

MISSION CONVERSATIONS -- Morning

Linda Snyder, Audrey Scanlon	Rhythms of Grace: Church for Autistic Children and Families	Started in 2003 in response to a parishioner's call for help in attending church with his son who has autism, the Rhythms of Grace ministry is built on the principle of reverse inclusion & welcomes all to worship in new and creative ways.	Linda serves as the Missioner of Christian Formation for Children and Adults in the Episcopal Diocese of CT and Audrey is the Rector of two family sized parishes in Central CT.
Ella Auchincloss, Steven Bonsey	Public Narrative: Re-Connecting Evangelism and Social Justice	How can we use the tools of community organizing to develop leadership in the local eucharistic community and revitalize the church's participation in God's mission?	Ella Auchincloss is Project Dir. for <i>The Leading Change Project</i> at Harvard's Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations, and is founder of the Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) in the Diocese of MA. Steven Bonsey is Canon Pastor of the Cathedral Church of St Paul, Boston, and co-founder of LDI.
Stephanie Spellers	Birthing Fresh Expressions of Church within Conventional Congregations	In this conversation we'll talk about the "mixed economy church" or parallel development, where new forms of church develop out of, and coexist with, conventional congregations. Get ready to explore the redevelopment work of building a new church while at the same time serving and supporting an existing community.	Stephanie serves as priest and lead organizer at The Crossing community, a different kind of church rooted at St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston. She is also Editor for Emergent Resources for Church Publishing Inc. and co-chair of the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism.
Helen Daly	Contemplative Prayer for the Unchurched, De- churched and "It's-Complicated- Churched"	A conversation to share experiences of how ancient/new practices of silent prayer of Presence, chant, and sacred reading can offer a generous, hospitable prayer space for those outside of traditional church structures and liturgies.	Helen Daly is a lay teacher and retreat leader, psychologist, and convener of the Community of Practice for Contemplative Christianity at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Brattleboro, VT.
Kate Heichler	The "Koinonia Initiative"	Kate is exploring how her congregation might leverage its engagement in its outreach ministries to make them an "on-ramp" for new growth and new life." Can a small congregation find God and its own missional groove?	Kate Heichler pastors the small and dynamic Church of Christ the Healer in Stamford, CT, where she also serves as president of the InterFaith Council of Southwestern CT. She coordinates the "emergent conversation" in the Diocese, and is working toward her DMin at Hartford Seminary.
Jack Jenkins	Social Media and Christian Community	Social media. What is it? How do you move beyond puttering with technology to truly developing your faith community? Explore the topic, ask questions, and share information to build up and support our networking community. The goal of this workshop is to present strategies, give you needed tools, and empower you to implement these ideas.	Jack served as a regional field director for the Obama Campaign, co-launched a popular Christian blogging community at www.thechurchisalive.com and is now studying at Harvard Divinity School.
Julie Lytle	"Being Church in the 21st Century"	More than simply going to church on Sunday, emerging models of church ask new initiates and longtime members to be church. These visions reclaim more relationally-based community life and mission-centered activities. We'll explore the opportunities and limitations of various understandings of church that are converging in the 21st century.	Julie is Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Educational Technology at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge MA – meaning that she loves to teach and share her research on how we can connect & maintain relationships with current members and foster new ones, share the Christian Story, and form people in faith using social media.

MISSION CONVERSATIONS -- Afternoon

Tom Brackett	“Engaging emergence – making friends with Holy Vertigo.”	Participants will explore new metrics for ministry, new roles for leadership & lowering the cost of failure for the sake of innovatively midwifing emergence.	Tom Brackett is the Episcopal Church Center’s Missioner for Church Planting, Ministry Redevelopment & Fresh Expressions of Church. He is learning the craft of strategic and compassionate mischief-making at the edges of the Episcopal Church’s many ministries and looking for ministry partners that are waking up to God’s dreams for all of creation.
Isaac Everett	Psalms in an Emerging Context	Isaac Everett, author of the Emergent Psalter, leads a discussion on the Psalms, their origins, their uses throughout history, and ways they’re being used today in house churches, alternative worship communities, and emerging churches. Come prepared to sing.	Isaac is the Minister for Liturgical Arts at The Crossing, founder of the transmission community in New York City, and the author of <i>Emergent Psalter</i>
Joel Almono	Fresh Connections with Latino Youth	Joel and leaders at Grace Church in Lawrence have broken ground with creative programs for Latino youth: arts, sports and more. Learn how they’ve built relationships with their neighbors & how you can, too.	Joel Almono is priest-in-charge at Grace Episcopal Church in Lawrence, MA.
Nicholas Hayes, Marisa Egerstrom	Relational Evangelism and Hope in Action	How does environmental stewardship and community formation fit together? Come discuss how young adults are reaching out around their passions.	Nicholas is an Emmaus Fellow with the Life Together Program, serving at Harvard University. Marisa is a doctoral student at Harvard, studying literature and pursuing her passion for justice and faith.
Jon Myers	Guerrilla Gardening in a (sub) Urban Jungle: or Planting an Episcopal Church in Your House	Is it possible to be an Episcopal church with no building and no priest? Can couches and a dining table exist in the place of pews and an altar? In urban & suburban settings of buildings and parking lots, could we develop home grown church communities providing the Eucharistic meal to malnourished neighborhoods?	Jon Myers, Postulant and Pioneer Missioner in the Diocese of Olympia, planting the Beacon Collective church plant in Seattle, WA.
Paul Carling Jose W. Mestre	The Bridgeport Project: Responding together to God’s mission in the city	”Can we move out of the systemic problem of the survival focus of individual declining urban parishes by gathering together to refocus efforts toward mission?”	After a first career focused on recovery and empowerment for people with psychiatric disabilities, Paul Carling has served as priest in small town, rural and suburban settings, specializing in building partnerships to meet the needs of God’s people in inner cities.” José W. Mestre is a deacon in the Diocese of Connecticut and works as a hospital chaplain and as a medical interpreter/translator.
Members of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, in Watertown MA	Moving out the Pews, Moving into Mission	Insights from the experience of a small church that renovated their sanctuary and set out on the road to renew their worship and build missional links with a neighborhood full of young families and children.	Leaders from Good Shepherd-Watertown