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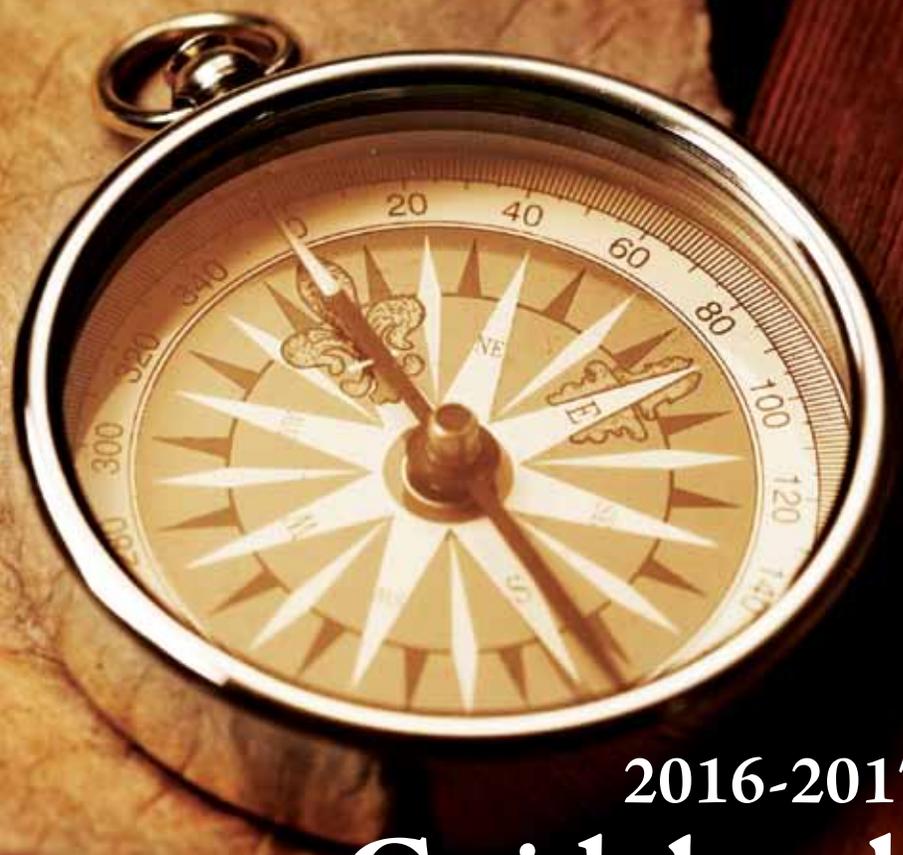
School of Theology

Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

65 Fourth Street, Garden City, NY 11530

LEADERSHIP

in the 21st Century:
how do we reach the future together?



2016-2017

Guidebook

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Summer 2016

Dear Friends,

We are happy to provide you today with the Mercer School of Theology Guidebook for the academic year 2016-2017. You will find much that is familiar in terms of the training programs and seminars that occur annually or more often to update groups on Safe Church, awareness of issues of race and prejudice, and to renew the energy of Vestries, Wardens and Treasurers. In addition, you will find a call to dig to the foundations and begin again in terms of religious education, of faith formation, of the ways we seek to pass on our faith to the young and to strengthen that faith across the generations. I am convinced this must be our priority now in terms of learning and re-learning.

All of this will happen this coming year in the context of a concentration on leadership in the present moment. You will be invited to lectures, convocations, and conversations on what it means to be a leader today — in a neighborhood, in a local church, in family, in a Sunday School setting, in a diocese. What do you expect from those in positions of leadership? How do you recognize an effective leader? In what ways are you yourself called to lead?

We will be in touch through the year with blended learning opportunities — short courses that include opening and closing sessions at Mercer School and four online meetings between. This is another effort to make resources in learning available to you without needing to travel often from home.

Our one request is this: take advantage this coming year of all that the Diocese of Long Island offers for education and ongoing formation through the gift of the Mercer School of Theology.

Sincerely in Christ,

John McGinty+

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FALL AND SPRING OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday

Registration for all courses and workshops must be received no later than one week prior to the event. The Mercer School reserves the right to charge late fees or to cancel classes due to insufficient enrollment. Payment in full must accompany all registrations. No refunds will be given for non-participation.



