

CLERGY CONFERENCE 2021

Monday, October 25 – Wednesday, October 27
(Ancillary Meetings: Sunday, October 24)

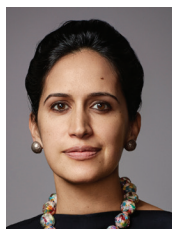
PLENARY, SEMINAR PRESENTERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS



Robert P. George

*Scholar, Philosopher,
Professor, Author*

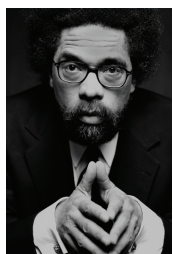
Author of: “What is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense”
Will present a plenary with
Cornel West.



Priya Parker

Facilitator, Advisor, Author

Author of: “The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why it Matters”
Will present a plenary.



Dr. Cornel West

*Professor, Philosopher,
Author, Activist*

Author of: “Race Matters” and
“Democracy Matters”
Will present a plenary with Robert
P. George.



**The Very Rev. Cynthia Briggs
Kittredge**

Dean and President

Seminary of the Southwest
Will present a seminar.



**The Rev. Dr. Katherine
Sonderegger**

*William Meade Chair of
Systematic Theology*

Virginia Theological Seminary
Will present a seminar.



Mary Uhl-Bien, Ph.D.

*BNSF Railway Endowed
Professor of Leadership*

Texas Christian University
Will present a seminar.



**The Rt. Rev. Jennifer
Baskerville-Burrows**

Bishop Diocesan

Diocese of Indianapolis
Guest Homilist



Kate Murphy

Journalist, Author

Author of: “You’re Not Listening”
Bishop’s Special Guest for
Conversation with . . .

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WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

The topics noted below are working themes only and may not necessarily represent the full scope of the presentation. Please check each week for updates as topics and workshop titles are finalized.

Willie Bennett

Congregational Engagement Officer, Episcopal Health Foundation

Creating Healthy Community for All with Transformational Community Outreach

(co-presenters: Eric Moen & Melodee Toles)

The Rev. Jacob Breeze

Founding Vicar of Holy Family HTX, Houston

Getting Through Covid: Cultivating Hope in Yourself and Other Leaders

(co-presenter: Dovie Crouse)

Troy Bush-DiDonato

Community Engagement Officer, Episcopal Health Foundation

We are Gathered Here Today...Now What? How to Facilitate & Build Participation in Your Convenings

(co-presenter: Tanya James)

Dovie Crouse

Bishop's Committee member, Holy Family HTX, Houston

Getting Through Covid: Cultivating Hope in Yourself and Other Leaders

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Chap Edmonson

Ministries Operations Director, Holy Family HTX, Houston

Setting the Table, Throwing the Party

Aneya Elbert

Spiritual Director, Formation Coordinator, St. Thomas, College Station & Middleway Urban Monastery

Evangelism as Listening

The Rev. Canon Christine Faulstich

Canon to the Ordinary, EDOT

Considering Interim Work?

Considering a Curate?

The Rev. Canon Rosa Lee Harden

Executive Producer, Faith+Finance

How Does Your Interest & Mission Intersect with the Needs of Your Community?

How to Find the Leverage Point for Change in Your Community

The Church as an Anchor Institution for Creating a just Local Economy

(co-presenter: Kevin Jones)



WORKSHOP PRESENTERS (continued)

Christine Havens

Communications Assistant, St. Matthew's, Austin

Wholly Foolishness

Dr. C. Michael Hawn

University Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Church Music,

Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

The Rev. Dr. Travis Helms

Campus Missioner, Austin Canterbury

Founder & Curator, LOGOS Poetry Collective

Introduction to Missional Thinking & Imagining (theory)

Missional Community in Practice: LOGOS Poetry Collective (case-study)

Applying Missional Imagination: Crafting Your Own Missional Vision & Project (workshop)

Roger Hutchison

Director of Christian Formation & Parish Life, Palmer Memorial, Houston

Broken Places, Learning to See, and the Color Blue

Tanya James

Community Partnerships Officer, Episcopal Health Foundation

We are Gathered Here Today...Now What? How to Facilitate & Build Participation in Your Convenings

(co-presenter: Tony Bush-DiDonato)

Rob Jerger

Pastoral Leader/Missioner, St. Clare's, Tyler

Crossing Boundaries, Starting Missional Communities

Kevin Jones

Curator, Faith+Finance

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Sarah Kapostasy

Clinical & Social Services Director, Out Youth & Transgender Wellnes

Creating Welcoming Communities for All Gender Identities

The Rev. Pedro Lopez

Rector, San Pedro/St. Peter's, Pasadena

Starting a Traditional Latino Ministry in your Church



WORKSHOP PRESENTERS (continued)

James Montana

Immigration Attorney, Law office of James Montana, PLLC

Making Sense of the Immigration Laws

Eric Moen

Sr. Congregational Engagement Officer, Episcopal Health Foundation

Creating Healthy Community for All with Transformational Community Outreach

(co-presenters: Willie Bennett & Melodee Toles)

The Rev. Luz Cabrera Montes

Curate, Trinity, Houston

The “Other” Latino Ministry: Ministering to Bicultural Latinos

(co-presenter: the Rev. Al Rodriguez)

The Rev. Eileen O’Brien

Rector, St. James’, Austin

Getting Through Covid: Cultivating Hope in the Wider Community

(co-presenters: ???)

