

## AED's Triennial 2025 - News & Information

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As we prepare for the January 6, 2025 opening of registration for **IGNITE CHANGE**, the AED Triennial to be held next June 5-8 in San Antonio, Texas, we want to share some important details and to encourage you to register early. Deacons have multiple motivations for attending Triennial, including the rare opportunity to gather with other deacons from around the country to meet each other, learn from each other, create new support networks, and gain valuable insights from plenary speakers and workshops.

The new Presiding Bishop, the Right Reverend Sean Rowe, will preside and preach at the opening Eucharist on Thursday evening. This will be the first opportunity for many to meet him, see him up close, and listen to his commitment to the diaconate. There will also be opportunity to gather with him in a more informal setting.

Significant time will be dedicated to workshops to equip deacons for their ministry and ignite their imaginations about forms of ministry they had not considered. Over the next few months, we will introduce these workshops. This month we share five of the twenty offerings for your consideration.

### **Building a Diaconate that Looks Like the Future of the Church**



The diaconate should flourish in the church, but many likely candidates can't get in. Deacons are the connecting tissue between the incredible diversity in the world and amazing and unstoppable love of God found in the Church. Lets' talk about what accessible formation looks like.

The Rev. Hailey McKeefry Delmas, Bexley Seabury Seminary

### **Mentoring for New Deacons**



The canons of the church make a strong case for mentoring newly ordained deacons for at least one year after ordination. But how are deacon/mentors chosen and trained? In this workshop those charged with the task of implementing mentoring programs will be introduced to some of the 'tools' and techniques needed to begin this process.

The Rev. Geraldine A Swanson, Diocese of New York

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## **Fresh Expressions of Church**



As deacons, we are called to serve at the intersection of the church and the world. Fresh Expressions creates new church communities that are tailored to the people and culture of a specific location. You will learn tools to engage with those in the world that are unchurched, and dechurched.

Archdeacon John Motis, Diocese of Central Florida

## **Navigating Public Life as a Jesus follower**



When we say "yes" to the call of Jesus, we agree to the public arena. In our vows, we promise to look for Christ in all others and be ready to help and serve. This workshop explores ways to become more public in our ministry in order to lean into our God given gifts to help and serve those in need.

Deacon Vicki Lambert, Diocese of Minnesota

## **Safe Harbor for Parolees**



The Safe Harbor workshop addresses what Episcopal parishes need in order to effectively support parolees returning to their neighborhood, including:

- Chaplaincy training (CPE and/or Holy Listening)
- Establishing a relationship pre-release
- Local resources expertise
- The first 90 days are critical

The Rev'd John Draper, Diocese of Los Angeles, Board Certified Chaplain, Lompoc Prison

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