Fall/Spring Semester 2016-2017 Offerings

August

Eucharistic Visitor Training

[LL]

Date: Saturday, August 20, 2016

Time: 9 am – 12 noon

Location: Mercer School of Theology

This workshop will prepare those nominated by their clergy to act as Lay Eucharistic Visitors to those hospitalized, confined to rehabilitation and nursing institutions, as well as the homebound. Content will include Eucharistic theology, role-playing for Eucharistic visits, and required SHE training. Those who participate in this workshop, with their rector/clergy-in-charge's support, can then be licensed by the Bishop's Office as Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

For registration, assure first that you are sponsored by your parish clergy, then contact Diane Muscarella at 516-248-4800 Ext. 140 or at dmuscarella@dioceseli.org.

There is no fee for this event.

Race Awareness Program (RAP)

[P]

Date: Saturday August 20, 2016

Time: 10 am – 4 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

This course repeats on October 20, Feb 25, 2017, May 20 2017.

Awareness of racism and response to it in our individual lives and in our communities remains as crucial as ever to the health of both Church and society. Participants will be led from an awareness of discrimination to an understanding of racism and other forms of oppression on the personal, inter-personal, institutional and systemic levels.

Note the requirement for this training according to the canons of the Diocese of Long Island, Canon 4, Section III: "Education Training on Anti-Racism. All members of the clergy, and all seminarians, candidates for Holy Orders, and all employees and lay leadership of the diocese or of parishes, missions, chapels, or other diocesan units, shall attend training as approved by the Bishop, on issues of anti-racism in church and pastoral relationships."

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/RAP-8-20-16>.

For complete course description

www.mercerschool.org

Course codes:

[P] = OPEN to the PUBLIC

[C] = CLERGY

[LL] = LAY LEADERS

[BI] = BY INVITATION

Parish Resource Center

Our friends at the Parish Resource Center in Valley Stream offer workshops and webinars in support of parish ministry.

Visit them at cpr4church.org or go directly to their events and registration page at <http://www.cpr4church.org/events-and-workshops.html>

September

Opening of Academic Year [P]

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Time: 6 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

A convocation is a venerable tradition that marks the commencement of each new academic year by a gathering of students, teachers, and all those church and community members interested in and committed to lifelong learning. The evening will include Evening Prayer and the dedication of the new Seminar Room/Lounge in honor of the Reverend and Mrs. Domenic Ciannella.

Leadership in the Life and Practice of the Christian Faith,
The Rev. Lyndon Shakespeare

Lyndon Shakespeare is an Episcopal Priest and chair of the Society of Scholar-Priests. In 2015, he was awarded his PhD by Archbishop Justin Welby having studied for several years as a member of the Archbishop's Examination in Theology. His dissertation is being published by Cascade Books under the title: *Being the Body the Christ in the Age of Management*.

Community/Congregational based Clinical Pastoral Education and Training (CPE/T) [P]

Location: Mercer School of Theology

Schedule will be available on the Mercer School website.

CPE/T is an experience of self-examination and reflection, with feedback received from peers and supervisor, with a goal of bringing individuals to a fresh level of awareness of themselves. The program aim is to equip those who are willing and able to provide pastoral care to people in their communities by engaging diversity and differences, especially to those who find themselves marginalized. The results will enable participants to connect to our common humanness and the struggle(s) of social (in)justice.

Supervisor: The Rev. Dr. Nancy Schaffer,
nschaffer1@outlook.com

New group forming for 2017.

Please call 718-869-7411 for application.

The place of "leadership" in the life and practice of Christian faith is one of his current research interests. Another has to do with making the perfect shot of espresso. The latter topic is proving more difficult than the former. When not researching either topic, Lyndon happily serves as a parish priest.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/Convocation-9-13-16>

There is no fee for this event.

School for Ministry [LL/BI]

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2016

Time: 8:30 am – 4 pm

Location: Mercer School

The Diocese of Long Island is committed to quality preparation of men and women for service to church and world as vocational deacons or as priests. This ordination formation community meets for learning and prayer throughout the year. Some School for Ministry courses, as noted in Mercer communications throughout the year, will be open to other interested learners.

In addition to regular monthly classes there will be three Friday-Saturday overnights during the year.

