was consecrated in 1997 and retired in 2007. He resumed active ministry in April, 2010, dividing his time between assisting Bishop Bill, teaching, spiritual direction, and reconciliation. He is presently also serving as interim at St Ann's, Amsterdam. Bishop Dan and Carol, who are chaplains to the retired clergy, have been married for over 46 years and they have five adult children and fourteen grandchildren who are the joy of their lives.

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## **How God Helps Us Deal With Stress**

*Rev'd Lynne Crimi*

**Session 3: Friday 4:30 – 5:15**

**CE Building**

We often struggle with stress in this fast-paced and often confusing world we call home. God gave us the ability to cope with stress but it isn't often heeded or understood. This workshop provides participants a way to deal with stress through relaxing Christian-guided imagery. Participants will focus on how to "be still and know that I am God." If you are feeling weary, then this workshop is for you!

Deacon Lynne Crimi is from Christ Church in Ballston Spa. She has a Master's Degree in Social Work and was trained by Dr. Herbert Benson at The Mind/Body Medical Institute in Boston. She has led numerous groups, teaching relaxation techniques and coping skills to people with terminal illness. Also, she has led several retreats, teaching church members how to draw near to God. She is married to Dennis and they have been blessed with three children.

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## **How to Answer God's Call to be Stewards of His Creation**

*Maggie Hasslacher*

**Session 5: Saturday 11:00 – 11:45**

**CE Building**

There is no such thing as financial independence separate from God. Yet we often find ourselves with either too many bills or too much money left at the end of the month. This workshop will look at what God has to say about money and offer some practical tips on getting control of this critical aspect of our lives. How we handle money can be either a barrier or a bridge to experiencing a rich & rewarding relationship with God and His people. Learn how embracing the Biblical standard of the tithe can make you rich; learn how contributing to the needs of others can bring you joy, and how living a life of healthy stewardship is exactly how God blesses us.

Maggie Hasslacher is the Administrator for Christ the King Spiritual Life Center. She has been employed by the Diocese since 1999 and is a Crown Money Map Coach, as well as one of the presenters for the Marks of Discipleship video series.

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## **How to Be A Supporting Congregation for Missionary Ministry Overseas**

*Rev'd Ian Montgomery*

**Session 5: Saturday 10:00 – 10:45**

**Demarest B**

Fr. Ian will discuss how to be a supporting congregation for missionary ministry overseas, and detail how to discern, send, support overseas mission. Included would be the whole set of ideas that undergird the importance of mission, home and overseas as well as the blessings received.

Ian is a missionary in Lima, Peru, with SAMS-USA. He is Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Peru. Ian was a rector of parishes in New Orleans, Nashville and Menasha, WI. Before that, he was a college chaplain in Western Mass., and assisted in a parish in London, where he was ordained in 1975. Both Ian and his wife, Polly, retired in early 2009. They reside in Chester, Vermont and Lima, Peru.

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## How to Help Your Kids Establish and Keep Their Faith

*Rev'd Tyler Slade*

**Session 6: Saturday 1:30 – 2:15**

**Sports Complex Conference Room**

The aim of this workshop is to assist parents (and youth leaders) as they seek to walk that fine line of engaging their kids where they are (mess and all) in a loving and open relationship, and at the same time be able to lead them into a living and life transforming relationship with the Lord Jesus. Fr. Tyler will discuss the topics of praying for your young people, pain and the cost of serving the youth, how to effectively share your own faith and life in God, and how to lead the youth into a genuine life of faith for themselves. There will be time for questions and answers, open discussion and prayer. This will be a very important session for anyone who God has called to serve His youth, whether you are a parent, teacher, youth worker or what-have-you.

Fr. Tyler is the Youth Director for our Diocese. He was ordained a priest on Dec. 12th this past year. Prior to serving here in the greater Albany area, Tyler worked with youth in New York City thru a ministry called FOCUS, and before that for the New York Fellowship. Tyler loves the Lord and young people deeply, and has a great burden from the Lord that the youth of America would come to know Christ Jesus as the living Lord of their lives. Tyler has a gift for being able to engage kids where they are in their lives (with all of the problems and challenges that face kids today), while at the same time maintaining an intimate relationship with the Lord that allows him to draw the youth into the knowledge and presence of the living Lord. He is a clear and enthusiastic speaker, with a message that will benefit anyone who has been called by God to serve His youth.

