



Where the Church Gathers

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE | **Charlotte, NC**

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Smart Starts

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch included

- » Communications
- » Endowment
- » Stewardship

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Pre-Conference Session One

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

- » Rectors & Deans
- » Senior Associates, Sub-Deans, Vice Rectors, & Vicars
- » Junior Associates & Curates
- » Parish Administrators
- » Volunteer Lay Leaders – Vestries, Wardens, Committee Chairs
- » Lay Church Staff – Serving in Parishes, Cathedrals, or Other Episcopal Institutions
- » Diocesan Canons (for Canons to the Ordinary or equivalent positions)

Pre-Conference Dinners

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Breakfast 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Pre-Conference Session Two

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM*

- » *Rectors & Deans 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Women Clergy Gathering & Lunch

Presented by Episcopal Divinity School

11:15 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch on Your Own 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Keynote Conversation featuring journalist

Jonathan Rauch and 28th Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe

Presented by Church Pension Group

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Ice Cream Break 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Sponsored by Kanuga

Workshop One

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

- » **Embracing Dignity & Diversity** - Rooted in Truth, Rising in Justice: Reparations, Self-determination, and the Episcopal Way Forward
- » **Navigating Money Matters** - Increasing Giving & Generosity
- » **Reimagining Parish Property** - Reimagining Parish Property: How to PLAN
- » **Cultivating Leadership** - Beyond the Meme: The Dream of Intergenerational Church
- » **Equipping for the Future** - Faith in the Age of AI: Easing Anxieties, Finding Purpose, and Shaping the Church's Response
- » **Practical Ministry Tools** - Strengthening Internal Financial Controls for Your Church

Keynote Conversation featuring attorney and law professor Sherrilyn Ifill and Rev. Dr. Rachel Nyback

Presented by Episcopal Divinity School

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Opening Reception 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Seminary Receptions 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM



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THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Breakfast 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Workshop Two 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

- » **Embracing Dignity & Diversity** - Rooted in LGBTQ+ Inclusion and Marriage Equality: Rising in Faithful Resistance to Political Backlash
- » **Navigating Money Matters** - Data-Driven Stewardship Planning & The Future of Fundraising
- » **Reimagining Parish Property** - Reimagining Parish Property: How to PREPARE
- » **Cultivating Leadership** - Rising Leaders, Rooted Faith: Young Adults and the Future of the Church
- » **Equipping for the Future** - Sparking Faith through the Imagination: How to Reimagine Faith Formation with StoryMakers
- » **Practical Ministry Tools** - Endowment: Balancing Today's Wants with Tomorrow's Needs

Keynote Conversation featuring author Greg Jarrell, Bishop Sam Rodman, the Rev. Canon Kathy Walker, and attorney Pamela Hunter
Presented by Horizons Stewardship

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Lunch on Your Own 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Sponsored Lunches 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Hosted by Bexley Seabury Seminary, Church Pension Group, Friends of the Anglican Pilgrim Center in Santiago & Insider's Camino, Partners For Sacred Places, and Saint Francis Ministries

Workshop Three 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

- » **Embracing Dignity & Diversity** - Resisting and Reimagining the Current Culture: How to Be Church in Troubling Times
- » **Navigating Money Matters** - Planned Giving: Building a Legacy of Generosity & Faith
- » **Reimagining Parish Property** - Reimagining Parish Property: How to PARTNER
- » **Cultivating Leadership** - Leading with Vision: Empowering Lay Leaders in a Dynamic World
- » **Equipping for the Future** - Facing the Future Faithfully
- » **Practical Ministry Tools** - Managing Church Finances with Integrity and Compliance

Special Bonus Programming 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

- » **A Communion in Transition:** Hope, Leadership, and Global Witness
- » **Faithful Preparedness:** Leading Church Security with Care and Clarity
- » **AI and the Church:** Faithfully Navigating Digital Transformation
- » **People-First Cybersecurity**
- » **Form and Spirit in the Parish Building**

THURSDAY, *continued*

Buses Depart for Christ Church 5:00 PM

Conference Worship 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Reception at Christ Church 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Buses Return to Sheraton/LeMeridien Complex

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Breakfast 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Keynote Conversation featuring Brian Steensland, PhD., Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, and Allison Norton, PhD.
Presented by ACST powered by Vanco and James B. Jordan CPA, LLC

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Keynote featuring the Rev. Steven Tomlinson, PhD.

Presented by The Episcopal Church
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM