

(3) "Developing a Regular Prayer Practice" Scott Neal

Our prayer book tells us that "Prayer is responding to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words" (p. 856). As Christians we are called to 'pray without ceasing.' In this brief overview workshop of personal daily prayer we will begin to explore the questions, "How do I get started on a personal prayer life?", "What resources are available to me in the Book of Common Prayer and beyond?" and "Why even try?"

(4) "Understanding Prayer through Service"

Lucy Pellegrini, Con Quinby

Jesus has called us to heal, feed, teach, clothe and liberate, among other things. How do we discern which is the one (or ones) we are called to do? How does prayer discern, define, and empower our ministry? How does our ministry inform our prayer? Explore these questions with others whose ministries and relationships are centered in their prayers, and whose prayers are reflected in their ministry.



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

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2010 Ministry Fairs

Praying our Life,
Living our Prayer



October 2 – St. Paul's Church, White River Junction
October 16 – St. James' Church, Essex Junction
October 30 – Zion Church, Manchester Center

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

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| 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. | Registration and Coffee |
| 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. | First Round of Workshops |
| 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. | Second Round of Workshops |
| 11:45 – Noon | Break |
| 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. | Eucharist |
| 12:45 – 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 by October 1:

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

Register on-line at www.dioceseofvermont.org.

Morning Workshops

(1) “Exploring the Approaches to Spiritual Direction” Diane Rooney

Spiritual direction (spiritual guidance) is an ancient ministry, one of companionship and attending to the call and presence of God. It honors the sacred mystery of the soul and invites an ever-deepening relationship with the Divine. Spiritual direction helps each of us to tell our stories in the context of a life lived with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Come and explore how spiritual direction can assist in creating a deeper relationship with the mystery of God in all life. Discover how spiritual direction can help us learn how to live with compassion, peacefulness, and our call to be servants of God in the world.

(2) “Identifying One’s Spiritual Call” Jane Wolfe

This workshop will cover the difference between understanding and exercising spiritual gifts and listening for and responding to spiritual calls from God. There will first be an exercise to help you identify your gifts (which may not be what you expect), and then this knowledge will be set aside for a closer look at the whole notion of call and its place in your spiritual life. You will learn how to recognize your calls. You will learn the best practices for following these calls effectively. You will learn the place of your call in your overall spiritual health and its development.