Vestry & Wardens Day [LL]

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2016

[Rescheduled from March 12, 2016]

Time: 9 am – 3 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

This day will engage church Wardens and Vestry members in a lively reflection on their responsibilities as office-holders at the church. A broadened perspective will seek to uncover new possibilities both for the local church and for those in leadership positions. The Rev. Jerry Keucher, priest-in-charge at Saint Mary's Church, Brooklyn and formerly Treasurer of the Diocese of New York, along with Peter Robey and staff of the Diocese of Long Island Finance Office, will lead the day.

Fee: \$20 including lunch. Space is very limited.

Please register by September 9.

Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/Vestry-Wardens-2016>

All vestry members who registered for the March 2016 event are automatically included for this new date. Please contact the Mercer office mercerooffice@dioceseli.org if you are unable to attend.

Turning Points: Clergy Circle [C/BI]

Date: Third Tuesdays, September to May,
beginning September 20, 2016

Time: 10 am – 1 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

Each year the Diocese of Long Island provides a series of meetings to assist new clergy, as well as those new to the diocese, to prepare to minister well in New York State. The series meets on the third Tuesday of each month throughout the academic year. An overnight retreat is also included.

Inclusion in this group is by invitation.

New Pastors Group [C/BI]

Date: Third Tuesdays, September to May,
beginning September 20, 2016

Time: 12 noon – 2 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

A support group for clergy who are leading a parish for the first time. Members present cases from real life experience from which all can learn and grow.

Faith Formation Forum for Clergy [C]

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2016

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Mercer School of Theology

Faith Formation for All God's People in an Era of Change

John Roberto, LifelongFaith Associates

Clergy are invited to this day, both to learn and to share their experience.

Everyday we experience the reality that we are living in an era of change. But more importantly we are living in a change of eras. The models of faith formation developed over the past decades cannot keep pace with the challenges of this new era. We need something very new to address the lives of 21st century families, children, adolescents, and adults. We need to envision a whole new way of forming faith—a new ecosystem of intergenerational relationships and faith experiences at church, lifelong faith formation from childhood through adulthood, family faith formation at home, and missional faith formation to the uninvolved and unaffiliated. All of this supported by digitally-enabled and digitally-connected faith formation that can reach everyone, anytime, anyplace, 24x7.

The workshop will provide examples and illustrations of how churches can reimagine faith formation for the 21st century.

John Roberto is President of LifelongFaith Associates and works as a consultant to churches and national organizations, teaches courses and conducts workshops in faith formation, and has authored books and program manuals in faith formation. His latest publications include *Families at the Center of Faith Formation* (editor and co-author, 2016), *Seasons of Adult Faith Formation* (editor and co-author, 2015), *Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century* (2015), *Generations Together* (co-authored, 2014), *Faith Formation 2020* (2010), and *Becoming a Church of Lifelong Learners* (2006).

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/FF-Clergy>

There is no fee for this gathering.



EfM in the Diocese of Long Island

Education for Ministry, affectionately known as EfM, is a four-year ecumenical program designed to prepare you for lay ministry within the diverse contexts of contemporary life.

The curriculum is centered on theological reflection, which is the artful spiritual discipline of putting our life experiences into conversation with the living God of our faith. It's a practical skill that will provide a way for you to experience greater meaning in your day-to-day life and a more tangible sense of God's loving presence in the world and how to share that love in lay ministry.

Students sign up one year at a time for the four-year program. The program grants a certificate at the completion of the four years and 18 Continuing Education Units for each year's work. There are EfM groups meeting currently throughout the diocese.

More detail, including sample lessons, can be found on-line at: <http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM/EFMContents.htm>

To REGISTER, or for more information, please email Mark D'Alessio, the Diocesan Coordinator: efm@dioceseli.org or visit the Mercer website www.mercerschool.org.

Youth Pre-Convention

[LL/BI]

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2016

Time: 10 am – 4 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

This Pre-Convention conference includes food, games and fellowship with other teens. Youth will be prepared for Convention 2016. Make new friends and join the powerful and faithful voice of youth in the Diocese!

For more information contact Canon Myra Garnes, Canon of Youth & Young Adult Ministries: mgarnes@dioceseli.org 516-248-4800 ext. 118

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/PreConvention2016>

October

Hispanic Commission Day

Date: Saturday October 1, 2016

Time: 9:30 am – 4 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

Lo Que Hay A Mano

A veces las iglesias deciden comenzar iniciativas y se hunden antes de empezar porque solo ven lo que falta. Este taller ayudara a iluminar del proceso de desarrollar ministerios con habilidades, dones, y materiales que ya tenemos entre nosotros.

