

*The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh*  
*of the Episcopal Church in the United States*



*Materials for the*  
*145th Annual Convention of the Diocese*

*October 15 and 16, 2010*

*at*

*Trinity Cathedral*

*328 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222*

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## **TO ALL ORDAINED AND LAY DEPUTIES TO THE 2010 DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

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To: All Clergy, Lay Deputies and Senior Wardens

From: The Rev. Canon James Shoucair, Secretary to Convention

The 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese will be held **Friday and Saturday, October 15 and 16, 2010 at Trinity Cathedral.**

It is expected that every clergy and lay deputy attend a Preconvention Information Session. For your convenience, three sessions will be offered. In advance, we thank our host congregations for their hospitality.

**Monday, September 27, 7:00 p.m.**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Mt. Lebanon), 1066 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228

**Wednesday, September 29, 7:00 p.m.**

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 335 Locust Street, Johnstown, PA 15901

**Thursday, September 30, 7:00 p.m.**

St. Thomas Memorial Episcopal Church, 378 Delaware Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139

The purpose of the information sessions is to prepare for Diocesan Convention, both as to substance of matters to come before convention and for preliminary discussion and understanding. All deputies should bring these preconvention materials to the meeting.

Also, please be aware that a

**Training on Issues Related to Sexual Misconduct  
will be held on Friday, October 15  
at Calvary Episcopal Church in East Liberty.**

The training will conclude in time for participants to travel downtown to the Cathedral for the opening of the Convention. For more information, please contact the Rev. Bill Geiger at [ccreator2@verizon.net](mailto:ccreator2@verizon.net) or 724-465-6129.

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**2010 DIOCESAN CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please complete and return this registration form if you are planning to attend the Diocesan Convention.*

**CONTACT INFORMATION: (PLEASE PRINT)**

Complete name \_\_\_\_\_

Address with Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**NAMETAG INFORMATION:**

Name as you want it to appear on nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish and location: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a: \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Deputy \_\_\_\_\_ Non-canonical Clergy

\_\_\_\_\_ Clergy Deputy \_\_\_\_\_ Invited Guest

\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Deputy \_\_\_\_\_ Observer

**WORSHOP CHOICE:** (See descriptions on next page) \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Please describe any special needs about which we should be aware.

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**CHILDCARE:** For how many children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

**BANNER:** Will you bring a banner to process at the Eucharist? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Participants other than invited guests are asked to help defray the cost  
of food and refreshments with a donation of \$10.00 per person.**

**Please include your check made payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh with this form.**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2010 TO:**

**THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH  
4099 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY, SUITE 502  
MONROEVILLE, PA 15146**

If you have any questions, please email [jrogers@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:jrogers@episcopalpgh.org) or call 412-721-0853

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## **WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS**

**Workshops will be held at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday  
and are open to anyone who is interested in attending.**

### **A Joyful (and appropriate) Noise: Tailoring Music for a Congregation, Size Small**

**Presenter: David Mahler**

A glorious, reverberant cathedral filled to capacity each Sunday? That's not the norm for many of us. What about a modest neighborhood church with inconstant Sunday morning attendance? What about uncertain singers, instruments that crowd a maintenance list and a music budget made of crumbs from the little congregational pie? And what about visions of Handel and Haydn, when your musical resources resemble Spike Jones?

If the word "small" applies in any way to your congregation, you'll find this music workshop relevant and useful. David Mahler will touch on two strategies: amending existing music materials, and creating new means of worship expression. Will we sing? Indeed, this workshop will be a "voices-on" experience from start to finish. Whether you are a music leader or an enthusiast, David Mahler's excursions into enriching small church music experiences will equip you with new, creative, and practical ways of making a joyful noise.

Workshop presenter David Mahler serves as Church Musician at Emmanuel Episcopal on the North Side. In Pittsburgh he has also led music at the Community of Reconciliation, and, in the Pacific Northwest, at several Lutheran Churches. He composes and arranges for varied musical forces, and teaches both adults and children the pleasures of playing, singing, listening, and composing. Among his favorite past musical experiences was serving as Listener in Residence in the community of La Mott, Pennsylvania. He currently leads the Beacon Street Red Sox, an inclusive mix of singers who like to try things out.

### **Banners for Every Congregation**

**Presenter: Joan Gundersen**

Who should come: Church school teachers, altar guild members, those with a creative streak, or anyone interested in seeing their congregation have a parish banner or banners for special seasons.

What will happen: The workshop will suggest inexpensive ways that even non-sewers can create attractive banners for seasonal liturgical use or as a parish hanging. Among the methods demonstrated will be the use of iron-on lettering and cutouts, fabric glue and how to have finished edges without sewing, the kinds of fabrics to choose, computer transfer options, hanging methods and stand building. There will be time for questions, lists of resources, and a chance to try out some of the techniques.

About the Presenter: Joan has worked with small museums and other groups who need to create attractive displays on a very limited budget. She has also been sewing and designing her own banners for more than a decade.

### **Christian Education: A Lifelong Journey with Christ in Christ and to Christ**

**Presenter: Joyce Donadee**

Children are innately spiritual. Their expressions of faith can transform a church if they are allowed to express themselves. Youth are defined by their relationships. They need to know that the Episcopal Church welcomes them and invites their gifts. They need to have positive

relationships with each other and with a loving God. Adult faith formation can be intentional or unintentional. Older adults can appreciate opportunities focused on their particular issues.

