

# SPEAKERS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## OPTIONAL LUNCH SESSIONS



**1. "Advance Care Planning"...**What does this new phrase being used in the healthcare industry mean for the elderly, terminally ill, and disabled? This workshop will explain all the terms like "Comfort Care," "Medical/Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment," "Hospice," "Palliative Care," "DNR's" and "Advance Directives" and the positive and negative impact each can have on patients. We'll discuss when they should or should not be employed, whether for you or your loved ones. We will also examine patients' rights and how families need to be involved to ensure they get the best care.

**The Rev. Georgette Forney**, Deacon, is President of Anglicans for Life, the only global Anglican ministry dedicated to helping the Church address issues at the beginning and end of life, including abortion, abstinence, adoption, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research. She is also the co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, an effort to raise awareness about the physical, spiritual and emotional harm abortion does to women and to let those who are hurting from abortion know help is available.

**The Rev. Scott Bailey** is an assisting priest at Christ Church in South Riding, VA. He also serves on the chaplain team for University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health Systems and is an endorsed chaplain, licensed by the ACNA Special Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Chaplaincy.



**2. Islam At Our Doorstep...**Never have believers in America had a better opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ with their Muslim neighbors! Our area is home to one of the largest concentrations of Muslims in the U.S. with over 400,000 Muslims, 75 mosques and the two largest mosque complexes in the nation. Yet many of us feel timid around Muslims and are hesitant to meet and talk with them. Come and be encouraged as we consider what God is doing among American Muslims today and how each of us can effectively communicate Christ's love with them.

**The Rev. Robert Watkin** is the founder and president of the Oasis Life Network, an organization aimed at equipping and mobilizing the church for effective ministry among Muslims. Robert served for 15 years at The Falls Church Anglican, most recently as the Director of Outreach. In the 1990s, he lived in the Republic of Kazakhstan and taught English at Aktau University for five years, helped launch an educational center for the community and planted a multi-ethnic congregation with predominantly Kazakh leadership. He earned his M.Div. from Trinity School for Ministry and is currently completing his doctorate at Gordon-Conwell Seminary.



**3. Five Years In: Continuing to Raise the Bar in Child Protection...**DOMA's Child Protection Policy is five years old! Child Protection Chair Lindsey Feldman and Chancellor Scott Ward will update church leaders on the newest version of the child protection policy, answer legal and practical questions, and make recommendations to aid in the implementation and maintenance of best practices in your church to keep our children safe.

**Lindsey Feldman** is the chair of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic's Protection of Children Committee and Children's Ministry Director at All Saints' Church in Woodbridge, VA. Lindsey trains Child Protection Workshop Leaders throughout the diocese and in other denominations. With a BSW and a MA in Counseling, Lindsey worked for many years as a Probation Officer and Family Counselor for the Juvenile Court and helped establish and lead the Juvenile Justice Parenting Program through Cooperative Extension.

**Scott J. Ward** is the Chancellor of the Anglican Church in North America, of our Diocese, and of The Falls Church Anglican. He is a shareholder in the law firm of Gammon & Grange, and his practice concentrates on the law of religious and other nonprofit organizations, child abuse prevention and response, employment and human resources law, computer and internet law and other areas.



**4. Your Church and the New Wineskins Global Missions Conference: Why Bring a Team?...**The New Wineskins Global Missions Conference is the primary mission-mobilizing event for the Anglican Church in North America. Held every three years, it brings together those engaged in local mission and international mission; it draws missionaries and senders, clergy and laity, intercessors and evangelists, teachers and disciples. Come hear New Wineskins Missionary Network's Executive Director, Jenny Noyes, share about the impact that next September's conference can have on your church's missional zeal. A number of congregations in our Diocese have discovered the power of bringing a team to experience New Wineskins—a conference that changes lives and changes churches. Come hear about the 18 pre-conferences that will go deeper on a variety of mission topics. Learn how everyone from young children to seniors can be challenged and equipped to take the Great Commission seriously.

