

PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Friday, October 20th - Platinum Ballroom

How to Support our Youngest Members (11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.)

Workshop Leader: Carmen Piggins, Missioner for Ministry with Young People

Does children and youth ministry feel hard? Sometimes impossible? We will be discussing the current landscape of young people's ministry in the diocese, how to be support and incorporate our youngest members, and action steps for supporting and fostering ministries supporting young people. Bring your questions, ideas, and thoughts.

A Taste of the College for Congregational Development: “Back to the Formation Questions” (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

Workshop Leader: The Rev. Canon Ellen Ekevag, Canon for Congregational Development and Transitions

Many of our congregations are different than they were pre-COVID. In this workshop we will explore how to bring renewal, revitalization, and redevelopment to your congregation. We will also discuss what the College is and how to attend. This summer the College will be June 9th-June 14th. We encourage congregational teams of both lay and clergy to attend the college together so that together we can make our churches more faithful, healthy, and effective.

Civil Rights Pilgrimage 2024 (2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

Workshop Leader: The Rev. Sr. Veronica Dunbar, "Sister Vee", Missioner for Spirituality and Racial Repair

Learn more about the Diocesan Civil Rights Pilgrimage to the famous museums and landmarks in Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama. Open to all in our diocese, this journey will take place February 16-19, 2024, with visits to the Civil Rights District in Birmingham and to the Equal Justice Initiatives Legacy Museum and Memorial in Montgomery. Lots of details about the trip will be shared. All are welcome!

Open Budget Hearing (4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.)

Led by Canon Mark Miliotto, Canon for Finance and Chief Financial Officer and members of the Mission Budget Committee of Diocesan Council

Everyone is invited to join the Mission Budget Committee of the Diocesan Council Zoom for a preliminary discussion of the 2024 Diocesan Operating Budget prior to the report during Saturday's business session. This will be an opportunity to review the current diocesan operating budget and to discuss the proposed 2024 Budget as well as the apportionment formula.

Plenty of time will be given for questions and comments. All are welcome!