

Annual Conference AGENDA

with Pre-Conference Session and Workshop Information



Together in Hope: LEADING-WITH-PURPOSE 2025 Annual Conference | KANSAS CITY, MO

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Episcopal Preaching Foundation Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pre-Conference Session One 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pre-Conference Dinners 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Breakfast 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m.

Pre-Conference Session Two 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Women Clergy Gathering and Lunch Generously Presented by Episcopal Divinity School 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Keynote Conversation featuring Rev. Dr. Fadi Diab and Rev. Canon Ranjit Mathews 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Workshop One 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Keynote Conversation featuring 28th Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Sean Rowe 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Opening Reception 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Seminary Receptions 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Breakfast and the Parochial Report: A Perfect Start to Your Day featuring The Rev. Dr. Molly James and Dr. Matthew Price 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m.

Workshop Two 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Keynote Conversation featuring Mr. Bob Kendrick and Ms. Liz Joyner 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Workshop Three 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Special Bonus Programming 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Buses Depart for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral 5:00 p.m.

Closing Worship 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

BBQ Celebration: Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Buses Return to Westin Crown Center 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Start Your Friday with 'A Case for Love' 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer 8:00 a.m.

Keynote Conversation featuring Dr. Ryan Burge, The Rev. Dr. Molly James, and Dr. Matthew Price 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Keynote Conversation featuring The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew McGowan 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

FOR FULL SESSION DESCRIPTIONS: episcopalparishes.org/2025-pre-conferences/

Tuesday, February 25 – 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 26 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The Episcopal Parish Network (EPN) Pre-Conference Sessions offer a unique opportunity for clergy and lay leaders to gather in focused groups based on their specific roles and experiences. These sessions provide a space to share insights, learn new strategies, and inspire one another in strengthening and revitalizing local ministries.

Rectors and Deans

Section #I

Tuesday, February 25– 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Section #2

Wednesday, February 26 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Vestries, Wardens, and Lay Leaders

Leading through Complex Questions

Tuesday, February 25– 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 26 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Senior Associates, Sub-Deans, Vice Rectors, and Vicar

Section #1: Leading from the Second Chair

Tuesday, February 25– 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Section #2: Leading from the Second Chair

Wednesday, February 26 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Associates and Assisting Clergy

Spiritual Imagination and Vocational Identity

Tuesday, February 25– 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 26 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Parish Administrators

Parish Administrators' Annual Roundtable

Tuesday, February 25– 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 26 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Endowments and Finance

Is Your Endowment Sufficiently Funded?

Tuesday, February 25– 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 26 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Stewardship

2025 EPN Stewardship, Development, and Advancement Pre-conference

Tuesday, February 25– 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 26 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Communications

Is Your Church Doing Communications Well?

Tuesday, February 25– 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 26 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

From Empowerment to Leadership:

From Empowerment to Leadership: Women in the Anglican Communion

Wednesday, March 6 – 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 7 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

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WORKSHOP GROUP 1

Embracing Dignity and Diversity

Workshop #1: Refreshing and Restarting in Pursuit of the Dignity of All Wednesday, February 26 – 3:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m.

Workshop #2: Christian Nationalism: Facing the Forces of Division with Love and Hope Thursday, February 27 – 9:00 a.m – 10:00 a.m.

Workshop #3: The Difference Course: Youth Explore the Power of Faith in a Conflicted World Thursday, February 27 – 2:00 p.m – 3:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP GROUP 2

Navigating Money Matters

Workshop #1: Demystifying Money **Conversations** Wednesday, February 26 – 3:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m.

Workshop #2: Running a Capital Campaign In-House Thursday, February 27 – 9:00 a.m – 10:00 a.m.

Workshop #3: Leveraging Grants To Fund **Your Mission** Thursday, February 27 – 2:00 p.m – 3:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP GROUP 3

Reimagining Parish Property

Workshop #1: Reimagining Our Assets: What Do You Hold in Your Hand? Wednesday, February 26 – 3:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m.

Workshop #2: Reimagining the Buildings You Already Have Thursday, February 27 – 9:00 a.m – 10:00 a.m.

Workshop #3: Sacred Spaces, Thriving Places: **Stewarding Church Grounds and Community** Engagement

Thursday, February 27 – 2:00 p.m – 3:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP GROUP 4

Cultivating Leadership

Workshop #1: Strategies for Leader Development Wednesday, February 26 – 3:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m.

Workshop #2: Leading on the Edge: Embracing Adaptive Leadership for Ministry Thursday, February 27 – 9:00 a.m – 10:00 a.m.

Workshop #3: Cultivating Leadership: Managing Leadership for Better Results Thursday, February 27 – 2:00 p.m – 3:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP GROUP 5

Equipping for the Future

Workshop #1: Nurturing Healthy Missional **Ecosystems** Wednesday, February 26 – 3:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m.

Workshop #2: Welcome Home: Mastering New Member Engagement for Vibrant Parish **Growth at Any Size** Thursday, February 27 – 9:00 a.m – 10:00 a.m.

Workshop #3: The Spiritual State of the **Episcopal Church: Strengths and Opportunities** Thursday, February 27 – 2:00 p.m – 3:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP GROUP 6

Innovation and Sustainability

Workshop #1: Empowering Leadership: **Cultivating Community and Welcoming New Faces** Wednesday, February 26 – 3:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m.

Workshop #2: Data Driven Leadership **Transition Planning** Thursday, February 27 – 9:00 a.m – 10:00 a.m.

Workshop #3: Why Give? Generosity Y esterday and Today Thursday, February 27 – 2:00 p.m – 3:00 p.m.