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## An Introduction to Christian Meditation

*Peter Minucci*

**Session 6: Saturday, 1:30 – 2:15**

**Wigwam**

This workshop will provide an introduction to the fundamentals of meditation in general and compare Christian meditation to other approaches. Attendees are encouraged to participate in the two Christian group meditations during this workshop, followed by discussion.

Peter Minucci is the Executive Director of the Counseling Service of the Albany Episcopal Diocese and has practiced clinical social work and psychotherapy for over twenty-five years. His area of interest is in combining clinical and spiritual approaches to healing.

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## Is Jesus Your Savior?

*Rev'd Steve Hart*

**Session 6: Saturday 1:30-2:15**

**Jelinek 2A**

This workshop will introduce (or reclaim) a Passion for Jesus. Do you ever wish for the kind of relationship others seem to have with the Lord? We will explore what it actually means to "Be saved" and what that looks like. All too often, people evangelize people into the church rather than into a relationship with the Lord. Is there a place for an "altar call" in your church, or in your life?

Fr. Hart is Rector of St. Michael's, Colonie and a Diocesan Trustee. He has taught on prayers, healing, revival and spirituality.

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## **Jubilee Ministry – Using Retirement on the Mission Field**

*Rev'd Ian Montgomery and Polly Montgomery*

**Session 4: Saturday 10:00 – 10:45**

**Demarest B**

Ministry in retirement and on the mission field can be hugely rewarding and a great blessing. There are challenges and pitfalls, not the least of which may be learning another language, a new culture and some humility.

Many people retire and wonder what to do. Some may fear the specter of no work, golf and bridge games over and over, house painting and chores ad nauseam...But that can all change.

Your lifetime in church can give a massive foundation of prayer to partners and supporters, and your pension financial stability. What can match the joy of serving the Lord as a missionary? We who are retired have time, energy and several years of active ministry before us. Come and explore the possibilities.

Polly and Ian are missionaries in Lima, Peru, with SAMS-USA. Polly works on Christian education curriculum for children. Ian is Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Peru and assistant to the Bishop of Peru. Polly lectured for ten years in language arts methods at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, School of Education, after a long career as an elementary teacher. She was director of the Fox Valley Writing project at the University. Ian was a rector of parishes in New Orleans, Nashville and Menasha, WI. Before that, he was a college chaplain in Western Mass., and assisted in a parish in London, where he was ordained in 1975. Both Polly and Ian retired in early 2009. They reside in Chester, Vermont and Lima, Peru.

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## **The Latest from Maridi, Southern Sudan**

*Jane Corbett*

**Session 3: Friday 4:30 – 5:15**

**Wigwam**

Having recently returned from a visit to Maridi, S Sudan I look forward to being able to share with you some of the joys and pains of our brothers and sisters in Maridi.

They have had a successful Referendum, in January of this year and in July hope to gain Independence. They have come through war and terrible persecution, but their faith has stayed strong and they are an inspiration.

2 Corinthians Ch 4 v 8-10.

Jane Corbett is a member of Dromore Cathedral in the Diocese of Down and Dromore. She is a nurse (or was!) and is married to Rory who is a Doctor and ordained. She has three children and nine grandchildren. She has a passion for S Sudan and has since September 1999, when she first met the then Bishop of Maridi, Joseph Morona. She learnt of their plight and has now been privileged to visit on many occasions.

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## **Leaving a Legacy: Charitable Giving to the Diocese of Albany**

*Rev'd Chip Strickland*

**Session 8: Sunday 9:00 – 9:45**

**CE Building**

A discussion of the legal, financial and practical issues involved in making charitable gifts to the Diocese of Albany

Fr. Chip Strickland is an attorney who limits his practice to elder law, estate planning (including the preparation of wills, trusts, powers of attorney, health care proxies, and living wills) and estate administration. He is Priest in Charge of St. Paul's, Greenwich, and Chancellor (legal adviser) to the Bishop of Albany.

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## Lives changed!

*Richard Waller*

**Session 4: Saturday 10:00 – 10:45**

**Jelinek 1B**

Jesus said; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10v10

Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with those who don't yet know him can be done in different ways including building relationships with all in the community. This approach enables us to establish trust with people which then allows us to share our faith through words, actions or by our presence.

