

Taking the Next Courageous Step: EDOW 2018

Be courageous; committed to one other; close to Jesus.

- The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde

I. Resources for Daily Prayer

The Good Book Club / El Club Biblico

An invitation to all Episcopalians to join in reading the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts during Lent-Easter 2018. Episcopalians will start reading Luke on Sunday, February 11 and read a section of Luke's Gospel every day through the season of Lent. The season of Easter will be devoted to daily readings from the Book of Acts.

Resources in English and in Spanish

<http://www.goodbookclub.org/>

<http://clubbiblico.org/>

Forward Movement

Daily devotionals in English and in Spanish

<https://www.forwardmovement.org/>

Prayer App

Pray As You Go/Rezando Voy

Resources in English and Spanish

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/about/>

<https://rezandovoy.org/>

II. Resources for Sharing the Journey of Faith

Faith Sharing Conversations

With a simple deck of cards with questions to prompt deeper conversations, begin church meetings with a time of faith sharing or invite people to gather around a meal and faith sharing. No expertise or training required! An easy way to foster safe and welcoming space to give voice to our experience and build meaningful relationships.

Resources in English and in Spanish

<http://www.sharingfaithdinner.com/>

Sightlines: Spirituality and Purpose for the Path Ahead

Seabury Resources for Aging and EDOW have created a curriculum on the spirituality of aging called Sightlines. This multi-part series explores the challenges and rewards of aging in a spiritual context through video presentations, discussions, and contemplative practices. Participants can expect to learn, share, question, reflect and be surprised. Please contact Elizabeth Boyd eboyd@seaburyresources.org if you are interested in offering Sightlines at your parish.

Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times
An Evening with Adam Hamilton, Methodist Pastor and Author
March 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Washington National Cathedral

Hear the spiritual wisdom of one of the most widely read Methodist pastors in the nation and read his latest book. Then take home resources for all in your congregation--adults, teenagers, youth-- to engage in this important topic of spiritual resilience.

<https://cathedral.org/event/adam-hamilton-book-discussion/>

III. Growing Christian Community/ Congregational Health

Individual Congregational Support to Promote Healthy Leadership

Your diocesan staff is here to serve you.

Learning Day at Mt. Ennon Baptist Church

April 10, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

9832 Piscataway Rd, Clinton, MD

Our convention preacher, Dr. Delman Coates, invites us to visit the campus of Mt. Ennon Baptist Church and learn the philosophy of ministry and strategic initiatives for spiritual growth, growing the congregation, and financial health. <http://www.mtennon.org/>

[*Learn more and register*](#)

Strategic Financial Resource Commission Workshops

<https://www.edow.org/congregational-vitality/stewardship/>

Annual Giving

April 28 and August 18, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Locations TBD

Each workshop will feature speakers seasoned in annual giving, collaborative conversation, and extensive written materials that can be customized for use in each parish.

Planned Giving

May 19, 9:00 a.m. – noon

St. Francis Episcopal Church, Potomac, MD

With expertise from the Episcopal Church Foundation, a workshop open to all EDOW parishes. Topics to include: methods to sharpen a parish's vision and mission for planned giving, guidance to create a legacy society, and effective management practices and policies for planned giving assets.

EDOW Clergy Conference: The Unstuck Church

April 30 – May 2

Claggett Conference Center, 3035 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown, MD

Bishop Mariann has invited Tony Morgan, Chief Strategic Officer at the Unstuck Group, an organization that helps churches focus their vision, strategy and action in order to move from a place of plateau or decline to sustained congregational health. The Bishop will return

from her sabbatical for clergy conference.

<https://theunstuckgroup.com/>

IV. Becoming the Beloved Community

Live simulcast of Trinity Institute 2018: Values in Action

February 2-3

Grace Episcopal Church, Silver Spring is a host site for the conference. Speakers include Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, and Jose Antonio Vargas, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, filmmaker, and undocumented immigrant.

For more information or to register go to: <http://bit.ly/2BvYvjll> or email Sunny@graceepiscopalchurch.org <https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/trinity-institute/2018/home>

Act Now: A National Gathering to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

April 3-4

April 3: Ecumenical Worship Service, St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church

April 4: Interfaith Prayer Service at the Lincoln Memorial, and an "End Racism Rally" at the Washington Mall

For more information, contact the Race and Social Justice Task Force at raceandjustice@edow.org
<http://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/actnow/>

Ongoing Support, including Seeing the Face of God Racial Awareness Training

Members of the Race and Social Justice Task Force are available to facilitate parish conversations and host workshops on racial reconciliation, immigrant rights, and other social justice initiatives.

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