

REGISTRATION FORM

Photocopy registration form as necessary. Fill out a **form for each person** and **send to the Diocesan Office** (NOT St. Mary's Church) by October 30, along with \$5.00 per person. Checks should be made to **The Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast**. Please note on the checks "Small Church Conference."

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The Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast  
P. O. Box 13330  
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PRESENTED BY

**THE  
COMMISSION ON  
DIOCESAN MISSIONS**

and

Hosted by

St. Mary's By-the-Sea Church  
4875 Highway 188  
Coden, Alabama 36523  
For directions, call (251) 753-9188

The Church is located  
on Highway 188  
East of County Road 59  
in south Mobile County

Directions: From Exit 15 on Interstate 10, take US Highway 90 south to Theodore. Then take County Road 59 south (Bellingrath Road) to State Highway 188. Turn left, go over bridge. St. Mary's is on the right on Highway 188.

**Annual  
Conference for  
Small Churches**

Saturday, November 14, 2009  
9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

St. Mary's By-the-Sea Episcopal  
Church

Coden, Alabama

Hurricane Katrina destroyed much of south Mobile County including St. Mary's By-the-Sea in Coden, the westernmost congregation in the Diocese. St. Mary's is now beautifully rebuilt thanks to the concern and generosity of Episcopal churches in other dioceses and the hard work of the congregation. Come and see. Fill your car with friends and enjoy the drive to Coden. The conference will be stimulating, and visiting St. Mary's will be an inspiration.

## Session One

Each year the Commission on Diocesan Missions presents a one-day Conference for Small Churches. The conference provides presentations, discussion, and sharing on topics of particular interest to small churches. Everyone is welcome (even from large churches).

Lunch will be provided. A \$5.00 registration fee per person will reserve your place.

### SCHEDULE

9:00 - 9:30 Registration/Coffee

9:30 - 10:00 Morning Prayer

10:15 - 11:15 Session One

11:15 - 12:15 Session Two

12:30 - 1:15 LUNCH

1:15 - 2:15 Session Three

2:15 - 2:30 Wrap-up

2:30 Adjourn

The Commission on Diocesan Missions is dedicated to helping mission congregations and small churches to grow. George Riggall will share his knowledge and experience in growing small churches in a stimulating presentation on the "Three-Legged Stool of Small Church Growth" Together you will explore Vision, Leadership, and Commitment and return home with a fresh view of what growth requires and what you can do.

## Session Two

Church growth and stewardship go hand in hand. Jim Bolter will lead a very timely session on "**Stewardship in the Small Church in Today's Economy.**" His fresh new look at stewardship leads us all into deeper relationships with our Lord, His church, and each other.

## Session Three

Every year the popular **Round Table Discussion** draws small church members together around topics of mutual interest. Topics often include Youth Activities; Christian education; the Diocesan Journal as a resource; and questions, ideas, and success stories from participants.

## **"Growing the Small Church "**

### **Presenters**

**The Rev. George Riggall** has served in churches large and small for 31 years. He prefers smaller congregations because "...in a small church, talents and resources are precious commodities. When they are used wisely, good things happen-beyond all expectations."

Fr. Riggall is married to Marguerita, and they have four grown children and three grandchildren. They live in Magnolia Springs, Alabama, where he is rector of St. Paul's Chapel.

**Mr. Anthony J. (Jim) Bolter** is a member of St. Andrew's Church in Mobile and has just completed three years on the Diocesan Stewardship Committee. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and has attended 10 different small to medium Episcopal and Anglican Churches in his lifetime in the United States and Europe. Jim has many insights to share concerning stewardship in the small church.

**Ms. Lynn M. Ferren**, Chairperson of the Commission on Diocesan Missions, is a member of St. Patrick's Church, Panama City, Florida.

**Early registration for the conference is suggested in order that St. Mary's Church and the presenters may properly prepare for you.**