This seminar will draw from different ministries e.g. The Besom which is a bridge between those who have and those who are in need. Just 55 and Refresh which are fresh expressions of Church, an outreach bus for prayer ministry with children and youth, etc. Come and find out more.

Married to Janette in October 1999, we are both from England, but now living in Belfast. I am a Church Army Evangelist in Willowfield Parish, Belfast since last June. I began training for Church Army 2002 and commissioned as an Evangelist in July 2005. First post as a Parish Evangelist 2005 - 2010 in Oxford Diocese.

I became a Christian at camp helping handicapped children in the summer of 1982. Before I became a Church Army evangelist I had spent most of my life teaching Economics and Business Studies at a Sixth Form College in Colchester, Essex, England. Interests include dog walking, cinema, current affairs, rugby.

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## Listening Prayer

*Torre Bissell*

**Session 1: Friday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Demarest B**

Torre works with people to help them respond in prayer when God “lights up” a passage of Scripture for them. By listening to Him speaking through those passages and responding in prayer, prayer becomes a two-way conversation. You learn to listen for his voice as you pray.

Torre Bissell served in West Africa with his wife, Jean, as a lay missionary teacher for the Episcopal Church for a dozen years. He heads up the intercessors for the Diocese of Albany.

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## Living The Gospel -- Sharing The Gospel, Sometimes With Words

*Franciscan Community of the Holy Cross*

**Session 3: Friday 4:30 – 5:15**

**Demarest A**

The Franciscan Community of the Holy Cross consists of three distinct local communities in three locations. Each one is involved in sharing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus in different ways: in prayer and spiritual growth; in outreach to the needy and refugees; in being a Gospel presence in the world. BUT THIS WORKSHOP IS NOT ABOUT US -- it's about sharing ways in which we can all make a difference in our own communities. Bring questions and your own experience to share as well.

The Franciscan Community of the Holy Cross: Since its founding in the Diocese of Albany in 2002, the Franciscans of the Holy Cross have grown to over 34 members in three local communities meeting monthly in Malone, Scotia and Sidney. We are married and single, male and female, lay and clergy centered in commitment to Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. We also serve in parishes and with the needy, homeless and refugees.

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## **“Mere Christianity”**

*Rev'd Mike Shank*

**Session 3: Friday 4:30 – 5:15**

**Jelinek 1B**

Once again Fr. Shank will be reviewing a C.S. Lewis classic. This workshop is for those who love to read and discuss in a book club format.

Fr Mike is the Vicar of St. Margaret's, Margaretville and St. Mary's, Downsville and Chaplain at Broome Developmental Center - and is theoretically retired.

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## **Missions Near And Far**

### **Short Term Mission Trips Organizing Including Faith Alive And Prison Ministry Possibilities**

*Tom Gizara*

**Session 8: Sunday 9:00 – 9:45**

**Wigwam**

Tom Gizara and some helpers will talk about volunteer opportunities in county jails and NYS prisons. They will also present information about having a Faith Alive Weekend in your local church

Tom Gizara is almost a cradle Episcopalian, having been baptized in the Polish National Catholic Church in Detroit, MI. He married Jeanne in 1969, and they have two grown children, Thomas William and Randy. Tom and Jeanne have been attending Trinity Church in Watervliet for the past 14 years. Tom is active in Cursillo, Kairos, EFM, Alpha and Faith Alive and is the Chairman of the Faith Alive National Board

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## **National Day Of Prayer**

*Barbara Mitchell*

**Session 4: Saturday 10:00 – 10:45**

**Jelinek 1A**

“The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust Him” Nahum 1:7

The National Day of Prayer, established by federal law in 1952 by President Harry Truman, provides a day for millions of people across this country each year to “...unite in prayer that it may one day bring renewed respect for God to all the peoples of the world.”

The law was amended in 1988 and signed by President Ronald Reagan, specifically designating the first Thursday in May as the official as the official National Day of Prayer.

Come learn about the history of National Day of Prayer and learn how to hold an event in your church and community. This is something that can be done by your church, your youth group for your community.

