

The Diocese of New Jersey

Workshops

1A - Diocese of Central Ecuador, new Companion Diocese

9:30 am – 10:15 am Exhibit Hall East (EH2)

For nine years, our Diocese maintained a relationship of companionship with our sister Diocese of El Salvador. Our joint efforts and accomplishments left many footprints of love and fraternity within our Diocese. We shared our ministry and resources with fellow Salvadorian brothers and sisters. Our goals to reconstruct communities and enhance their theological studies were challenged by the 2001 earthquake, but were graciously met by the help of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We were able to build houses, schools, clinics and churches in order to construct a more prosperous community. Now our future plans are geared towards helping our sister Diocese of Central Ecuador. Our committee, along with Bishop Council, will present a resolution at the convention in February 2009. We will offer the opportunity to discuss further and share our ideas/vision for this future partnership in a workshop for both clergy and lay deputies during the convention.

Workshop leaders:

The Rev. Canon Servio R. Moscoso, Vicar of Iglesia San Jose, Elizabeth

The Rt. Rev. Sylvestre D. Romero, Assistant Bishop of New Jersey

1B - Young Adult/Campus Ministry Workshop

9:30 am – 10:15 am Ballroom C

Where are the young adults? This workshop explores practical ways of connecting with young adults (age 18-32) and involving them in the life and ministries of the local parish. Come with questions about college-age and post-college young adults. Leave with resources, ideas, support, and energy for getting started.

Workshop leaders:

The Rev. Gregory Bezilla, Episcopal Chaplain at Rutgers

The Rev. Valerie Balling, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Mullica Hills

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2A – Cameroon, West Africa:

Sister Jane and the Orphans of the Good Shepherd Home

10:30 am – 11:15 am Ballroom B

Join us for an inspiring DVD presentation and discussion of the Rev. Canon Elizabeth Geitz's mission trip to Cameroon in July 2008. Those of us in first world countries have much to learn from our neighbors in developing nations. How was the orphanage begun, what obstacles were faced and overcome, and what lies ahead for these vulnerable children who struggle daily to survive? Come learn of the force of love, who through the love of Christ, brought the fifty children together into one family, Sister Jane Mankaa, known to the children as "Mama". Their steadfast love for one another, hope and joy can be a beacon of hope to all of us.

Workshop leader:

The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Geitz is the Canon for Ministry Development and Deployment in the Diocese of New Jersey. Author of seven books, she is now working on her eighth, **Into the Heart of Cameroon**, chronicling her pilgrimage. A recent keynote speaker for the Diocese of Long Island Convention, she is the recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Alumna Award for General Theological Seminary, currently serves on their Board of Trustees, and is a CREDO faculty member.

2B - Inside the Prayer book, but outside the box...

10:30 am – 11:15 am Ballroom C

A workshop and presentation offering some ideas on how to enrich, enliven, and energize your Sunday morning worship, while still remaining truly and faithfully Anglican. Beginning and sustaining a praise band, fully including children in the liturgical ministries, and broadening your musical style are some of the practical ideas you can draw upon to bring back to your congregation. Video taped excerpts will highlight how some of these resources are used in one New Jersey parish setting.

Workshop leader:

The Rev. Francis N. Hebert, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Freehold