

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Province VIII Deacons' Conference June 27-29, 2014 - Vancouver WA



## POVERTY ON THE HOMEFRONT SERVICE & SOLIDARITY ON THE FRONTLINE

A recent report notes the U.S. now has the largest number of people living in poverty in 52 years.

This diaconal conference will examine poverty in several populations: Veterans, Native Americans and Immigrants.

"What does an anti-poverty movement led by the poor look like? What role can churches play in building up this movement across a wide range of issues and communities? Poverty Scholars Colleen and John Wessel-McCoy will discuss these questions with us, as our keynote speakers from Union Theological Seminary's Poverty Initiative. The Poverty Initiative is dedicated to raising up generations of religious and community leaders committed to building a movement to end poverty, led by the poor themselves. Visit <a href="http://www.povertyinitiative.org/">http://www.povertyinitiative.org/</a> for more info on the Poverty Initiative, the Poverty Scholars Program, and our two keynote speakers."

Our workshops will focus on more specifics. We will have workshop leaders such as The Rev. Gary Brown, Deacon and RN, retired psychiatric nurse and Executive Director of Welcome Home Vets, a non-profit and his wife, C. Page Brown, Psy.D, Psychologist; The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton who is well versed in a multi-cultural heritage and has a passion for preservation of traditional life ways, and social diversity. Other workshop leaders are still being added.



Please join us in Vancouver, Washington and see how our churches can and do minister in these populations. Learn about programs that partner with Vets so that their homecoming can be more productive and healthy. Meet Native American deacons who are working among their people to improve lives and advocate for justice. Talk with those who have immigrated to America and the struggles they encounter on a daily basis. While this conference will emphasize these populations, all deacons, diaconal students, or persons with a heart for service will find plenty to engage them. Meet and network with people working in the areas of homelessness, hunger, housing, employment and poverty in general.

Hosted by Deacons from the Diocese of Olympia, Northern California, Los Angeles, El Camino Real, San Joaquin, Arizona, San Diego, Oregon, and the Association of Episcopal Deacons. Watch for registration information on the Diocese of Olympia website coming January 2014.



# **POVERTY on the HOMEFRONT Service & Solidarity on the Frontline**



### Province VIII Deacons Conference June 27-29, 2014 Vancouver WA The Heathman Lodge

#### **Program Registration**

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Hotel reservations must be made directly with *The Heathman Lodge* at **1-888-475-3100**. Please identify yourself as an attendee to Province VIII Deacons Conference/Episcopal Diocese of Western Washington. The group rate is \$89/night plus applicable taxes. For those who wish to come early and explore our great Pacific Northwest, the rate is available beginning June 26, 2014. The Heathman offers a shuttle service to and from The Portland International Airport. The cost is \$15/person per trip. Reservations **MUST** be made a minimum of 10 days prior to shuttle request at <a href="mailto:shuttle@heathmanlodge.com">shuttle@heathmanlodge.com</a>.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

You may register <u>online</u>, or send your completed form and check for \$195 payable to "Diocese of Olympia" with 2014 Deacons Conference in memo line to:

The Rev. Terri Lolcama, Deacon 3117 32nd Ct. SE Olympia WA 98501

Please register as soon as possible, no later **June 1, 2014.** No refunds will be given after this date. For additional information please contact conference co-conveners: The Ven. Gen Grewell at 360-280-5593 (cell) or ggrewell@ecww.org or The Rev. Canon Tina Campbell at tinarcampbell@comcast.net.