Barb Mitchell is a member of Zion Church in Hudson Falls. She serves on the Vestry, the Altar Guild & has served on Cursillo Team. She is also a Daughter of the King and Jr. Daughter Directress. Barb has Coordinated The National Day of Prayer Event in the Hudson Falls Community with the Daughters of the King for the last six years.

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## **Nineteen Ways To Help Your Church Grow**

*Rev'd Bob Haskell*

**Session 1: Friday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Jelinek 1A**

This workshop summarizes what I have learned about church growth during my career, not only from books, but also from working with churches which are growing and shrinking. The basic principle which will be taught in this workshop is that “Church Growth happens when church members build relationships with non-church members in a church or Christian setting.” You will learn nineteen ways this has been done in churches I am familiar with. Every person who attends will get a handout with the PowerPoint slides used in the workshop.

Please see Fr Bob’s bio under “Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts” or “From Jerusalem to the Ends of the Earth”

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## **Now that I’ve completed the E100 (Bible Reading) Challenge, what should I do?**

*Gil Reynders from Scripture Union*

**Session 1: Friday 2:30 - 3:15**

**Zeitfuss II Conference Room**

**Session 8: Sunday 9:00 – 9:45**

**Zeitfuss II Family Room/Lobby**

Every important endeavor requires a plan to succeed! Ideas and resources will be shared to help you develop a personal plan to continue regular Bible reading and your daily appointment with God. And... helping a child explore 100 Bible stories (E-100) through ‘*The Big Bible Challenge*’ will also be introduced.

Gil Reynders is the National Field Director for Scripture Union/USA and responsible for planting and supervising their Regional Ministries. Before joining the staff of SU in 2007, Gil served God as an ordained officer (minister) of The Salvation Army for 35 years. He and his wife Warna have been married for 37 years. Together they served as pastors, several years as youth ministry leaders including responsibility for directing two resident summer camps (one in Penn Yan, NY – Long Point Camp) and also in multiple leadership and administrative assignments. They’ve been blessed with two daughters (Michelle & Sharilyn) and one son-in law (Matt).

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## **The Nursing Home Ministry**

**(The Forgotten Soul's of a Generation Past –  
giving back a little, to those who have given so much)**

*Rev'd Gregory Bailey*

**Session 7: Saturday 1:30 – 2:15**

**Zeitfuss Lodge Office**

One of the most fulfilling ministries that I have found is that of the Nursing Home Ministry. These dear souls who many have forgotten, and at times are misused by poor caregivers, are truly a gift from God if you will only let them into your heart. This workshop will explore the effective ways to bring comfort and peace to those so desperately in need. Not only in need of God’s Word, but also in the simple day to day love and support of fellow Christians such as you and me. You will find in many ways the Nursing home Ministry is a ministry that gives as much to you the one supposedly doing the ministry as to those whom you are ministering to.

Deacon Greg is Deacon Vicar of Trinity Church, married to Trudy who helps him in his ministry, and is Diocesan President of The Daughters of the King. Deacon Greg has been involved in the Nursing Home Ministry for over ten years, and has found it to be a most rewarding ministry, and hopes that more people come to know the joy of ministering to the elderly and to others who have become residents of such facilities.

## Paul And His Slave-Owning Friend

*Rev'd Dr. Grant LeMarquand*

**Session 7: Saturday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Jelinek 2A**

Paul's shortest letter was written to a friend (Philemon) whose slave (Onesimus) had run away. Paul writes to Philemon to convince him that in Christ, Onesimus is now his brother. Come and learn about this intriguing and neglected letter and about how Paul tells Philemon what it means to be transformed by the love of Christ.

Fr Grant LeMarquand is Professor of Biblical Studies and Mission, Trinity School for Ministry and a former missionary to Kenya.

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## People Reaching People In Madagascar

*The Rt Rev'd Todd McGregor & Rev'd Dr. Patsy McGregor*

**Session 1: Friday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Zeitfuss Lodge Conference Room**

A workshop of witness from missionaries in Madagascar.

Rev'd Dr. Patsy McGregor was ordained as a deacon in November 2005 and ordained priest in September 2006 by Archbishop Benjamin Nzimbi, Anglican Church of Kenya. She is the wife of the Bishop of Toliara, Madagascar, a mother of two grown daughters and immersed within a ministry dedicated to the villages and people of Southern Madagascar. She recently graduated with her D.Min. from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Her thesis project was entitled: The Miaraka Community: People Reaching People; specializing in bringing revival to the worldwide church through building community and short term missions.

