

Workshops – 2016 Global Mission Summit

Workshop Track: FRIENDS AND MONEY

Part I - Moving Toward Mutuality

How do you handle money and fundraising in global mission partnerships? Ways of working that reinforce patterns of dependency are hard to break out of. In this session learn how Tatua Kenya has been working to establish structures for fundraising that are built on mutuality and shared respect, and create a space for sharing the challenges and wisdom of the group.

Kenneth Chomba Njue, Co - founder and Executive Director Tatua Kenya Project

Mary Beth Mills-Curran, Chair of Tatua Kenya US Advisory Board

Part II - "Movements of Money and Spirit in Mission Partnerships: Cross-Cultural Dynamics of Friendship & Finance"

Steven Bonsey and Philbert Kalisa have partnered in a number of ways to support REACH's ministry of reconciliation in post-genocide Rwanda. They have also partnered in conversations on money and mission partnership at ministry conferences in East and South Africa. Come to learn more about REACH's work and to hear and discussion reflections on friends and money.

Rev. Steven Bonsey, Advisor for Contemplative Practice, Leadership Development Initiative

Father Philbert Kalisa, Founder & Executive Director of REACH-Rwanda

Workshop Track: THE EVOLUTION OF MISSION

Part I - Complicating Mission: Looking Backwards, Looking Forward

Why have Christians over the centuries traveled to do mission work? What are our assumptions about what that work means? How might we shift our understanding of mission in ways that give greater space for the transforming work of the Spirit in our lives and the lives of others?

Dr. Diane D'Souza, Director, Mission Institute

Katie Ernst, Mission Institute

Part II - Seeking Reconciliation: Being the Church Today

Although the mission of the church, to seek and facilitate unity among all people, has remained constant over the years the way we incarnate (or live out?) our mission has evolved over time. This workshop will examine how, despite the suffering/shrinking/loss of the Church our call and very necessary idea of being ministers of reconciliation seems more vibrant than ever. This workshop will examine how we can re-ground ourselves in our primal call to reconciliation and discern how to embody that ministry today. We will especially focus on the work of developing communities in which reconciliation can occur.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Macdonald, National Indigenous Anglican Bishop of Canada

Natalie Finstad, Episcopal Church Foundation Fellow - Developing Missional Communities

Workshop Track: ENGAGING YOUTH

Part I - Voices of Youth: Youth Panel on Mission Experiences

The panel will explore practices that engage youth authentically in the holistic experience of mission travel. Hearing from urban and suburban youth who have traveled on various domestic and international trips, we will discuss how service-learning missions are transformative, build 21st century skills, and broaden worldview.

Kasey Boston, Director of Youth Employment and Leadership at St. Stephen's Boston

Part II - Young Adult Service Corps: An Opportunity for Transformation and Living Our Baptismal Covenant

We'll introduce the Young Adult Service Corps, which is The Episcopal Church's international missionary program for young adults. We'll look at the faith that grounds mission service and discuss how all of our lives, but especially those of young adults, can be transformed through serving God.

Elizabeth Boe, Global Networking Officer, The Episcopal Church

Workshop Track: LEARNING FROM MISTAKES

Part I - Overcoming Obstacles: What to do when your mission fails

Every mission has challenges. The key to turning a failing mission into a thriving one is to learn from your mistakes, adapt to changing circumstances, and be prayerful and flexible enough to realize when God is calling you toward another direction.

Kim Forbes, Parishioner at Church of Our Saviour, Somerset, MA

Part II - Getting Uncomfortable: A rights-based focus on cross-cultural relationship

Listening, learning and loving relationships are fraught with challenges when language, culture, class, ethnicity, age and other factors aren't dealt with in continual dialogue. A rights-based focus on forming and maintaining those relationships offers a way to remind us of our common bond as humans created in the image of God. We will make mistakes, we will be uncomfortable, but we can learn together how to better embrace the dignity of every human being.

Jeanne Ridders, Director of the Cristosal Center for Human Rights Research and Learning

Workshop Track: ENGAGING THE CONGREGATION

Part I - Passion in Community: Listen/Respond/Nurture

We will talk about the context of mission in the Episcopal church and specifically discuss ways to introduce, encourage, engage and sustain outreach and mission activities of various kinds in church congregations. We will talk about the interactive, relational aspect of mission activities. The workshop will have a practical focus and will draw on experiences from the presenter as well as the group. El Hogar will be referenced as an example rather than the primary focus.

Liz Kinchen, Executive Director, El Hogar Ministries

Part II - Sustaining Congregational Interest in International Outreach

A discussion covering methods of choosing and implementing an International Outreach program. Important milestones will be addressed in how to engage the congregation and how to encourage cross-generational involvement. Sustaining excitement and interest over multiple years will conclude the presentation followed by a group discussion.

Deborah Scarff, Beijing Circle, Chair

Workshop Track: MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS

Part I - Tuko Pamoja: Presence, Permanence, and Adaptation in Mission Relationships

Sam cofounded the 2Seeds Network, an organization that places partnership with the extremely poor at the heart of its operations. Every aspect of 2Seeds' work in Tanzania has depended on building, maintaining, and adapting relationships in order to build resilient community programs. This session will focus on lessons learned through 2Seeds' work, and the ways they apply to your mission.

Sam Bonsey, Cofounder of 2Seeds Network

Part II - Relationships...Says Who?

Explore how different kinds of relationships can impact global mission. The focus will be on the viewpoint of "the other" in stories from over 400 interviews in Guatemala as well as your own experiences.

Fran Early, Co-Author of Doing Good...Says Who?