Out of Household Items

Sometimes churches start ministry initiatives and sink before they set out because they can only see what they lack. This workshop will help illuminate the process of developing ministries that build on the skills, gifts, and materials that we already have handy.

Parishes are encouraged to bring groups to the workshop. Please contact the Rev. Gabriel Lamazares for information and registration: vicar@allsaintssunnyside.org.

Fall Clergy Day

[C]

Date: Tuesday October 4, 2016

Time: 10 am – 3 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

For further information, contact the Bishop's Office.

This gathering is for the clergy of the Diocese.

Safe Church Training

[P]

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2016

Time: 9 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

This course repeats Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Topics covered include the legal, ethical, and theological foundations for the prevention of sexual abuse or harassment and the development of safe working and learning places. New church employees and lay leaders are encouraged to register for these workshops. The training is required for lay leaders and church staff, including Sunday School teachers and all parishioners who work with children. Safe Church workshops are offered in English and Spanish. Workshop dates may be found on the Mercer online calendar. Safe Church trainings will be offered throughout the academic year, both at Mercer School and throughout the diocese.

Class size is limited. There is no fee for this event.

Lunch will be provided.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/Safe-10-15-16>

Turning Points: Clergy Circle

[C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Time: 10 am – 1 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20.

Did you know that SafeChurch is available online?

Though in-person SafeChurch training is required in almost all cases, there is the ability for those previously trained to renew their training online.

This requires each parish to have an online administrator who will be in charge of maintaining that parish's SafeChurch records.

If your parish does not have an online administrator and wishes to set one up, you should designate a person and then contact Diocesan SafeChurch Administrator, Patrick Kangrga at pkangrga@dioceseli.org or 516-248-4800 Ext. 117.

What is Racism Awareness Program (RAP)?

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Participants will be led from an awareness of discrimination to an understanding of racism and other forms of oppression on the personal, interpersonal, institutional and systemic levels.

New Pastors Group

[C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Time: 12 noon – 2 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20.

Racism Awareness Program (RAP)

[P]

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2016

Time: 10 am – 4 pm

Location: St. Marks Church,
754 Montauk Hwy, Islip, NY 11751

This course repeats on Feb 25, 2017, May 20 2017.

See the full description for this gathering under the date of August 20.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/RAP-10-20-16>

School for Ministry

[LL/BI]

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016

Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description of this gathering under the date of September 17.

Workshop: How to Create and Lead a Retreat [P]

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016

Time: 9 am – 4 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

Retreats can be invigorating and help with parish organization as well. But we need to know how to run them if we haven't had the experience. Join Canon Myra Garnes and Fr. Brian Blayer for a workshop on leading retreats. This will be a one day event.

Fee: \$20. For lunch and materials

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/How-To-Retreat>

November

NYACDA 2017 Fall Conference

[BI]

Date: Friday, November 4 & Saturday, November 5, 2016

Time: Friday evening 7:30 pm; Saturday all day

Location: Cathedral of the Incarnation &
the Mercer School of Theology

The New York chapter of the American Choral Directors Association is part of the largest professional organization for choral musicians in the United States. The conference will present concerts, clinics and workshops (for members only) all dedicated to the advancement of the choral art. The Friday, November 4 at 7:30 pm concert in the Cathedral of the Incarnation will feature The eVoco Choral Collective, directed by David Fryling of Hofstra University. This concert is open to the public at no charge. Tickets not required.

For more information contact:

Norman Zogaib: president@nyacda.org

Turning Points: Clergy Circle

[C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Time: 10 am – 1 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20.

ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Diocese November 11 & 12

THANKSGIVING DAY
Thursday, November 23

ADVENT BEGINS
November 27

New Pastors Group [C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Time: 12 noon – 2 pm
Location: Mercer School of Theology
See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20.

Preaching the Lectionary at Advent and Christmas [C]

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Time: 9 am – 3 pm
Location: Mercer School of Theology
In cooperation with the ELCA Metropolitan NY Synod. The presenter will be the Rev. Dr. Robert Robinson, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.
Fee: \$50. including lunch.
Please register via the ELCA Metro Synod at: www.onlinemmys.org/eventregistration
Registration closes November 9th

Altar Guild Quiet Day [P]

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2016
Time: 10 am – 3 pm
Location: Chapel of the Good Shepherd,
Mercer School of Theology
A time apart to prepare for Advent.
Bring a sandwich. Dessert & beverage provided.
For information and registration, contact Ms. Peg Ripton, President 718-225-3728.