Bishop Todd was consecrated the first bishop of Toliara at St. Laurent's Anglican Church in Antananarivo, Madagascar on December 10th, 2006. In 2007, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Todd McGregor and The Rev'd Patsy McGregor returned to Madagascar, focusing on the most remote and poorest areas in Madagascar. Currently they reside in Toliara, along the south-western coast of Madagascar. Their ministry continues to focus on the priorities of economic development, educational and evangelistic missions.

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## Prayer Partners And Warriors

*Polly Montgomery and Rev'd Dr. Patsy McGregor*

**Session 5: Saturday 11:00 – 11:45**

**Demarest A**

Do you ever feel that you are *out there* hanging off a very high limb? After a few tales from the field, Patsy and Polly will describe the reasons for having a prayer team while involved in ministry and how to set one up. Also, they will describe how to find and work with a local prayer partner. Come to learn about the why and how of prayer partners and warriors.

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Polly Montgomery is currently a SAMS missionary in Lima, Peru, where she is ministering with her husband Ian with the Anglican Church in Peru. Before this, she was a teacher, college professor and clergy wife for 30+ years.

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## Principles of Discernment: How We Hear the Voice of God

*Sister Mary Elizabeth, CSM*

**Session 4: Saturday 10:00 – 10:45**

**Zeitfuss II Conference Room**

How do we hear God's voice in our daily lives? How does listening to God affect our choices? How do we build a life that listens, makes consistent choices for God, and grows in the upward call toward maturity in Christ? This workshop will cover some the basics of discernment in the life of a disciple, including the "end" or purpose of man, the nature of choice, how our spiritual type touches the way we hear the voice of God, and how building a structured spiritual life fosters mature growth in Christ.

Sister Mary Elizabeth has been a sister of the Community of St. Mary for twenty years, where she serves as vocation director, choir cantrix, farm manager and web mistress. She is member of the Order of St. Luke and a volunteer prayer minister with the Oratory of Christ the Healer at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center.

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## Reaching Out to the Community with Prayer

*Torre Bissell*

**Session 7: Saturday 2:30 - 3:15**

**Jelinek 1A**

Some of the topics we would cover are:

The prayer table

The parish prayer line

Praying a map of the city

Prayer walking

Good Friday Stations of the Cross through Hamilton Hill and Vale districts of Schenectady

Intercessor prayer notes that Torre sends out.

Torre Bissell served in West Africa with his wife, Jean, as a lay missionary teacher for the Episcopal Church for a dozen years. He heads up the intercessors for the Diocese of Albany.

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## Receive Restoration As We Walk With Jesus

*Rev'd Fay VanDermark*

**Session 7: Saturday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Demarest A**

The gifts of the Body and Blood of our Lord will bring healing.

Come with me as we take the journey of hope and faith, as we walk on the road to Emmaus.

Rev'd Fayette VanDermark has been a Deacon in the Albany Diocese for ten years and lives in Unadilla. She is the wife of Rev'd Roy VanDermark, Deacon Vicar at St. Timothy's in Westford. They have been married 45 years and have three grown sons, wonderful daughters-in-law and nine grandchildren. Fayette assists with services at St. Timothy's. Her ministry is in the Susquehanna Deanery and at the Healing Center at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Faye is a native of the Sidney-Unadilla area and worked for the Unatego School District for 20 years.

The diagnosis of cancer stops life in its tracks and we suddenly see everything in a different light.

Fayette knows fear but found true healing in her walk with God through many bouts of cancer. Fayette's new book, **Healing in the Garden** and her First book **The Gift of a Rose** tells of her deeper walk of faith as she continues to battle cancer, healed in spirit if not in body

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## Releasing Heaven on Earth!

### Spiritual Mapping and Prayer Walking for Your City

*Michael Hales*

**Session 5: Saturday 10:00 – 10:45**

**CE Building**

This workshop will include a short DVD presentation talk, discussion and prayer about transformation for our cities and communities through prayer walking and spiritual mapping. These are specific and important ways we can extend Christ's Kingdom, pray effectively for our communities and experience practical evangelism.

