



January 30, 2018

Grants Available to Help Prepare You for Mission

The Diocese is pleased to announce the availability of new **Formation for Mission Grants** for clergy and laypersons who want to learn more about how to do God's work among His people. [Applications are now being accepted](#) and will continue to be accepted throughout the year until the designated funds are depleted.



For several years, grants have been available to help fund parish mission initiatives. The current [Parish Mission Grants](#) support initiatives aimed at enhancing evangelism, hands-on mission, and racial reconciliation. Many of you have expressed uncertainty, though, as to *how* to share the Good News, *how* to respond with Christ's love to the needs of your neighbors, or *how* to be a positive force for reconciliation in your community. We have heard your concern, and with the Formation for Mission Grants, encourage you to seek out opportunities for learning and formation that will equip you and your parish for mission.

Formation for Mission Grants are available to help fund participation in conferences, courses, or other forms of continuing education that will prepare you, or others in your parish, for meaningful, hands-on mission in the community. Details are as follows:

- Grants will cover associated registration fees and the cost of any required materials.
- Grants will not cover travel and accommodations. These costs will be the responsibility of grantees and/or their parishes. Individuals are encouraged to take advantage of local formation opportunities whenever possible. (See below for more information.)
- Half of the available grant funds are reserved for lay use, and half for clergy use. Grants will be awarded from each category at the discretion of Diocesan Council until the funds are depleted.
- These grants are not intended for coursework that is part of a college, university, or seminary degree program. Seminarians and diaconal school students may apply for the [Bishop's Scholarship for Theological Students](#).

Please consider how a Formation for Mission grant might help you and others in your parish prepare for mission in your community. For your reference, included below are links to local education and formation resources, through which you may discover opportunities suited to your mission and needs. We also hope to see you at our [2018 Lenten Learning Day](#), March 3, at St. James, Penn Hills!

In faith,


Kimberly Karashin
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Local formation resources

- [Pittsburgh Theological Seminary](#)
 - [Continuing Education](#)
 - [Auditing a Course](#)
- [Trinity School for Ministry](#)

- [Audit Application](#)
- [Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius](#)
- [Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary](#)
 - [Auditing a Course](#)
- To learn of upcoming conferences in the area ...
 - Subscribe to the e-newsletters of the institutions above.
 - Follow the [Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania](#).
 - Sign up to receive the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh's [Grace Happens](#) newsletter.






SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL EAST END PARISHES

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES

PROCLAIMING CHRIST:

not only with our lips but in our lives



6 P.M. Dinner ■ 7 P.M. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Preacher: The Rev. Annis Rogers
at St. Andrew's – 5801 Hampton St., Highland Park

Tuesday, February 27

Preacher: The Rev. Sara Irwin
at Calvary – 315 Shady Ave. at Walnut St., East Liberty

Tuesday, March 6

Preacher: The Rev. Noah Evans
at St. Thomas – 378 Delaware Ave., Oakmont

Tuesday, March 13

Preacher: The Rev. Shawn Malarkey
at St. Stephen's – 600 Pitt St., Wilkinsburg

Tuesday, March 20

Preacher: The Rev. Doug Kinsey
at Church of the Redeemer – 5700 Forbes Ave., Sq. Hill



Lenten Learning Day 2018

Saturday, March 3

St. James, Penn Hills

Bishop Dorsey McConnell has expressed
the mission of the Church in three words:

LOVE.
TEACH.
HEAL.

What does this mean for ourselves and
for our parishes? What does it look like?

And how do we do it?

Join us as Bishop McConnell and others unpack the meaning of the mission.



Our special guest for the day will be
the Reverend Scott Gunn,
Executive Director of Forward Movement,
a publishing ministry of The Episcopal Church.

This is a free event, open to all clergy and laypeople.

Lunch is provided, and child care will be available.

(Please indicate child care needs when registering.)

Check-in and refreshments will be available beginning
at 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer will start at 9 a.m.

The day will end with Holy Eucharist led by Bishop McConnell at 3:30 p.m.

Register today at www.episcopalpgh.org/lent2018





Absalom Jones Day Prayer Breakfast Series

“From the Balcony to the Pulpit - Still I Rise”
Race and Reconciliation in the Episcopal Church

February 3, 2018 9am - 12pm

St. James Episcopal Church
11524 Frankstown Road
Pittsburgh, PA

REGISTER NOW

staff@historichcpa.org

\$15 per person

Make checks payable to: Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

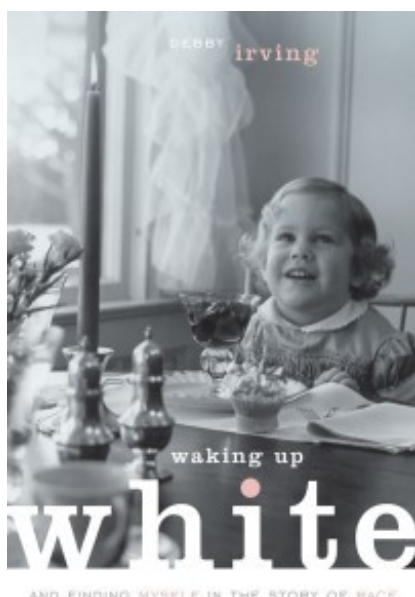
Mail to: The Church of the Holy Cross
7505 Kelly Street Pittsburgh, PA 15208

For more information
call 414-242-3209



Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. Toussaint King Hill, Jr.
Senior Pastor,
The Historic West Hunter Street Baptist Church
Atlanta, GA



**The Commission on Race & Reconciliation and the
Social Justice and Outreach Committee invite
the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh to a Lenten
Study**

Waking Up White

"One of the most important books on race in recent memory."
~ Readers + Writers Journal

How to order: Contact the Calvary Episcopal Church bookstore at
412-661-0120 and indicate your church and the number of copies
your church would like to order.