Clergy Retreat Day: What are we waiting for? An Advent Reflection [C]

Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2016
Time: 10 am – 2 pm
Location: Chapel of the Good Shepherd,
Mercer School of Theology
Facilitated by John McGinty
This is the first in a series of days of prayer and quiet offered at Mercer this year to the clergy of the Diocese. There will be an initial reflection offered, a time of silent prayer, and a chance to share insight with one another.

There is no fee for this gathering. Lunch will be provided.
For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/Quiet-Day-Advent>

December

Safe Church Training [P]

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2016
Time: 9 am – 3:30 pm
Location: Mercer School of Theology
See the full description for this gathering under the date of October 15.
This course repeats Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017.
Class size is limited. There is no fee for this event.
For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/Safe-12-3-16>

School for Ministry [LL/BI]

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2016
Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Location: Mercer School of Theology
See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 17.

Turning Points: Clergy Circle [C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Time: 10 am – 1 pm
Location: Mercer School of Theology
See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20.

New Pastors Group [C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Time: 12 noon – 2 pm
Location: Mercer School of Theology
See description September 20.

Turning Points: Clergy Circle [C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Time: 10 am – 1 pm
Location: Mercer School of Theology
See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20, 2016.

January**Eucharistic Visitor Training** [LL]

Date: Saturday, January 7, 2017
Time: 9 am – 12 noon
Location: Mercer School of Theology
See the full description for this gathering under the date of August 20, 2016.

For registration, assure first that you are sponsored by your parish clergy, then contact Diane Muscarella at 516-248-4800 Ext. 140 or at dmuscarella@dioceseli.org.

There is no fee for this event.

New Pastors Group [C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Time: 12 noon – 2 pm
Location: Mercer School of Theology
See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20.

Faith Formation Forum for Church Leadership Teams [C/LL]

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2017
Time: 10 am
Location: Mercer School of Theology

Designing Faith Formation for the 21st Century

John Roberto, LifelongFaith Associates

How can congregations design faith formation that is responsive to the needs and spiritual-religious journeys of people today?

This workshop helps leaders discover a variety of practical strategies and approaches for creating a more vital and vibrant faith forming congregation—becoming more intentionally intergenerational as a community of faith, engaging families in faith formation, reaching the uninvolved and unaffiliated in the community, and developing lifelong faith formation for all ages. Leaders will learn how to use online content and digital tools to extend and expand faith formation at church, engage families at home in faith practices, create online faith formation, and reach the uninvolved and unaffiliated in your community.

Churches are encouraged to send leadership teams to this gathering: clergy, Sunday School and Youth Ministry volunteers, and interested parish members.

John Roberto is President of LifelongFaith Associates and works as a consultant to churches and national organizations, teaches courses and conducts workshops in faith formation, and has authored books and program manuals in faith formation. His latest publications include *Families at the Center*

School for Ministry [LL/BI]

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2017
Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Location: Mercer School of Theology
See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 17.

The Responsible Church: Treasurer's Workshop [LL]

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2017
Time: 9 am – 3 pm
Location: Mercer School of Theology

The Treasurer's Workshop addresses the principal responsibilities and tasks of a parish treasurer. Speakers include the Rev. Jerry Keucher, priest-in-charge of Saint Mary's Church, Brooklyn, and former Treasurer of the Diocese of New York, along with Peter Robey, Director of Finance for the Diocese of Long Island.

Fee \$20 including lunch. Space is limited.

*For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/Treasurers-2017>
Or call 516.248.4800 ext. 140.*

of Faith Formation (editor and co-author, 2016), Seasons of Adult Faith Formation (editor and co-author, 2015), Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century (2015), Generations Together (co-authored, 2014), Faith Formation 2020 (2010), and Becoming a Church of Lifelong Learners (2006).

Fee: \$40 per parish. Lunch will be provided.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/FF-Leadership>

Preaching the Lectionary in Lent, Holy Week, and Easter [C]

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Time: 9 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

In cooperation with the ELCA Metropolitan NY Synod. Prepare to preach the holy seasons of Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Guest presenter TBA.

Fee: \$50. including lunch.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/Preaching-Lent-2017>

Registration closes on January 25.

February

Winter Clergy Day [C]

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Time: 9:30 am – 3 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

For further information, contact the Bishop's Office.

This gathering is for the clergy of the Diocese.

School for Ministry [LL/BI]

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2017

Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 17, 2016.

ABSALOM JONES DAY Celebration February 11

Safe Church Training [P]

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2017

Time: 9 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

This course repeats Saturday, April 22, 2017.

See the full description for this gathering under the date of October 15, 2016.

Class size is limited. There is no fee for this event.

Lunch will be provided.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/Safe-2-18-17>

Turning Points: Clergy Circle [C]

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Time: 10 am – 1 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20, 2016.

New Pastors Group [C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Time: 12 noon – 2 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20, 2016.

Racism Awareness Program (RAP) [P]

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2017

Time: 10 am – 4 pm

Location: TBA

See the full description for this gathering under the date of August 20, 2016.

This course repeats on May 20, 2017.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/RAP-2-25-17>

March

Commission on Ministry - Discernment Day

[LL/C/BI]

Date: Saturday, March 4, 2017

Time: 9 am – 12 noon

Location: Mercer School of Theology

For information and registration, contact

*The Rev. Canon Joseph Pae, Chair of Commission on Ministry,
gemrevpae@gmail.com.*

Clergy Retreat Day: With Eyes Open, and Thirsting. A Lenten Reflection.

[C]

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Location: Chapel of the Good Shepherd,

Mercer School of Theology

Facilitated by John McGinty

This is one in a series of days of prayer and quiet offered at Mercer this year to the clergy of the Diocese. There will be an initial reflection offered, a time of silent prayer, and a chance to share insight with one another.

There is no fee for this gathering. Lunch will be provided.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/Quiet-Day-Lent>

Youth and Family Support Summit

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2017

Location: Mercer School of Theology

This day long summit is developed and presented jointly by **Episcopal Ministries of Long Island** and the **Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries**. The Summit will focus on opportunities for strengthening Youth and Family Systems within our communities. We will explore current trends and different ministries that support families and that give children and youth greater opportunity for reaching their potential. The summit will be highly interactive and will feature young adult presenters as well as professionals and experts from the field that will inform and inspire ideas for ministry and formation.

Send an email requesting to receive more information about this event: EMLI@dioceseli.org or Youth@dioceseli.org

ASH WEDNESDAY March 1

Eucharistic Visitor Training

[P]

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017

Time: 6 pm – 9 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of August 20, 2016.

For registration, assure first that you are sponsored by your parish clergy, then contact Diane Muscarella at 516-248-4800 Ext. 140 or at dmuscarella@dioceseli.org.

There is no fee for this event.

Trinity Institute 2017 “Water Justice: A Global Theological Conference”

[P]

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 (World Water Day) –
Friday, March 24, 2017.

Location: At the Mercer School in Garden City as a
partner site with Trinity Wall Street

Access to clean water is an essential human right. The theme of the 2017 Trinity Institute is worldwide water justice: how climate change, lack of access, drought, pollution, and flooding particularly affect the marginalized and the vulnerable, and what we might do about it. For those who support this struggle, the conference will give tools to take unified, faith-based actions to address and to begin to resolve these issues. Bookmark www.JustWater2017.org and check back frequently to learn more about the project, who has joined, and the many ways you can participate. As in previous years, again in 2017 the Mercer School in Garden City will be a partner site for the Trinity Institute. Persons attending at Mercer have the benefit of the entire program, along with the means to interact with each other and with the speakers. This promises to be an important event to advance worldwide social justice.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/TI-2017>

HOLY WEEK
Palm Sunday, April 9 –
Easter, April 16

Vestry & Wardens Day [C/LL]

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Time: 9 am – 3 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

Fee: \$20 including lunch. Space is very limited.

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 17, 2016

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/Vestry-Wardens-2017>

School for Ministry [LL/BI]

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Time: 8:30 am – 4 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 17, 2016

Turning Points: Clergy Circle [C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Time: 10 am – 1 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20, 2016

New Pastors Group [C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Time: 12 noon – 2 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20, 2016

April

Safe Church Training [P]

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017

Time: 9 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date October 15, 2016.

This course repeats Saturday, June 17, 2017.

Class size is limited. There is no fee for this event.

Lunch will be provided.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/Safe-4-22-17>

School for Ministry [LL/BI]

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017

Time: 8:30 am – 4 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 17, 2016.

Turning Points: Clergy Circle [C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Time: 10 am – 1 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20, 2016.

New Pastors Group [C/BI]

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Time: 12 noon – 2 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20, 2016.

Parish Communication Day [P]

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2017

Time: 10 am – 3 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

If you are involved with communicating the mission and stories of your parish—whether that be via newsletter (electronic or

print), a website, social media, or by other means—you are a parish communicator! All Parish Communicators are invited for a day of workshops and fellowship to improve skills, share ideas, and network with other communicators across the diocese.

To register: <http://tinyurl.com/Communications-Day-2017>

The Annual Robert Farrar Capon Lecture [P]

Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Time: 6 pm Reception; 7 pm Lecture

Location: Mercer School of Theology

The 2017 Capon Lecture will be delivered by the Reverend Doctor Martha Horne. The lecture is given annually since 2015 in honor of one of the most visionary and extraordinary leaders of the Mercer School of Theology, the Reverend Robert Farrar Capon (1925 - 2013). The series is dedicated to the continuation of a Scripture-based, future-centered and hope-filled consideration of issues related to Christian faith in the 21st century.

Martha Horne was Dean and President of the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA from 1994-2007, following eight years as a faculty member and an associate dean. The first woman elected president of an Episcopal seminary, Martha has been an ordained Episcopal priest for 32 years and was a parish priest on the staffs of Christ Church, Alexandria and St. Andrew's, Burke, before joining the VTS faculty in 1986. A former member of the board of the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada, Martha served as president during the 2000-2002 biennium.

Since retiring from VTS, Martha served as Dean of ATS Presidential Leadership programs from 2008-2014 and continues to work with ATS staff to plan and facilitate conferences for presidents and boards of theological schools. She is a conference leader for CREDO, a national clergy wellness initiative of the Episcopal Church Pension Group, and is Chair of the Episcopal Church Commission on Impairment and Leadership.

Martha is married to McDonald K. Horne, III a retired physician.

To register: <http://tinyurl.com/Capon-2017>

May

Clergy Conference 2017 [C]

Date: May 2, 3, 4

The annual Clergy Conference of the Diocese of Long Island invites the deacons, priests, and bishops serving in the Diocese to gather for prayer, learning, and fellowship. The location of the Conference and information on theme and leader(s) will be provided to all clergy in a timely manner. Registration information will also be provided at that time. The Conference provides a unique moment annually of enrichment and celebration for those who serve the Church as ordained leaders.

500th Reformation Anniversary [C]

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017

Time: 12 noon – 3 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

A Pastoral Leader Study Day in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation of the Church in the 16th century will be hosted by the Lutheran Anglican Roman Catholic Dialogue (LARC) of Long Island at Mercer School of Theology. Keynote speaker will be the Lutheran scholar, the Reverend Doctor Philip Krey, who served for fifteen years as President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP). This ecumenical gathering and time of reflection on 500 years of Reformation history and theology will highlight how the Reformation is being lived out within our faith communities.

Turning Points Group Overnight Retreat @ Bishop Molloy House [C/BI]

Date: May 19 – 20, 2017

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Bishop Molloy Retreat House, Jamaica, NY

For information and registration, contact the Mercer Office.

Racism Awareness Program (RAP) [P]

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017

Time: 10 am – 4 pm

Location: Mercer School

See the full description for this gathering under the date of August 20, 2016.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/RAP-5-20-17>

Baccalaureate Service “Mass on the Grass”

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017

Time: 11 am

Location: Cathedral of the Incarnation

Please join the entire diocese in recognizing and blessing our high school seniors as they prepare to transition to their next phase of life. This will be an opportunity to thank our seniors for their gifts, talent and service in their parishes and our diocesan ministries. Seniors will have time to connect with friends from across the diocese and learn about campus ministries and our Episcopal ministries for young adults.

