

Opportunities for Learning, for Thought and Reflection Presented at the 221st Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey

In the place of the regular workshops offered at previous Diocesan Conventions – workshops that can now be found at the days of workshops offered by our Congregational Development Committee – the 221st Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey is presenting these opportunities for learning, thought and reflection. The presentations will be offered from 9:00 to 11:00 on Saturday morning; clergy, delegates and other attendees at the Convention may choose to attend any one of the three offerings

The Ministry of the Artist: Sight and Sound

1. Icons and the Light from Heaven

Suzanne Schleck, Christ Church, Toms River, Associate of the Community of St. Mary and a skilled painter of Icons (Suzanne's icons are placed in numerous churches in NJ, PA, as well as private homes), will present a discussion of the theology of icons and the experience of painting icons. There will be examples of various icons on display, and time for questions.

2. Sound as Prayer

Ana Hernandez, Musician and Author of The Sacred Art of Chant will lead an exploration of the chant as a form of prayer, and as an element of our worship. Ana was the featured musician in the noonday prayers for the House of Deputies at the last General Convention.

***Mrs. Ruth Councill** will also update attendees on the work of the ECVA-New Jersey.*

The Ministry Place: Church Buildings

1. How Do You Maintain Your Buildings and Avoid Crisis Maintenance?

2. How to Plan for Restoration Projects

Annabelle Radcliffe-Trenner, an architect who specializes in historic restoration, will discuss the proper care, maintenance, and restoration of our historic church buildings and the treasures in them in these two presentations. Annabelle has spoken about her work at the National Cathedral, and is the principal architect in the restoration of St. John's Church, Somerville.

The Anglican Communion:

The Lambeth Commission, the Windsor Report and the Current Crisis

What does it all mean to the Diocese of New Jersey?

Join leaders from the Diocese for a Symposium on the Anglican Communion and the issues that now occupy worldwide attention: What do these things mean to us, in our local churches? How do they affect us in our Diocese, in the Convention? Presentations from a diverse group of diocesan leaders will be followed by a roundtable discussion, with questions and answers, moderated by Bishop Councill.