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Other

Calling all Trinity Youth! Get ready for Youth @ Convention 2018!! YMT is getting ready to host youth from 5th to 12th grades at St John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke Virginia on January 26th through 28th! Registration is now open!!! Go to dioswva.org and click on the Youth page for registration and Convention details. Scholarships are available. Contact Muffie Newell formation@trinitystaunton.org.

Reception Thank you: Many thanks to all who contributed food to the reception after the ordination of The Rev. Anne Grizzle. Hospitality is a gift and a spiritual practice of joy!

Super Bowl Chili: The Trinity Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will be selling their almost famous Super Bowl Chili on Sunday, February 4 after each church service. The proceeds from this sale will go to help in our outreach projects in our community and within our church. Thank you for your continued support and enjoy a great bowl of chili!

Exchange Student in Need of a Home for One Semester: There are still a couple of boys from Brazil that need a home for the second semester. These kids are very excited about coming and we hope to find a good home for them. If you would be willing to open your heart and their home to a young man for one semester please contact Cindy Miller, our local coordinator with CIEE (the Council on International Education Exchange) (540) 464-3110.

Saturday @ Diocesan Convention

January 27, 2018

Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia

The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, Keynote Speaker Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism & Reconciliation

Morning Program, Bishop Mark Bourlakas's Address, & Keynote Speaker – 9:00 AM

Lunch – 12:00 PM

Tickets Must Be Purchased in Advance

Contact Diocesan Staff at (866) 346-7882 or (540) 342-6797

Afternoon Workshops – Following Lunch Just After 1:00 PM

Becoming the Beloved Community: A Diocesan Approach for Dismantling Racism

The presenters will introduce diocesan efforts aimed at dismantling racism in the context of our faith. The diocesan approach reflects the church-wide efforts at racial healing and reconciliation.

This workshop will engage participants didactically and experientially.

The Principal Act of Worship: Considerations on Eucharist & Morning Prayer

How can we celebrate The Holy Eucharist on Sundays even when there is no Communion and no priest? We will discuss weekly Eucharistic liturgy, whose theology and focus is different from the daily office of Morning Prayer, and is the principal act of worship in our church.

Formation in A Secular Age

The world is more connected and knowledgeable than ever before. Young people are coming of age with a multitude of perspectives and views about every aspect of life, including spirituality. How do we change and adapt the way we design faith formation programs for 2018 and the future?

Financing the Missional Church

What are the fixed costs of financing the Church? Do our parochial assumptions about accounting, fundraising, and investing in the Church allow us to remain agile and Missional engaged? Discussion will invite participants to outside the box about financing the Missional Church.

Music that Makes Community: Paperless Singing for the People of God

What is paperless singing? How can it inspire people who don't read music, or don't think of themselves as musicians? How can it deepen and enrich a wide range of contexts, from Sunday morning liturgy to youth retreats to vestry meetings to social justice events? Sing with us and learn.

Solar Power in Haiti

Episcopalians from the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia have been working with Episcopal schools in Haiti to bring solar energy to local communities. This session focus on these projects, the status of solar installations, and financial support from the Episcopal Church for these efforts.

Healing a Hurting World: Episcopal Relief & Development

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