

Workshops

Session I: 2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Session II: 3:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

All convention attendees will be able to participate in two workshop sessions.

WORKSHOP #1 - Emerald Coast Room

“The Saint Stephen’s Story: How Care of Creation has led to Church Growth, Unity, and a Renewed Vision”

Presenter: The Rev. John Burruss, Rector of Saint Stephen’s, Birmingham

In this session, the Rev. John Burruss will share the story of Saint Stephen’s—how a commitment to the care of creation has helped shape a renewed sense of purpose and belonging. He will also offer practical steps communities can take to better care for creation, cast a shared vision, and empower both parishioners and clergy alike.

WORKSHOP #2 - White Sands Room

“Diving Deeper into Antarctic Seas: What It Means to You and Me”

Presenter: Dr. James McClintock, Professor at the University of Alabama Birmingham

In this session, Dr. James McClintock will share how, as a young scientist, he came to know and study the rich biodiversity of the spectacular life in Antarctic seas. He will review how these unique and now environmentally challenged organisms are important to all of us, from their interrelationships that structure and sustain ecological communities to their production of novel chemicals that have the potential to treat human diseases such as cancer.

WORKSHOP #3 - Aquamarine 1

“Sharing Light & Love: Evangelism Through Service and Community Partnership”

Presenter: The Rev. Lydia Knizley Johnson, Missioner for Development and Evangelism

This interactive, hope-filled workshop will focus on how your church can authentically engage more deeply with your local community through service that shares real hope and healing. Together we’ll practice simple, hands-on discernment tools you can take back to help your church decide where and how to get involved. This workshop is designed to help congregations recognize where love is already at work around them and join in in meaningful, faithful ways.

WORKSHOP #4 - Aquamarine 2

“From Chaos to Creation: Conflict Resolution in Everyday Life “

Presenter: Anita Ford, Pastoral Care Leader

This workshop explores reconciliation as creative, spiritual work rooted in the Genesis creation story and James Weldon Johnson’s *The Creation*. Through scripture, poetry, and small-group conversation, participants reflect on reconciliation with self, neighbor, and God—and how everyday acts of reconciliation help fulfill God’s ongoing work of creation in a divided world.

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