



## CHURCH VITALITY AND STEWARDSHIP DAY

“USING THE GIFTS GOD GIVES US TO DO THE WORK GOD CALLS US TO DO”

JUNE 1, 2019

@ AQUIA EPISCOPAL CHURCH | STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

9:30 – 3:00

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- 9:30 GATHER AND WELCOME
- 9:35 INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY
- 9:45 WONDER IN ALL | ABOUT OUR THEME
- 10:00 WONDER IN ALL | WITH BISHOP SUSAN
- 10:30 BREAK
- 10:45 1<sup>ST</sup> WORKSHOP SERIES
- ANNUAL GIVING | “WONDER IN ALL” & REACHING NEW PLEDGERS
  - COMMUNICATION | STORYTELLING THROUGH PHOTOS
  - CHRISTIAN FORMATION | THE WAY OF LOVE
  - PLANNED GIVING I | SETTING UP A PLANNED GIVING
  - MISSION AND OUTREACH | ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
  - LEADERSHIP | IN THE RIGHT LANE: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF VESTRIES AND CLERGY
- 12:00 WONDER IN ALL | LUNCH & WORKSHOP BRIEFS
- 1:00 2<sup>ND</sup> WORKSHOP SERIES
- ANNUAL GIVING | “WONDER IN ALL” & REACHING NEW PLEDGERS
  - COMMUNICATION | STORYTELLING THROUGH PHOTOS
  - CHRISTIAN FORMATION | THE WAY OF LOVE
  - PLANNED GIVING II | CREATING A LEGACY
  - MISSION AND OUTREACH | ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
  - LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY | VESTRY AND CLERGY COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP
- 2:15 BREAK
- 2:25 WONDER IN ALL | WHERE’S YOUR WONDER?\*
- \*FINAL REFLECTIONS WITH OUR BISHOPS
- 3:00 DEPARTURE

# OUR WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES | *WHAT TO CHOOSE?*

## Annual Giving

### **Annual Giving and Reaching New Pledgers | with Bishop Bob Ihloff and Julie Simonton**

Explore our all new “Wonder in All” annual giving program, which invites your congregation – through visuals and stories – to engage more deeply in the rich ministries at your church and their impact on your community. Come to learn new ways to proclaim the wonder of all of God’s gifts and the urgency with which Jesus Christ calls us to discipleship.

## Christian Formation

### **The Way of Love | with Paris Ball and Bill Campbell**

More than a program or curriculum, The Way of Love is an intentional commitment to a set of practices. It is a commitment to follow Jesus: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest. Learn more and get started.

## Communications

### **Telling Your Story through Photographs | with Coy Ferrell and Erin Monaghan Kamran**

Photography is a powerful tool for telling the story of your ministries, your people, your community, and your discipleship. Explore and expand your capacity to engage newcomers and long-timers more deeply into the life of your church – simply!

## Leadership

### **In the Right Lane: Roles and Responsibilities of Vestries and Clergy in Church Leadership | with The Rev. Dr. Mary Brennan Thorpe**

Just elected to the Vestry? Congratulations! Served on a Vestry before but your new priest has a different approach to how the clergy and the vestry work together? Be not afraid! New rector with struggles exploring how to convey “who’s on first” when it comes to collaborative leadership as you get to know the parish? We’ve got ideas for you! In this session, we’ll explore what works, what doesn’t work, and what the canons have to say about all that... to fulfill God’s will in and for your parish. Twentieth century leadership models are not necessarily helpful in today’s church. Come, learn, brainstorm, imagine!

## Mission, Outreach and Diversity

### **Engaging Environmental and Racial Justice | with the Rev. Weston Mathews & Aisha Huertas**

We are seeing the effects of global climate change every week in our country and throughout the world, and there are pressing environmental justice issues in Virginia right now. Come to hear about the intersection of climate justice, racial justice, and what you and your church can do to make a positive difference.

## Planned Giving

### **I. Setting Up a Planned Giving Program for Your Church (@ 10:45) | with Jim Murphy from Episcopal Church Foundation and Stephanie Gurnsey Higgins**

Take the mystery out of planned giving for your parish. Learn in easy to understand terms how planned giving differs from annual stewardship and capital campaigns, and how your parish can build endowments through wills and life income and other planned gifts. After a review of the planned giving instruments, you will learn about the importance of a parish vision, protecting and growing your endowment, and how to invite others to remember your parish through estate and financial planning.

### **II. Creating a Legacy Society and Using Planned Giving on Demand for your Church (@ 1:00) | with Jim Murphy from Episcopal Church Foundation and Stephanie Gurnsey Higgins**

Join us to learn how to use the resources provided by ECF’s new toolkit, Planned Giving on Demand to encourage new gifts to support your parish’s future through estate and financial planning. We will also review how to create and sustain a Legacy Society to encourage giving to your parish for decades to come. You will leave the workshop with a plan of action!