



October 24, 2018

Help Tell Our Story

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my great joys as your bishop is the time I get to spend in your parishes and communities, seeing the life of your congregations, hearing the stories of your mission and ministry. From week to week I am privileged to move from neighborhood to neighborhood, and as I do so a composite picture of the whole life of our diocese takes shape in my mind. When I pray for you, my prayer is not only for each local expression of the Gospel, but for your part in the whole fabric of the Body of Christ, and for all the needs and all the blessings we hold in common as we seek to love, teach and heal in the name of Jesus Christ.



As part of my address at our upcoming Diocesan Convention on November 9 and 10, I would like to give an overview of our life together, through images which I hope you will supply. Please select two or three photographs from any aspect of your community's witness to Jesus Christ in the past year, and send them (with a brief description) to me at life@episcopalpgh.org by Noon on November 5. I will work with diocesan staff to include them as part of a visual background for our gathering next month.

I look forward very much to reviewing what you send! In the meantime, please know you are always in my prayers.

Faithfully,

(The Right Reverend) Dorsey W.M. McConnell, D.D., VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh



21st Annual
St. Andrew's Lecture
Sojourners Among Us:
Serving Pittsburgh's
Refugee Community



Decades of war and political and social instability have resulted in a global refugee crisis of historic magnitude.

*Join us this year to explore a compassionate, effective,
and personal response to this crisis in our own city and region.*

Lecture and Reception, Friday, October 26, 8 p.m.

Speaker: Sloane Davidson
Founder and Executive Director, "Hello Neighbor"

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 5801 Hampton Street
Highland Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206
412 661-1245 www.standrewspgh.org



PA Interfaith Power and Light Conference October 27 in Mt. Lebanon



On Saturday, October 27, from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., [St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#), Mt. Lebanon, will host the annual state-wide conference of the faith-rooted climate response organization Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light, "Facing the Climate Crisis: Called to Save Our Sacred Home."

The conference will highlight Pittsburgh faith-rooted work on climate change, stressing positive visions: its keynote speakers are Dr. Charles McColester, labor historian, on "Embracing a Blue-Green Religious Vision," how environmentalism be good for workers, and the Rev. David Carlisle, in collaboration with Dr. Patricia DeMarco, on "Listening to the Voice of the Earth," reflecting on sustainability initiatives in Pittsburgh.



Workshops will consider sustainable building; reconnecting with the landscape; engaging your congregation in environmental issues; protecting God's creation in the midst of petrochemical buildup; the relation between international development aid programs, climate, and what we can do; and Africana cultural/environmental principles.

Workshop leaders are the Rev. John Creasy of the Open Door Church; the Rev. Noah Evans of St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Frankie Harris of the Hill District-based Ujamaa Collective; Ellesa Clay High of the Native American Studies Program at West Virginia University; Kirs Jansa of Creatives for Climate; Paul Nelson of the International Development Program at Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs; Sr. Kari Pohl, CSJ of Baden; Thaddeus Popovich, member of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church and co-founder of Allegheny County for Clean Air Now; and Lakeisha Wolf, Executive Director of Ujamaa.

Doors will open at 11. There will be a Green Fair of information from 11 to noon. The registration fee includes a vegetarian (non-gluten) locally focused lunch. Some of the workshops may be crowded, so early registration is desirable. Standard pre-registration is \$35 but people who can pay less are welcome. [Click here detailed conference information](#). St. Paul's Episcopal Church is at 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228.

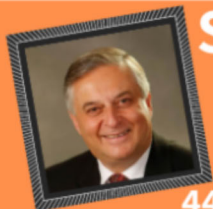


A Church Without Walls Event

Tolerance Is Not Enough

An Interfaith Response to Hatred and Racism

Register at: christumc.net/rabbiingber



**Sunday, October 28
2-4:30pm**

**Christ United Methodist Church,
44 Highland Rd. Bethel Park, PA 15102**

2-3pm: Keynote Speaker Rabbi Abie Ingber

Executive Director of the Center for Interfaith Community Engagement
at Xavier University

3:15-4:30pm: Distinguished Panel of Local Interfaith Leaders

Reverend Dawn Hand-Pittsburgh District Superintendent-Western PA Conference
of the United Methodist Church

Reverend Doctor John Welch-Vice President for Student Services and Community
Engagement and Dean of Students, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Imam Hamza Perez-Islamic Center of Pittsburgh/ Light of the Age Mosque

Rabbi Amy Greenbaum-Beth El Congregation of the South Hills



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Christ UMC



**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH UNION**



**Episcopal Diocese
of Pittsburgh**

2018 Diocesan Convention

**Love. Teach. Heal.:
Who is My Neighbor?**

The 153rd Convention of the Diocese will be held:

Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, 2018
at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1066 Washington Road
Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228



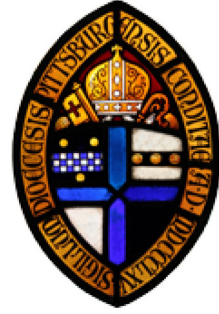
Registration information for deputies, visitors and guests is available on the diocesan web site at
www.episcopalpgh.org/2018-diocesan-convention/ (Please have payment information ready)

Deadline for registering with payment is October 27, 2017

Convention Eucharist: Sing, Serve, or Just Join Us

It's not just for Convention Deputies! Everyone is welcome to share in the celebration of the Eucharist that takes place during the annual convention. This year's service will be held at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, on Saturday, November 10, at 10:45 a.m. Bishop McConnell will preside and preach.