*For more information, contact Canon Myra Garnes,
Director of Youth Ministry ext. 118.*

Parish Administrators Day

[LL/BI]

Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Time: 9:30 am – 3 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

Parish administrators and bookkeepers are once again invited to join together for fellowship and appreciation. This day, which is repeated by popular demand, will help the attendees to step back to allow God to speak and nourish their souls. Provided with gratitude for the commitment, skill, and daily effort of parish administrators across the Diocese of Long Island.

For information and registration:

<http://tinyurl.com/Parish-Admins-2017>

or call 516.248.4800, ext. 140.

New Pastors Group

[C/BI]

Date: May 23, 2017

Time: 12 noon – 2 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 20, 2016.

June

Clergy Retreat Day: From Silence to Speech and Back Again

[C]

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Location: Chapel of the Good Shepherd,
Mercer School of Theology

Facilitated by John McGinty

This is one in a series of days of prayer and quiet offered at Mercer this year to the clergy of the Diocese. There will be an initial reflection offered, a time of silent prayer, and a chance to share insight with one another.

There is no fee for this gathering. Lunch will be provided.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/Quiet-Day-6-14-17>

School for Ministry

[LL/BI]

Date: Saturday, June 17, 2017

Time: 8:30 am – 4 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of September 17, 2016.

Safe Church Training

[P]

Date: Saturday, June 17, 2017

Time: 9 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Mercer School of Theology

See the full description for this gathering under the date of October 15, 2016.

Class size is limited. There is no fee for this event.

Lunch will be provided.

For registration: <http://tinyurl.com/Safe-6-17-17>

How to Host a Safe Church Training at Your Parish

There are instances in which trainings may take place off-site of the Mercer School Campus. There are a number of trainers authorized by the Diocese of Long Island to travel to your parish and lead an onsite training session. In total, training usually lasts between 4-5 hours accommodating no more than 40-50 people. The trainer's fee is \$400. Parishes may not charge participants for these sessions, so you may want to partner with a neighboring parish to share the cost. During sessions, a member of clergy, staff, or vestry should be available for pastoral purposes or if any questions or concerns regarding your specific parish context arise.

Parish training sessions will be listed on the diocesan and Mercer calendars, and are open to all members of the diocese. Host parishes handle the registration process, and may give priority to their own parishioners.

If you are interested in this option, please email Patrick Kangrga at pkangrga@dioceseli.org.

THE REV. J. CLARENCE JONES LIBRARY of the Mercer School of Theology

The collections of the library are chiefly historical.

Except when the library space is being used for meetings, it is open when the offices of the Mercer School are open, typically, 9 am – 4 pm Tuesday through Friday and 8:30 am – 2 pm on Saturday. Circulation is by application. The library's website is <http://Mercer.tlcdelivers.com:8080/>. The library's ebook website is <http://mercerebooks.lib.overdrive.com/>. To ensure the space is and will be open potential visitors should contact the library director: Charles Egleston (516-248-4800, ext. 139; cegleston@dioceseli.org).

The Rev. Jones (1859-1942) was rector of St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn from 1899 until 1936. He was an Examining Chaplain and a member of the Standing Committee remembered by Bishop DeWolfe for "His firm convictions that the Church of Christ will long be felt in the life of the Diocese. As an Examining Chaplain, he had the opportunity of impressing the candidates for Holy Orders with the deep significance of our faith and its spiritual reality."

WORSHIP AND STUDY The Chapel of the Good Shepherd

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd lies at the heart of the Mercer School. Attendance at Chapel services is a vital expression of the corporate life of the Mercer community as well as a means of assisting each individual in his or her spiritual formation. It is hoped that all who study at Mercer will avail themselves of the Chapel and its services and will assist in their conduct.

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd

- ◆ Is always available for quiet meditation and prayer
- ◆ Is open to groups wishing to gather together to pray morning/evening or other prayer services

A rota of faculty and Mercer students who volunteer to assist in the conduct of services in the Chapel as lectors, leaders of the intercessions, and acolytes/lay Eucharistic ministers is posted near the beginning of each semester. Changes are the responsibility of the individuals concerned.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Note that whenever the Bishop's Office is closed due to poor weather, Mercer School will close as well.

When cancellation becomes necessary Mercer School will make every attempt to communicate the news to all those registered for any affected gathering. Please assure that in registering, your contact information is provided and is correct and up-to-date.

Check the Mercer School website calendar for updated info and events.
www.mercerschool.org



O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— *Prayer for the Diversity of Races and Cultures,*
Book of Common Prayer (1979)