Prayer walking is intercession informed with spiritual discernment of specific needs weaknesses, and strengths in a city or community and walking while praying. We can bring Christ out side of our church walls and into our community, truly being a witness in the marketplace and in our communities of God's love when we practice effective fervent prayer as teams and as individuals.

Spiritual mapping involves praying together with churches of different denominations in a City to gain discernment on the City's spiritual history and interceding for local businesses, government agencies, schools, and to unify the body of Christ in releasing heaven on earth!

Michael Hales is a professional photographer and videographer who is currently on mission in Bristol, England. He leads a spiritual mapping and prayer walking team and he and his wife Christine have established a House of Prayer in Bristol to help bring Revival in the UK. Michael is licensed minister through Global Awakening Network and served on three mission trips to Brazil with Randy Clark as videographer and photographer. He is dedicated to using video and photography to document the working of God's Holy Spirit amongst His people. His website is: [www.kingdomartsministry.com](http://www.kingdomartsministry.com)

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## The Sacraments: God's gift of himself to us

*Rev'd Bill Cooper*

**Session 1: Friday 2:30 – 3:15**

**CE Building**

Looking at each of the sacraments we will explore the manner in which God draws us deeper into his eternity where we will live as treasured sons and daughters forever.

Fr Bill is priest in charge of St. Thomas', Tupper Lake, and St. John's in the Wilderness, Paul Smiths. Spiritual Advisor to the diocesan Cursillo movement. Spiritual Director and Chaplain to the diocesan clergy and their families.

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## Safeguarding God's Children For Ministries

*The Very Rev'd Michael Gorchov and Mrs. Marianne Gorchov*

**Special Session: Friday 2:00 – 5:00**

**Zeitfuss Lodge Office**

The program consists of:

1. Two powerful professionally produced videos
2. Workshop materials
3. Introduction to the diocesan document entitled, "POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH"
4. Introduction to Safeguarding God's Children Online

## **FOR PARENTS**

A 29 minute video designed to give all adults who are concerned about children and youth a basic understanding of the dynamics of child sexual abuse, how to recognize signs that a child may have been abused, and what to do if you have concerns about a person's behavior towards a child or suspect that a child or youth has been molested. A carefully planned discussion period follows the video, with ample time for questions. A workbook is provided.

## **FOR PROGRAM LEADERS**

A 22-minute video is designed for clergy, employees of churches and non-profit organizations, and volunteers responsible for planning, implementing or supervising ministries, activities or programs for children and youth. It shows what steps can be taken to prevent child sexual abuse in church and other organizational settings. A period of discussion follows the video, and a workbook is provided. Those involved in ministries of any kind will be required to view both videos and participate in the following discussion periods.

The Very Rev'd Michael I. Gorchov is the rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and Dean of the Metropolitan Deanery. He is president of the board of directors of Canterbury House, a senior housing facility in Troy. He has many years of experience in the field of human services, primarily as a substance abuse counselor.

Mrs. Marianne C. Gorchov, M.A. has over thirty years of experience in substance abuse treatment and family mental health. She was in private practice as a psychotherapist and is the past Director of Community Services (DCS) for Hamilton County, NY.

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## **So You Want To Go To Israel? - Preparing To Be A Pilgrim**

*Rev'd Peter Pierson, Rev'd David Sutcliffe*

### **Session 2: Friday 3:30 – 4:15**

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There is a renewed interest amongst Christians in going on pilgrimage. From Abraham to the Exodus to the visit of the Magi, sacred journeys are deeply ingrained in our faith story. From Egeria to Chaucer to Bunyon pilgrimage has been essential to our personal faith journey. This workshop will explore how to prepare for and go on pilgrimage. This is intended for, but not limited to, those planning to go on one of the Diocesan pilgrimages to Israel.

Peter has been an ordained priest for thirty three years, serving in parishes from Maine to Florida, more than half of that time in Youth Ministry and Education. This past year he has been serving as the Interim Rector of St. John's in Troy. His introduction to the Diocese of Albany was his year of serving as the Priest-in-charge at St. Mark's in Philmont in 2003. Peter's ministry passions are Bible teaching and leading trips to Israel. He and his wife Mary live in Grafton, NY.