The Rev. Dr. Jee Hei Park

Assistant Professor of the New Testament, Seminary of the Southwest

Preaching Like Luke: Preaching as a Storyteller

Preaching Like Luke: Preaching for “All”

The Rev. Albert R. Rodriguez

Interim Priest, St. Mary Magdalene, Manor

The “Other” Latino Ministry: Ministering to Bicultural Latinos

(co-presenter: the Rev. Luz Cabrera Montes)

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Russell

Co-Managing Director, Project Curate

Convening Community for Racial Justice; How to Give Partnered Purpose to

Your Racial Justice Initiative

(co-presenter: the Rev. Dr. Cleve V. Tinsley)

The Rev. Canon Lisa Stolley Burns

Canon for Wellness & Care and Safeguarding Minister, EDOT

Telling Our Stories: Using Wellness Circles to Heal & Connect in a Pandemic-Altered World

(co-presenter: the Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner)



WORKSHOP PRESENTERS (continued)

The Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner

Founder, Living Compass Spirituality & Wellness Initiative

The J Curve & Resilience: Understanding the Theology & Psychology of Liminal Time

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Melodee Toles

Program Associate, Episcopal Health Foundation

Creating Healthy Community for All with Transformational Community Outreach

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The Rev. Beth Wyndham

Founding Pastor, St. Nicholas, Bulverde

Getting Through Covid: Cultivating Hope in the Congregation

Zee Turnbull

Human Resources Manager, EDOT

Understanding your Retirement Benefits



Who Should Attend

All ordained clergy canonically resident in the Diocese of Texas are asked to attend as they are comfortable given the ongoing pandemic. All licensed clergy are invited to attend. While Camp Allen is a family friendly facility, Clergy Conference is strictly for clergy, Iona School students serving as Pastoral Leaders and diocesan staff.

Registration & Accommodations

On-line registration for the Clergy Conference is now open via campallen.org, click on 'Register for Events Online'. Hotel reservations and signups for ancillary meetings are made at the same time. There is no cost to attending clergy.

ROOMING NOTE: Because the attending clergy outnumbers the rooms available at Camp Allen, it is policy that attendees double up accommodations. This means that requests for single rooms are not likely to be granted. Single rooms are limited to persons of significant disability or handicap and requests for single rooms are assessed on a case by case basis. Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Check-In

For those attending any of the Ancillary Meetings, check-in will open at 2:30pm Sunday. General participant check-in will open at 8:00am Monday.

Additional Presentations that will be available include:

Considering a Curate?

Rectors who would like to explore the benefits and requirements of having a curate on the church staff are invited to visit with the Rev. Canon Christine Faulstich at an informational breakfast on Wednesday, October 27. All rectors interested in receiving a curate in 2021 are expected to attend. To reserve your place, email Kathryn Herman or sign up at the conference check-in table.

Considering Interim Work?

Priests who would like to share experiences from or explore the possibility of training to do interim work are invited to join the Rev. Canon Christine Faulstich for breakfast on Tuesday, October 26. To reserve your place, email Kathryn Herman or sign up at the conference check-in table.

Understanding the Ordination Process with COM

Meet with Bishop Ryan, Bishop Monterroso, Rev. Francene Young, and Rev. Uriel Lopez to get all your questions answered regarding the ordination process in the Diocese of Texas. We will be meeting in the afternoon on Tuesday, October 26 and this meeting will be in both English and Spanish.

Understanding your Retirement Benefits

The resources available to you from the Church Pension Group during your retirement extend beyond your pension and retirement savings. Learn about the resources and tools to help you on Tuesday, October 26 from Zee Turnball the Diocese of Texas' Human Resource Manager.



Activities & Extras

Be sure to take advantage of all the complimentary activities offered during Clergy Conference. Choose from fishing, canoeing, tennis, archery, skeet shooting, trail rides, giant swing, the high ropes/zipline, frisbee golf, and of course shopping. In addition, the hike and bike trail is awaiting all takers. The activities requiring a minimum number of participants will have sign-up sheets at the conference check in station.

Fly Fishing

Mark Marmon will be back to offer his fly-fishing expertise for beginners and veterans. Here's your chance to wrangle one the giant perch residing in Camp Allen's lakes.

Wholly Foolishness

We all need play. If you're not into Skeet Shooting or the Giant Swing, let your mind and spirit out for recess with creative and purely gratuitous word play among colleagues. Join Christine Havens on Tuesday, October 26 for some fun.

Pre-Conference Meetings & Presentations

Several meetings have been scheduled for the Sunday and Monday prior to the conference beginning. If you are to attend one of these meetings you will be contacted by the convener in advance.

Meeting

Iona Priest Clericus
Deacon Clericus
Clergy Orientation
Safeguarding Training

Contact

The Rev. Beth Woodson, 832-496-9517 (c)
The Rev. Jan Halstead, 512-470-9640 (c)
Kathryn Herman, 713-353-2121 (w)
The Rev. Lisa Burns, 512-609-1876 (c), 737-230-6122 (c)

Immunizations

Tdap shots influenza, pneumonia and shingles immunizations will be available at the conference early Tuesday morning. The specific time will be in the conference program. If you would like to take advantage of any of the vaccinations you need to do the following two things:

1. Complete the attached Consent & Release form prior to receiving any vaccination.
2. Bring all of your insurance cards with you to Camp Allen. (Our providers recommend that you bring all of your insurance cards as some vaccines are covered under medical and some under RX coverage.)

Most insurance plans and all Medicare plans will cover flu and pneumonia vaccinations. Part D covers the shingles vaccine.

Questions & Information

Any questions you have regarding the Clergy Conference can be directed to Julie Pare, 713-353-2128, jp@epicenter.org. More information will be posted as it becomes available.