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The Diocese of Chicago

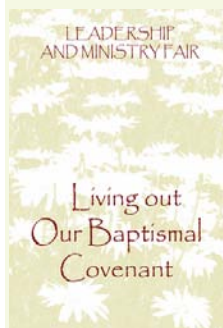


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Office of Communication Diocese of Chicago

The Datebook is a catalog of events occurring in the Diocese of Chicago or Episcopal Church which are of significant merit or interest for the clergy, lay leadership, or the full membership of the diocese. The events are organized by categories: **Benefits, Concerts, Conferences, Dedications, Festivals, Lectures and Presentations, Liturgies, Observances, Outreach Activities, Rallies, Retreats, Seminars and Workshops, Trainings and Tributes.** Datebook is published bi-weekly by the Office of Communication, Diocese of Chicago. Submissions are published at the discretion of the editor, [David Skidmore](#), Canon for Communication. For a listing of diocesan meetings and events for all of 2009 check the Master Calendar on the diocesan website.

Leadership and Ministry Fair



The opportunity to Dream, Share and Build from the mission mapping assembly March 28 continues at the annual Leadership and Ministry Fair **Saturday April 25** at the Lutheran School of Theology in Hyde Park. Over 45 workshops will be offered on a diverse range of topics including: church management, lay vocational discernment, congregational vitality, marketing and evangelism, prayer and spirituality, stewardship, peace and justice, youth ministry, lifelong formation, wardens workshop, canon law, liturgy and music, ministry partnership, and web ministry.

All clergy and lay persons are encouraged to participate in the fair, sponsored by the Office of Christian Formation, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and the Commission on Ministry. Cost is \$25 a person, or if registering as a group of four or more, \$20 per person. Student fee is \$10 a person. The day begins check-in at 9 am and ends by 4 pm. Along with workshop sessions there will be plenary gatherings to continue the conversation from the mission mapping experience and worship.

The Lutheran School of Theology is at 1100 E. 55th St. in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood. To register use the [online form](#) or contact Courtenay Smith (312) 751-4206 or csmith@episcopalchicago.org. View the [Learning Opportunities](#).

Managing for Growth and Transition

The Congregations Commission and the Office of Congregational Development are sponsoring a congregational development conference--Managing for Growth and Transition--on **Thursday May 7 through Saturday May 9** with noted speakers and authors Keith Brown of the Church Pension Group and The Rev. Canon Dr. Neal O. Michell, canon to the ordinary for the Diocese of Dallas. Michell is the author of *How to Hit the Ground Running*:



A Quick Start Guide for Congregations with New Leadership, and Beyond Business as Usual: Vestry Leadership Development. Brown, diocesan management consultant for the Church Pension Group, is author of *On the Road Again: Managing Evangelism and Stewardship for the Kingdom*.

The conference will be held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave., Barrington. Areas of focus: Church growth, transitioning to new model and size of congregation, and leadership development for vestries and bishop's committees. The sponsors are planning for a \$100 fee for congregations, which may send as many representatives as desired to the seminar. Scholarship assistance is available. For more information contact Canon Scott Hayashi (312) 751-4210. To register use the [online form](#) or contact [Elizabeth Erickson](#) (312) 751-4212. A [PDF form and schedule](#) are also online. Read about [the presenters](#).

Benefits

Bishop Anderson House benefit

Bishop Anderson House, an agency of Episcopal Charities and Community Services, will hold its annual spring benefit **Sunday May 3** at Quartino Ristorante at State and Ontario, Chicago. The reception and dinner will be preceded by an Evensong at St. James Cathedral at 3 pm in thanksgiving for donors of the capital campaign. Reception at Quartino's follows at 4:30 pm. Benefit will feature a wine roulette auction, raffles with restaurant gift certificates and more, and a live auction. For information contact Cheryl Holt at 312-563-4824.

interfaith Refugee and Immigration Ministries benefit

Celebration of Hope--Coming Together, Changing Lives, a fundraiser for Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Ministries will be held **Friday, May 8** at the Chicago Cultural Center. The Diocese of Chicago and Episcopal Migration Ministries are partners with IRIM in refugee resettlement in Northern Illinois. The benefit begins at 6:30 pm with a reception and silent auction in Preston Bradley Hall of the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. Dinner and the program follow at 8 pm. For reservations contact [Jennifer Staff](#) at IRIM (773) 989-5647, or visit the [IRIM website](#).

Dinner for the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

The 20th anniversary of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem will be celebrated **Friday May 8** at Grace Church, Oak Park with a dinner sponsored by the Peace and Justice Committee of the Diocese of Chicago and Episcopal Peace Fellowship. Bishop Jeffrey Lee and his wife Lisa will be hosts for the evening which begins with a reception at 6 pm.

In his letter inviting participation in the dinner, Bishop Lee spoke of the longstanding connection between Chicago and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; and the vital work performed by the diocese in one of the world's most volatile regions.

"The Diocese of Jerusalem, which carries out its mission through the ministry of 7,000 Anglican Christians in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, is doing courageous work through its hospitals, medical clinics, schools and vocational training center. The need is greater now with the suffering and destruction from the recent Hamas-Israeli conflict that has displaced thousands in Gaza and created scarcities of food and medical supplies."

Since its founding in 1989 the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem has been a major voice in building the partnership between our church and the Diocese of Jerusalem. In that time over \$20 million of medical and school supplies has been given through the American Friends to the Diocese of Jerusalem, along with over \$2 million in cash grants. Under the leadership of the first director for American Friends, Anne Lynn, who was appointed last October, and the current president, Dennis Hensley, and president-elect, Phoebe Griswold, the American Friends is continuing to build a network of supporters and increasing its annual fundraising goal to \$600,000.

Both Anne Lynn and Phoebe Griswold will be at the dinner. View Bishop Lee's [letter of invitation](#). Download announcement and [RSVP reply card](#). For further information visit the [AFEDJ website](#).

Conferences

Theology and Peace Conference

James Alison, Tony Bartlett and Andrew Marr, OSB, are the keynote speakers for the second annual Theology and Peace conference, **May 26-28** at the Techny Towers Retreat Center, 2001 Waukegan Rd. Techny, IL. The gathering is for theologians, pastors, activists and others for developing insights of mimetic theory toward the formation of a Christian theology and practice of peace.

: The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, and end with lunch on Thursday, May 28, 2009. A plenary presentation by each speaker will be followed by personal reflection and small and large group dialogue facilitated by spiritual guide Dorothy Whiston, D.Min. Worship and prayer, interest groups, social gatherings, free time and a brief business meeting will complete the schedule.

Download the conference registration form and flyer, <http://theologyandpeace.org/T-and-P-2009-Conference.doc> . Or contact Rev. Mary McKinney, Registrar, Theology and Peace, 18 Golfview Place, DeKalb, IL 60115-1855

Living with Grief teleconference

Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care Center is host site for the Hospice Foundation of America's national bereavement teleconference, **Wednesday April 29**, noon to 3 pm.

Diversity and End-of-Life Care—will focus on ways to understand diversity and how cultural histories, traditions and beliefs can affect end-of-life care. The live webcast teleconference features an expert panel of national leaders, and CareCenter will feature an additional local panel discussion following the program.

This event provides an opportunity for a wide variety of professionals to share and exchange ideas and obtain continuing education credits.

The teleconference will explore:

how diversity influences end-of-life decision making.
the impact that culture has at the time of death and during bereavement.
the challenges that may occur when cultural considerations cause ethical concerns or
moral distress

The teleconference is free. Complimentary lunch provided. To register, call (847) 556-1916 or e-mail Midwest at careinfo@carecenter.org.

Upcoming conferences:

Whose Church is it anyway? Conference for Formation Leaders

August 28 and 29, 2009

University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein

Fall Clergy Conference with the Rev. Karen Ward of Church of the Apostles, Seattle

October 18-20, 2009

University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein

Concerts

Concerts at St. James Cathedral

Saturday, April 25 - 7:00 pm

Young, Gifted and Stellar Musicians in Concert

Choral Musicians from the Merit School of Music

Freewill offering

Sunday, May 10 - 3:00 pm

Masterworks for Violin

Szymanowski, Sonata in D minor, Op. 9

Harrison, Grand Duo for Violin and Piano

Fauré, Sonata in A Major, Op. 13

Bernard Zinck, violin

Requested donation: \$10

Thursday, May 21 - 7:00 pm

Haydn: Creation

The Chicago Bar Association Symphony Orchestra & Chorus

David Katz, music director and conductor

Becky Patterson, chorus director

St. James Cathedral is at Wabash Avenue and Huron Street, Chicago. For more information visit the [cathedral website](#).