David has been a priest for 35 years, serving in parishes all over the country from Milwaukee to Navajoland. For the past 15 years he has specialized in working with conflicted parishes and is certified as an Interim priest through the Interim Ministry Network. He came to Albany in 2005 when called as Interim Rector of St Luke's the Beloved Physician, Saranac Lake. In 2007 David retired and moved to the city of Albany where Paula works as a RN. He has been serving St. Luke's Catskill as Long-term Interim Vicar since 2008. They have 5 children and David is an avid cook and member of the Red Sox Nation.

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## **Something From Nothing: Mission Work In Troy**

*Rev'd Hannah Mudge and Rev'd Christina Vance*

**Session 8: Sunday 9:00 -9:45**

**Arts & Crafts**

Oaks of Righteousness is non-traditional outreach ministry to the poor and college students that began in October 2010 in Troy. The vision God has given us is to see lives transformed by the Holy Spirit through healing, deliverance, love and hope in Jesus' name. We'll share what the Lord has done so far through this ministry, with an emphasis on incarnational evangelism, prayer walking and discipleship.

The Revs. Hannah Mudge and Christina Vance graduated from Trinity School for Ministry in May 2010. They started Oaks of Righteousness Ministry in October and were ordained as priests in December. On the side, Christina is also a Starbucks barista and enjoys ministering among the poor and addicts, while Hannah is a veterinary technician, plays violin and works with youth. Their ministry partner is their cat Francis.

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## **Theology in Life - Is It Taught or Is It Caught?**

*Alistair Morrison*

**Session 8: Sunday 9:00 – 9:45**

**Zeitfuss Lodge Conference Room**

How does theology work itself out in our lives, is it taught or is it caught? Do we all have our “own” theology in life? How difficult is it to change our theology if it means a change in lifestyle or outlook? We can never fully imagine what God is really like, however we all have our “own” theology of life. So often God fits into our theology of life; we make Him in our own image and He becomes a comfortable travelling companion. But God cannot be tamed or put in a box. In this seminar we will try to unravel what a “theology in life” might look like; one that pushes the boundaries of our thinking about God and which moulds our lives into shape, God’s shape.

Alistair Morrison is a student ordinand from the Diocese of Down and Dromore. He has just completed his second year of full-time training at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin. Last year, as part of his training, he spent a very enjoyable and rewarding three week pastoral placement with Fr. Derik Roy in Christ Episcopal Church, Ballston Spa. Before going into training he was involved in the restoration of historic buildings, working for 20 years as a Senior Architectural Technician with a firm of Architects in Belfast.

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## **The Traditional Rosary (it’s not just about Mary)**

*Rev'd Gregory Bailey*

**Session 2 & 3: Friday, 3:30 – 5:15**

**Jelinek 1A**

The use of the Traditional Rosary, as given to St. Dominic, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, and it’s day to day use as an aid in our prayer life, and in meditating upon the life and works of our Lord Jesus Christ. How the praying of the Rosary can help bring comfort and peace in times of great need, how through it we are drawn closer to our Lord, and yes, how we can ask for the intercession of The Blessed Mother of our Lord.

Deacon Greg is Deacon Vicar of Trinity Church, married to Trudy who helps him in his ministry, and is Diocesan President of The Daughters of the King. Deacon Greg is a Stage 4 Lung Cancer Survivor, who was given just 3month to live in 2001, but through the grace of God has been given the opportunity to serve our Lord and all that is His. Deacon Greg will share with you his own experience with the use of the Rosary and how it has given to him great comfort and strength within his own prayer life.

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## **Using An African Model As A Bridge For Reproducing Christian Leaders In The Context Of Evangelism And Discipleship**

*The Rt Rev'd Todd McGregor*

**Session 7: Saturday 2:30 – 3:15**

**Zeitfuss II Conference Room**

Bishop Todd will be looking at key components of African culture which can be used for reproducing Christian leaders in the context of evangelism and discipleship. This African model can be used in a western context for leadership development own context.

Bishop Todd was consecrated the first bishop of Toliara at St. Laurent's Anglican Church in Antananarivo, Madagascar on December 10th, 2006. In 2007, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Todd McGregor and The Rev'd Patsy McGregor returned to Madagascar, focusing on the most remote and poorest areas in Madagascar. Currently they reside in Toliara, along the south-western coast of Madagascar. Their ministry continues to focus on the priorities of economic development, educational and evangelistic missions.