The Episcopal Church invites, inspires and transforms people – can you picture how it occurs in your parish? If something works (accomplishes these goals and new people start to attend because these activities reaches them) keep doing it. If it is difficult to identify how your parish invites, inspires, and transforms people, you may want to try a different approach. The goal of this workshop is to offer support and options for churches of all sizes.

### **Lay Ministry: A Challenging, Winnable and Meaningful “Game of Life”**

#### **Presenter: Jessie Hipolit**

The Commission on Ministry is expanding to support lay ministry as well as ordained ministry, as stated in the canons. Jessie Hipolit, a Business and Personal Development Coach, will invite you to explore the exciting possibilities for lay ministry by using our beloved Pittsburgh sports metaphor as an edgy, eye-opening context for discussion. Are you game?

### **Moving Forward Together: The Conversation Continues**

#### **Presenter: Walter Bowman**

In response to the feedback from the Moving Forward Together Day on April 10, 2010, this interactive workshop will provide an open forum to continue to identify, explore and understand our common values with one another and our differing perspectives without being judged; and how we may continue to move forward together so that all in our diocese will be accepted and all will have a sense of belonging.

### **The Ignatian Path: Spirituality in everyday life for busy people!**

#### **Presenter: Carol Gonzalez**

The focus of this workshop is being attentive and available as companions of Jesus – finding God in all things, a focused way of proceeding in an era of distractions.

Carol Gonzalez will lead a meditation experience and conversation on developing a discerning way of life in community on mission. There will be opportunity for learning about some Ignatian-inspired ministries unfolding in the Pittsburgh area, including the *Spiritual Exercises* retreat in everyday life.

### **Web and Social Media: How Can We All Work Together?**

#### **Presenter: Andy Muhl**

Web sites, email newsletters, text messages, Facebook, Twitter, iPhone apps, digital signage, Google rankings, Yahoo groups, blogs, and more blogs. Why would anybody attempt to wade through all of the choices available to organizations today, much less use them, to amplify their important messages? Join us as we try to break down all of the available choices and focus on the difference between “push” and “pull” communications strategies. This is more than just an information session. We will also use our limited time to discuss specific parish and related organization’s needs and opportunities. The time will also be spent listening to all from the local level to discover what the diocese can do to strengthen its outreach.

## Diocesan Choir

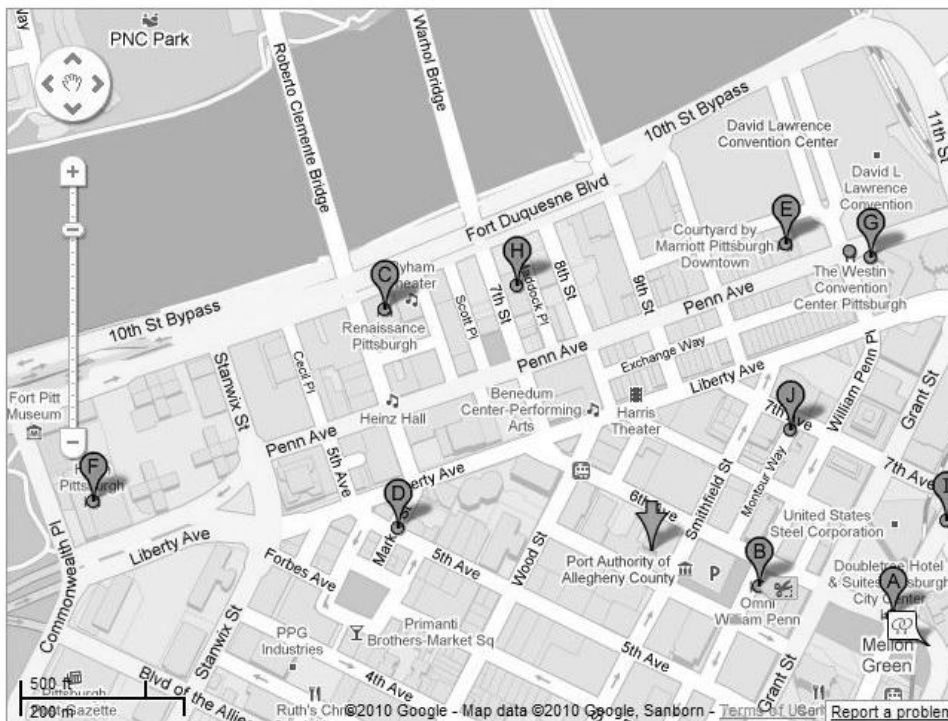
All parish choirs and other singers are invited to participate as part of a Diocesan Choir at the Eucharist for the Annual Convention at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Trinity Cathedral. More information will be provided as soon as details are available.

## Parking

Parking for the Cathedral is available at the parking garage under Mellon Square Park (entrances from either Fifth or Sixth Avenues) or in the Oliver Street Garage directly across from the Cathedral's Oliver Street entrance.

## Accommodations

Convention attendees are responsible for their own hotel reservations should they desire to stay overnight. A list of hotels in downtown Pittsburgh is provided here for your convenience.



- A. Doubletree Hotel & Suites, Pittsburgh City Center (412) 281-5800
- B. Omni William Penn Hotel (412) 281-7100
- C. Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel (412) 562-1200
- D. Fairmont Pittsburgh Hotel (412) 773-8800
- E. Courtyard by Marriott Pittsburgh Downtown Hotel (412) 434-5551
- F. Hilton Pittsburgh (412) 391-4600
- G. The Westin Convention Center Pittsburgh (412) 281-3700
- J. Hyatt Hotels & Resorts (800) 233-1234