Please order copies by January 31, 2018 for your church's Lenten
study.

[Click here](#) for a printable bulletin insert



2017 Parochial Reports Due March 1

Parishes are reminded that Parochial Reports for the year 2017 are due by
March 1, 2018. Reports can be filed through the Episcopal Church's online
reporting system, or completed paper copies can be mailed to the diocesan
office. For those who file electronically, a signed paper copy should also be
submitted to the diocesan office.

Once filed, all parochial reports must be reviewed and certified by the diocese. This year, because of
General Convention, the deadline for diocesan review is much earlier than usual and must be
completed by May 1st. It is therefore especially important for parishes to make sure their filing
deadline of March 1st is met.

It is the joint responsibility of clergy and vestry to assure the timely completion of parochial reports. A



blank report form as well as instructions and detailed workbooks for help in filing each page of the report are available online at www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/research/parochial-report

Contact [Judi Rogers](#) or [Kathi Workman](#) in the diocesan office if you have questions about filing your annual parochial report.



It's Annual Meeting Time!

The majority of parishes in the diocese hold their annual meeting in January or February. Annual meeting agendas usually include a review of the accomplishments and challenges of the past year as well as a look ahead to goals for the coming year. While each parish follows their own tradition, this is also typically a time for election of vestry members and officers as well as deputies to diocesan convention.

Following the annual meeting, parishes are asked to keep the diocese informed of changes in leadership. It is also important to report any changes approved to parish by-laws or articles of incorporation, as these must be reviewed by the Standing Committee.

The Parish Annual Meeting Report Form has been mailed to parishes that are expected to have their meetings in January or February. It is also available for [download here](#). Forms will be mailed at a later date to parishes which customarily meet later in the year. Forms are also available by contacting Judi Rogers in the diocesan office at 412-721-0853 or jrogers@episcopalpgh.org.



Health Ministry Information Session Scheduled

The Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse & Health Ministry team will offer informational sessions on "What is Health Ministry?" on **Saturday, February 3, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, at [St. Andrew's, Highland Park](#).**



The [Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse & Health Ministry](#) program is a legacy program of Pittsburgh Mercy and the Sisters of Mercy, and one of the first faith community nursing programs in the country. The program provides consultation and resources, and promotes faith community nursing as a vital ministry in all faith communities.

The group discussion sessions are designed for folks who are interested in learning more about faith community nursing and health ministry - balancing body, mind, and spirit. Faith community nurses utilize a "holistic care approach" (whole person care) in helping those in need, with the core belief that spiritual health is the foundation for one's faith, health and well-being.

"I encourage all of our congregations to explore how best to utilize parish nurses and health ministries in their particular contexts to support the wellness of their members," said Bishop Dorsey McConnell. "This concept is reflective of and reinforces the mission of our diocese to love, to teach, and to heal."

The informational sessions will be helpful to anyone interested in learning how to touch lives with any or all three of those components, or who are looking for assistance in church health ministry regardless of faith tradition.

There is no charge, but in order to plan appropriately for handout materials, please RSVP by calling the Mercy Parish Nurse office at 412-232-5815 or emailing parishnurse@pittsburghmercy.org

Faithfully submitted,
Paula Wasko, R.N., F.C.N.
Diocesan volunteer coordinator for Episcopal Health Ministries



Good Deeds Day 2018

From our friends at the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh:

The [Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh Volunteer Center](#), in partnership with the [Community Relations Council](#), would like to invite your organization to take part in an international day of volunteerism called Good Deeds Day. The Volunteer Center has been planning Good Deeds Day projects within the Jewish community for four years now, with a great deal of success.



Last year, we expanded the reach of this event by having other organizations choose Good Deeds Day to complete their own volunteer projects. In 2017, 2.5 million people in 93 countries volunteered in hands-on activities at the local level.

What does this mean for you? We would like to partner with organizations around the region that can coordinate and host volunteer opportunities on Good Deeds Day, increasing the geographic and demographic impact of the event. We expect that each partner organization will have different resources, so your project can be any size or scale that suits your needs. Potential community projects include, but are not limited to: cleaning up a vacant lot or business district, planting a community garden, or any other hands-on assistance your community may need. If necessary, the Volunteer Center is able to help you identify and develop projects.

This year, Good Deeds Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 15, 2018. You can help us spread the spirit of volunteerism throughout Pittsburgh. If you already have a project in mind, you can complete a Project Submission form by clicking [HERE](#). For more information, or to schedule an informational meeting, please contact Joyce Hinnebusch, Volunteer Center Administrative Assistant, at jhinnebusch@jfedpgh.org or 412-992-5214. We look forward to partnering with you!



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

February 18: St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

February 25: Emmanuel, North Side

March 4: St. David's, Peters Twp.

March 11: St. Thomas, Canonsburg

Parish leadership is reminded to complete and submit [this form](#) at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.



Hold the Date I: The next Church Without Walls gathering will be held on Sunday, February 18, 4 p.m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228

Hold the Date II: A commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination will be held at Trinity Cathedral starting at 6 p.m. on April 4, 2018. Details to come.



Parting Shot

Maryam Hall comfortably naps while showing off her diocesan colors. For more episcopalpgh.org clothing visit the [Bookstore at Calvary](#).



--Photo courtesy the Rev. Canon Natalie Hall



The next Grace Happens is scheduled for February 13.

All submissions to the *Grace Happens* newsletter and the diocesan web site are welcome and should be sent to info@episcopalpgn.org. When possible, the copy should be in a Word document and all original logos, pictures and artwork should be attached separately. Please be sure to include your contact information with any submission.