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## **Vestry: Creating An Effective, Holy Spirit-Filled Team**

*Jennifer Dean & Michelle Wills*

**Session 8: Sunday 9:00 – 9:45**

**Jelinek 1A**

Fun, relaxing, and enjoyable... Does this describe vestry meetings at your parish? It can! Have your vestry meetings become more obligation than inspiration? Are you looking for ways to develop a sense of purpose for your parish leadership? Then this workshop is for you! We will be exploring the call of the parish vestry, and some of the fundamental principles for creating an effective, Holy Spirit-filled team. Join us to learn how fun and rewarding vestry membership can be!

Jennifer and Michelle are parishioners at St. Stephen's in Delmar, together having over 12 years of experience on parish vestries. Jennifer is currently Warden of St. Stephen's, is on the Diocesan Standing Committee and Mission Board, and is active at church in the areas of outreach, LEM, Daughters of The King, and leads a mission team annually to the Appalachian Mountain area of Virginia. Michelle is active in the choir, healing prayer ministry, and Sunday school; and is currently developing a Bible Study curriculum for Middle School students.

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## **What does Starbucks have to teach the Church?**

*The Rev'd Lorrie Lyons*

**Session 6: Saturday 1:30 – 2:15**

**Jelinek 1A**

Starbucks Coffee was one of the fastest growing corporations in the world during the 80's and the 90's. At the same time, mainline Christian membership declined precipitously. What was Starbucks really offering that made it so attractive, and what can the church learn from Starbucks to proclaim the gospel of Christ to a post-modern world?

Mtr Lyons is currently the vicar of St. Mark's in Hoosick Falls, and a diocesan chaplain to the Albany hospitals. She also worked for Starbucks in 2006-07 as a barista, shift supervisor and team training leader.

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## Why Do Greek?

*Sister Mary Lucia, CSM*

**Session 5: Saturday 11:00 – 11:45**

**Zeitfuss II Conference Room**

This workshop will give a brief look at what studying the New Testament in the original Greek would involve and the valuable insights gained in doing this.

Sister Mary Lucia is a novice Sister of St. Mary who was a professional emergency medical service instructor before entering the convent. She has been studying New Testament Greek with Sr. Mary Jean for two years now and has a passion for becoming fluent in Greek for future Biblical study.

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## You Have To Know The Story BEFORE You Tell It

*Rev'd Steven A. Peay, Ph.D*

**Session 3: Friday 4:40 – 5:15**

**Zeitfuss II Conference Room**

How many times have we had a relative, a friend, even a fellow parishioner say to us: “I’m SPIRITUAL, but NOT RELIGIOUS”? If we listen deeply, what we’re hearing is someone seeking a deeper relationship with God, but isn’t sure how to find the way to it. Jesus bids us, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” (Mk 16:15) All of us, then, are called to proclaim, to tell, the story of what God has done in Jesus Christ. How, then, can we tell it if we don’t know it?

As Christians in the Anglican tradition we have a very rich heritage to share with those seeking a deeper spirituality. Even though we’re not always aware of it, the story, and how the story has been told, has shaped us spiritually. To point people toward the story involves our knowing the story first – story tellers must first be story hearers.

Father Steve Peay will open the story to us; show us how we can be story tellers and how telling the story can spiritually reinvigorate us, both as individuals, as a parish and as a diocese. We’ll learn the story of our Anglican tradition and be able to point out that “spiritual” and “religious” are not really polar opposites. Along the way we’ll discover the “old, old story” is really ours.

The Reverend Steven A. Peay, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Church History at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Nashotah, Wisconsin. He holds degrees in Church History, Theology and Rhetoric from Greenville College (BA), Saint Vincent Seminary (MA, MDiv), the University of Pittsburgh (MA) and Saint Louis University (PhD). Canonically resident in the Diocese of Albany, he began his ministry as a priest-monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA (ordained 1982). His journey to Anglicanism - where he’s finally found a true spiritual home - has given him some different perspectives on the story, which he is glad to share. Father Steve is married to Julie and is the proud stepfather to two adult sons, Jeremy and Matthew.