Lisa Lee recital at Trinity Church, Highland Park

Soprano Lisa Rogers Lee will give a recital at Trinity Episcopal Church, Highland Park on **Sunday May 17** at 4 pm. Accompanying her will be organist/pianist Margaret Chen and violinist Mar-tin Davids. Music of Buxtehude, Purcell, Debussy and Hoiby. Free will offering. Trinity Church is located at 425 Laurel Ave. <http://www.trinity-churchhp.org/>

Liturgies

U2charist at Grace Church, Oak Park

Grace Church, Oak Park is hosting a U2Charist on **Saturday, May 16th** at 6 pm. The service features the music of the rock group U2 woven around the Eucharist and information on the Millennium Development Goals. The U2 cover group Elevation will be performing the service music. Learn more about the U2charist at the Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation website. Grace Church is located at 924 Lake Street. Contact the parish office at (708) 386-8036.

Presentations

Diana Butler Bass book signing and discussion

Author Diana Butler Bass will be at St. James Cathedral **Sunday, April 26** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to talk about her new book [A People's History of Christianity](#), with a book signing to follow. Her new book, [A People's History of Christianity, The Other Side of the Story](#), is "A history of the grassroots movements of Christianity that preserved Jesus' message of social justice for 2000 years," and discusses their impact today. The book is a deeply researched history of Christianity that sheds new light on the underreported personalities and movements of the faith. Ms. Bass is the author of seven books on American Protestantism and has taught at Virginia Theological Seminary.

New Wine: The Episcopal Church, Gift and Challenge

Former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold will speak at opening dinner for the conference New Wine: The Episcopal Church, Gift and Challenge, **Wednesday May 13** at the DeKoven Center, Racine, Wis. Reception is at 6 pm; dinner at 7 pm; and the presentation by Bishop Griswold at 8 pm. Bishop Griswold served as 10th bishop of Chicago until his election and consecration as the 25th presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church in January 1998. DeKoven Center is at 600 21st St, Racine. For information contact [Donna Jorgenson](#) (262) 633-6401 or visit www.dekovencenter.org

Clergy conversation: Green Jobs and the Stimulus

Faith in Place is inviting clergy to attend a roundtable discussion with city, county and state officials and other organizational stakeholders who are directly involved in the implementation of the federal stimulus funding on **Tuesday April 28** at the Avalon Park United Church of Christ. Clergy Conversation: Green Jobs and the Stimulus Package will address how faith organizations can become involved in the implementation of the federal program for economic vitalization. The gathering begins at 10:30 am with registration, followed by the panel discussion at 11 am. Lunch and networking follow at 12:30 pm. Representatives from the City of Chicago, Cook County, The Chicago Jobs Council, CEDA, The Delta Institute, The Safer Founder, and North Lawndale Employment Network

will be participating. Avalon Park UCC is at 8100 S. Dante Ave, three blocks west of Stony Island.

Faith in Place is an interfaith environmental non-profit that works to give over 500 congregations in the Chicagoland area the tools to become good stewards of the earth. For more information contact Veronica Kyle (312) 773-4640, or go to www.faithinplace.org

Pre-General Convention Forums

Chicago's bishops and deputies will preview the upcoming 76th General Convention meeting in Anaheim, Calif. July 8-17 at three forums open to clergy and laity of the diocese, **June 2, June 4** and **June 10**. All three meetings begin with check-in at 6:30 pm followed by the program at 7 pm. The forums end by 9 pm. Contact [David Skidmore](#) (312) 751-4207 for more information.

Tuesday June 2

St. James the Less Episcopal Church
550 Sunset Ridge Rd.

Thursday June 4

St. Edmund's Episcopal Church
61st St. and S. Michigan Ave., Chicago

Wednesday June 10

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
22W415 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn

General Convention live webcast

General Convention 2009 of the Episcopal Church will be the topic of a live webcast on **Wednesday, May 13** at 8 am Pacific (9 am Mountain, 10 am Central, 11 am Eastern).

The webcast will originate from Anaheim, the site of this year's General Convention.

Participants in the live webcast will be: Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori; President of the House of Deputies Bonnie Anderson; Executive Officer and Secretary of the General Convention, the Rev. Gregory Straub; and Bishop J. Jon Bruno of the Diocese of Los Angeles, the host diocese.

Questions will be accepted via email and from the invited guests in the audience. To access the live webcast, go to the Episcopal Church website: www.episcopalchurch.org.