Singers who are interested in lending their voices to a jazz ensemble should contact Dr. Doug Starr at St. Paul's, dstarr@stpaulsphg.org. **Acolytes**, youth and adults who wish to join the corps of servers, should contact Rich Creehan at media@episcopalpgh.org.



Veterans Luncheon

Join [St. Peter's Episcopal Church](#) in Brentwood for their 18th annual Veterans Luncheon on **Sunday, November 11, at Noon**, with special guest speaker former State Senator Jack Wagner.

Wagner is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a recipient of the Purple Heart and other military commendations for service in the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1968. All veterans and their families are invited to attend this FREE event.



Seating is limited . . . Call St. Peter's at 412-884-5225 to reserve your spot today! The church is located at 4048 Brownsville Road, overlooking Brentwood Towne Center, near Rt. 51.



FALL BAZAAR

Saturday, October 27, 2018
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Attic Treasures | Silent Auctions
Handmade Crafts | Plants
Baked Goods | Gourmet Foods
Antiques & Collectables
Children's Games and Books
Pet Toys and Treats



Calvary Episcopal Church

315 Shady Ave. (at Walnut St.) 15206
www.calvarypgh.org



Proceeds benefit grants to East End charitable organizations



Lunch-time Music

Wednesdays @ Trinity Cathedral, downtown

October 24 • **Anne Smith**

Dir. of Music • Bower Hill Community Church, Mt. Lebanon

October 31 • **David Schaap**

Organist/Choirmaster, Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh

November 7 • **Kenneth Danchik**

Associate Organist, St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh

November 14 • **Carson P. Cooman**

The Memorial Church, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

November 21 • **Jon Tyillian**

Assistant Organist, Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh

Wednesdays • 12:30 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch along for part or all of the program



Trinity Cathedral

328 Sixth Ave.

Accessible entrance, 325 Oliver Ave.





Love. Teach. Heal. Leadership Academy
Exploring ways to know and serve God and God's people, together

Discerning lay leaders from the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh will meet regularly to:

- Grow together in Christian faith, practice, and leadership.
- Develop skills and vision for ministry to support clergy and members of their parish.
- Discern interest and sense of call to serve as licensed Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Preacher, or Evangelist (in any combination!).
- Connect with others from a variety of contexts to cultivate opportunities for creative ministry development.

Bishop Dorsey McConnell anticipates that the **Love. Teach. Heal. Leadership Academy** will:

- Spark vision, creativity, and connections for ministry among the laypeople of the diocese.
- Encourage laypeople to recognize their own authority and call for ministry in their congregation and community by virtue of their baptism.
- Meet the real, regular, practical ministry needs of our parishes now and in the future.
- Create a roster of trusted lay leaders throughout the diocese who may be called on for ministry and leadership needs as they emerge.

When and Where

Participants will meet for two hours every other week at one of four Diocese of Pittsburgh locations, including one by video conference. Meetings will include a devotional practice for further daily use at home, Bible study, and group conversation regarding themes. Participants will receive a copy of

Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe and a binder with any additional instructional and reading materials. Participants are expected to bring a copy of the Book of Common Prayer and Bible (NRSV translation) in which they can mark with notes.

How to Participate

The names of people interested in the **Love. Teach. Heal. Leadership Academy** can be submitted by congregations, clergy, diocesan staff, or individuals themselves. Nominees are asked to submit a brief information form, [available for download as a Word file](#), and will be contacted by Canon for Faith Formation and Evangelism Natalie Hall. Submission details are on the information form.



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

October 28: Christ Church, Indiana

November 4: All Saints, Brighton Heights

November 11: St. Stephen's, McKeesport

November 18: St. Peter's, Blairsville

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

Save the Date: The next luncheon for retired clergy & spouses and surviving spouses will be held on Thursday, November 29, at 12 noon at Church of the Atonement, Carnegie.



Parting Shots

St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, junior vergers Madigan Balfe and Jack Horrigan represented the parish and the diocese at the annual festival for acolytes and servers, held at Washington National Cathedral on October 7, 2018. They, along with senior verger Rich Creehan, were honored to be chosen to distribute Communion at the Eucharist. The festival attracted over 400 participants from 72 congregations across the country.





--Photos courtesy Danielle Thomas, Washington National Cathedral



The next regular edition of Grace Happens is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6.

All submissions to the *Grace Happens* newsletter and the diocesan web site are welcome and should be sent to info@episcopalpgh.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.

