

### (3) “Transformed, Not Conformed”

Who were some Christians who became social transformers? How were they formed and empowered for their ministries? How was their formation different from other people in their culture, so that they were enabled not to be conformed to their world? What can we learn from them about what God is calling us to do in our culture? This workshop will be led by The Rev. John Morris from St. Martin’s Church in Fairlee and Blanche Cooper from St. Barnabas’ Church in Norwich.

### (4) “No transformation without contemplation”

The Prayer Book says: “Prayer is responding to God by thought and by deeds, with or without words.” We are good at the “with words” bit, but how do we pray “without words”? The Prayer Book also says: “The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.” That unity can only be reached by risking personal change, growth, and transformation. Richard Rohr has said: “There is no transformation without contemplation.” Each workshop will teach a path to transformation through two different traditions of meditation. In Shelburne, The Very Rev. Ken Poppe from St. Paul’s Cathedral, will guide participants in meditation based on the practices of The World Community for Christian Meditation. In Brattleboro and White River Junction, the workshops will be based on the practices of Centering Prayer, led by The Rev. Armand Proulx (Brattleboro) and Helen Daly (White River Junction). Through these experiences, we can open ourselves to the change we long for in ourselves and our world.



**Hopkins Bookshop will be selling books and resources related to these workshops at each Ministry Fair.**

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## 2009 Ministry Fairs

# Formed for Ministry... Transforming our Culture



The Möbius strip, shown above, symbolizes the ongoing interplay between formation and transformation. Known as a “one-sided, nonorientable surface” with only one side and one edge, it conveys a sense of an ongoing process that does not have a specific beginning or ending point.

Romans 12:2a - “*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds*” (NRSV).

“*Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking.*” (Eugene Peterson’s [The Message](#))

**October 3 – St. Paul’s Church, White River Jct.**

**October 10 – St. Michael’s Church, Brattleboro**

**October 31 – Trinity Church, Shelburne**

The programs for this year’s Ministry Fair Workshops and Diocesan Convention were developed jointly by the Commission on Ministry Christian Formation Committee and the Dismantling Racism Commission of the diocese.

## Ministry Fairs

Everybody's welcome! You do not have to be a delegate to participate. Come all day or come for part of the day. Choose from four workshops in the morning. Worship and break bread together. Be a part of the Pre-Convention Hearings in the afternoon, a time to learn more about the issues Convention will be covering.

### SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Registration and Coffee
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	First Round of Workshops
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Second Round of Workshops
11:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Break
11:45 – 12:30 p.m.	Eucharist
12:30 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch (bring your own)
1:15 – 2:00 p.m.	Diocesan Ministry Presentation
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Pre-Convention Hearings

**Think Globally, Eat Locally!** Planning to spend the day? Bring your own lunch made with local foods and packed in reusable containers. Lessen your carbon footprint by decreasing the miles that the food brought for lunch travels. And bring your own mug or water bottle as we strive to have a “no waste” Ministry Fair.

### REGISTRATION

There are three easy ways for you to register.

Complete and send the enclosed form to:

Ministry Fair Registrations  
Diocese of Vermont  
5 Rock Point Road  
Burlington, VT 05408

Contact the Diocesan Office and give your name, parish and two workshop choices:

by phone 802-863-3431/800-286-3437  
by e-mail: [adminasst@dioceseofvermont.org](mailto:adminasst@dioceseofvermont.org)

Register on-line at [www.dioceseofvermont.org](http://www.dioceseofvermont.org).

## Morning Workshops

*How have I been formed for my particular ministry? What resources and experiences will enable me to continue with my formation? What is God calling all of us to do in transforming our culture in ways that will lead to justice and peace? Who are some Christians that can be role models for the ongoing processes of Formation/Transformation?*

You'll have a chance to consider how you would respond to these questions in these four workshops.

### (1) “Being Changed from the inside out: Formation for Children and Youth”

Is your congregation longing for a way to nurture children and young people in a meaningful faith journey that changes them from the inside out? Using Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Godly Play, and other resources, we will model some possibilities for parishes to engage young people in transformational experiences. This workshop is being coordinated by Connie Saeger-Proctor, Canon for Ministry Development, Children's and Youth Ministry, and May Morris, from St. Stephen's, Middlebury.

### (2) “Stories of Transformation in Vermont”

There will be different presenters at each Ministry Fair. In White River Junction, Judy Barwood will explore the role that story quilts played in the Underground Railroad in Vermont. In Brattleboro, Michelle Peattie will talk about the tenure of the only African-American priest who has served in Vermont. In Shelburne, Bob Walsh and Rebecca Flewelling will speak about the role of race in Vermont, based on their own personal experiences. After each presentation, mentors from Education for Ministry will lead participants in theological reflection on the presentations.