For more information: [General Convention](#)

Seminars and Workshops

Episcopal lawyers sponsors legal ethics and civics course

The Episcopal Lawyers Volunteer Network is sponsoring a course on legal ethics and civic responsibility for diocesan members in the legal profession on **Wednesday May 6** at the offices of Hinshaw and Culbertson LLP 222 N LaSalle Street, Suite 300, Chicago. The program runs from 1 pm to 5 pm.

The Rev. Professor David H. Fisher, PhD, is professor of philosophy and Ruge Distinguished Teaching Fellow at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois will lead the course. Fisher has taught both ethics and philosophy of law for the past twenty-two years, and is also an assisting priest at St. James Cathedral. He is the author of an essay on Paul Ricoeur's concept of justice in *On Philosophy in American Law*, edited by Francis J. Mootz III, Cambridge University Press, April, 2009. For more information see the attached course description or contact Paul Keller, pkeller@ancelglink.com or (312) 782-7606.

Godly Play workshop

St. Paul and the Redeemer in Hyde Park is excited to host Caryl Menkhus, director of training for the Godly Play Foundation, for a three-day intensive workshop, **May 7-9**. You will experience a Godly Play class in a beautiful, well-equipped classroom and then reflect on the experience with seasoned trainers. Each participant will practice and tell a Godly Play story to a small group of other participants and a trainer. At the completion of the training, you will be well equipped to be a Godly Play storyteller. We welcome participants from around the diocese.

Schedule:

Thursday, May 7 5:30-9:00 p.m

Friday, May 8 9:00-5:00

Saturday, May 9 9:00-3:00

Contact [Peter Lane](mailto:pcl@sp-r.org) pcl@sp-r.org or 773-624-3185) for info or to register. St. Paul and the Redeemer, 4945 S. Dorchester Ave. Chicago, IL 60615

Leading change through self-differentiation

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center is offering our *Here I Stand: Leading Change Through Self-Differentiation* on **August 18-20, 2009**, at Church of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 139 E. First St., Hinsdale, Illinois. The training seminar begins Tuesday August 18 at 1:30 pm, and ends Thursday, August 20 at 12:30 pm. It is designed for clergy, Christian formation directors, clinical pastoral education directors, spiritual directors, and members of commissions or committees on ministry. The goal is to develop facilitators for groups using the Here I Stand program.

Church leaders have learned that short-term solutions and quick-fixes do little to address the multi-generational patterns which characterize the functioning of congregations and other church organizations.

In the Here I Stand process, participants - with the help of a facilitator trained at this event - develop and reflect on their own "Beliefs Chart." Using this chart, facilitators invite greater clarity of beliefs among church members or others as they observe and think about the influence of relationship pressures on the shaping of their beliefs and principles over the years.

To prepare for the seminar, participants are required to read *Extraordinary Relationships: A New Way of Thinking About Human Interactions* by Dr. Roberta Gilbert.

Tuition is \$295 for registrations received prior to July 22, 2009 and \$345 if received after July 22, 2009. For information contact the [LMPC at Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org](mailto:Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org) or call (630) 627-0507. Registration brochure at <http://www.lmpeacecenter.org/>

Training

Keeping God's People Safe Training

KEEPING GOD'S PEOPLE SAFE Levels 1 & 2

Saturday May 2, 2009 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Cathedral of Saint James,

Huron & Wabash St. Chicago 60611

Kevin Godsil, before April 24th: kmgodsil@gmail.com

or 773-474-6234

9:30-11:30: Protecting God's People (Level 1)

1:30-12:00: Lunch (Please bring a sack lunch, beverages will be provided.)

12:00-3:30 pm: Leading & Caring for God's People (Level 2)

KEEPING GOD'S PEOPLE SAFE: Levels 1 & 2

Wednesday May 13, 2009 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM.

Employees of the Diocese's Churches and Agencies may find this a convenient time to participate in the required training.

Burrill Hall in the Diocesan Center

65 East Huron Street, Chicago 60611

Elizabeth (Beth) Erickson, eerickson@episcopalchicago.org or 312-751-4212

9:30-11:30: Protecting God's People (Level 1)

1:30-12:00: Lunch

12:00-3:30 pm: Leading & Caring for God's People (Level 2)

AntiRacism Training

The AntiRacism Commission of the Diocese of Chicago will be sponsoring an antiracism training led by Crossroads Ministry **May 14 through 16** at the Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 E. 55th St, Chicago. Diocesan Convention has made it policy for all employees and leaders serving in the diocese to complete antiracism training. Contact: Derrick Dawson (773) 960-5355 derrickcharlesdawson@gmail.com