**Jenny Noyes** is Executive Director of New Wineskins Missionary Network, an Anglican mission-mobilizing ministry based in Greensboro, NC. They host the triennial New Wineskins Global Missions Conference, which is coming up September 26-29, 2019 at Ridgecrest, NC. Jenny has served on the staff of Alpha USA and as Evangelism Director of the Anglican Communion Network, the precursor to the Anglican Church in North America.



**5. Conversation for Church Planters...**DOMA church planters and prospective church planters are invited to have lunch and conversation with our pre-Synod seminar leader, The Rev. Winfield Bevins.

**The Rev. Dr. Winfield Bevins** is an author, artist, and speaker whose passion is to help others connect to the roots of the Christian faith for discipleship and mission. He is the Director of Church Planting at Asbury Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to Asbury, he was a pastor, college professor, and planter of Church of the Outer Banks (Diocese of the Carolinas). He has taught on four different continents, speaking at conferences, churches, and seminaries on a variety of topics. He has a Doctorate of Ministry from Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. Having grown up in a low-church background, Winfield eventually found his spiritual home in the Anglican tradition, but freely draws wisdom from all church traditions.

## AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS



**1. Transgenderism: Compassion, Clarity & Conversation...**An increasing number of people in Western culture, especially teens, identify as transgender. Their “inward” experience of masculinity or femininity feels askew to their “outward” biological sex, male or female. With this topic now mainstream, Christians need to think carefully and compassionately about an array of questions, including: What anthropological assumptions underlie popular views and treatments? What does a loving Christian response look like?

**The Rev. Samuel D. Ferguson** is currently working on a Ph.D. in the area of biblical anthropology. He also serves as part of the pastoral team at The Falls Church Anglican, Falls Church, VA, where he transitions to the role of rector in the spring of 2019.



**2. Becoming an Everyday Missionary...** We often compartmentalize our “spiritual” and our “secular” lives when in actuality everything we are and possess is sacred and should be used to further God’s kingdom on earth. This workshop will give you practical ideas of how to be a missional Christian, engaging with those around you on a 24/7 basis as you live your everyday life. *What do you have? Will you give it to Jesus?*

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**3. North America: The New Mission Field...** We live in an increasingly multicultural, secular, and global context, and because some churches in the United States do not understand these shifts, they have either stopped growing or are in decline. These shifts, however, have created tremendous opportunities for mission, as the mission field has now come to us, along with fresh voices from the global church from which we can grow and learn. Dr. Winfield Bevins, Director of Church Planting at Asbury Seminary will be sharing how each one of us can join in God’s mission to reach North America with the gospel of Jesus Christ through personal evangelism, church planting, and revitalizing existing congregations.

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**4. Tomorrow's Leaders in Your Church Today: How to reach and form college students as leaders for the Church...**Local, national, and global leaders for tomorrow are students on college campuses today. 53% of these students report feeling hopeless. Only 4% of this generation of students has a Biblical worldview. Regardless of the size and style of your church, there are important ways you can help to bring the hope of Jesus Christ to campus and disciple next generation leaders for ministry in the Church and the world. Join in an interactive session to discuss best practices in reaching college students with the Gospel and integrating them into the life of your parish.

**Nicole Shirk** serves as the Executive Vice President for Campus Ministry of the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO), providing leadership to all facets of Campus Ministry, Recruiting, Fellowship Program, and Support Raising Ministries. She attended Wake Forest University in North Carolina and had plans as a student to serve the Lord through economic development in West Africa. The Lord had other plans. Now in her 17th year of ministry with the CCO, Nicole delights in God disrupting her life with better plans than she could imagine. Nicole's work with the CCO has included ministry to Carnegie Mellon University students, regional leadership, and executive roles overseeing the CCO's ministry to students in partnership with local churches.

**Elliott Simko** has served with the Coalition for Christian Outreach in the Metro Philadelphia region since graduating from college in 2008. During that time, he served as CCO campus staff in partnership with Manoa Community Church, reaching students at Haverford College and Eastern University. Elliott then worked as a Partnership Coordinator for the Metro Philadelphia region, and he recently took on a new role as Director of Campus Ministry, through which he provides leadership to the CCO's regional leaders and helps develop CCO church partnerships nationwide.