

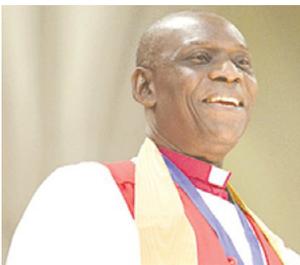
WALKING TOGETHER - LIVING GOD'S MISSION

March 5, 2016



St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the Huntington Green in Shelton

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



The Most Rev. Dr. Josiah Atkins Idowu-Fearon

Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

He serves as an ambassador to all of the provinces of the Anglican Communion on behalf of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Prior to his appointment, he served the Anglican Church of Nigeria for 25 years as the Bishop of Sokoto, Bishop of Kaduna and Archbishop of Kaduna Province. He has wide experience with

reconciliation efforts between Christians and Muslims within his diocese and across the African continent. In the Anglican Communion, he has been a bridge-builder between the Global South and the West during difficulties in the past decade. His keynote address is *"Walking Together - The Power of Mission Partnerships."*



Colin Murphy

Civil Society Peace Activist; Board Member and Former Chief Executive, Glencree Center for Peace and Reconciliation, Wicklow, Ireland; Director of Irish Student Christian Movement

Inspired by the Gospel stories and based on decades of experience in Northern Ireland/Ireland, Colin will share some insights into the nature of conflict and how to find ways out of it.

SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00

Registration and Fellowship

9:00-9:30

Music

9:30-9:40

Welcome

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas and
The Rev. Thomas Furrer

9:40-10:30

Morning Keynote Address

The Most Rev. Dr. Josiah

Atkins Idowu-Fearon

"Walking Together -

The Power of Mission

Partnerships"

10:30-11:30

Morning Workshops

A, B, C or D

11:30-12:45

Lunch and Networking

12:45-12:55

Music

12:55-1:45

Afternoon Keynote Address

Colin Murphy

1:45-2:45

Afternoon Workshops

E, F, G or H

3:00-4:00

Closing Worship



Sponsored by the Companions in Mission Committee
of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

MORNING WORKSHOPS

A Bishop's Presentation

*The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian Douglas, Bishop Diocesan
The Episcopal Church in Connecticut
"Is The Episcopal Church really banned from
the Anglican Communion?"*

Media reports on the recent gathering of Primates in Canterbury, England pronounced that The Episcopal Church has been "banned" or "suspended" from the Anglican Communion. As American Episcopalians what are we to make of these misleading headlines? This workshop will present an overview of the polity (organizational structures) of the Anglican Communion and place the recent gathering of the rimates in historical, theological, and political perspective. Participants will be invited to share both their sense of identity as Anglican Christians, and the ways by which they are connected to sisters and brothers in Christ around the Anglican Communion. The goal will be to build up our unity in Christ through the sharing of stories and increased clarity about the nature and shape of the Anglican Communion today.

B Getting Started in Mission

*Don Ghostlaw, president, Africa Education
Partnership and The Rev. Tracy
Johnson-Russell, priest-in-charge, St. Monica's
Episcopal Church, Hartford*

Hear the stories of how two missions for children were conceived and implemented locally and internationally. We will focus on how we got from inception to grass-roots organization to thriving mission with ideas about how you can get started living God's mission!

C Navigating the NGO Landscape

*Robert Page
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wallingford*

Working with an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) is one method of developing a sustainable mission relationship. An example of this type of relationship along with its advantages and disadvantages will be presented.

D Cultural Sensitivity

*Gus Schlegel
St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford*

Whether in a foreign country or a few blocks away, our journey with Christ connects us with people who are different from us. This workshop will help us understand ourselves so that we can better understand and accept others while walking together on God's mission.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

E Funding Opportunities for Mission

*The Rev. Tom Furrer, chair, Companions in
Mission; Leslie Jones, Companions in Mission;
and Helen Smits, chair, Companions in Mission
for Publications and Communications*

Learn about mission-related grants totalling more than \$100,000 administered by various committees of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. You'll also hear some tips for successful fundraising for mission trips and outreach activities.

F Youth on Mission

*Grace Barnum, mission leader to Ecuador;
Alan McCollom, mission leader to The Dominican
Republic, and teen missionaries*

Listen to a panel of teen mission organizers and students who have completed mission trips to such places as Nigeria, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic. Panelists will speak about how their experiences have been life-changing, and how it has deepened their commitment to finding Jesus in themselves and in others.

G ABCD - Assets Based Community Development

*Melissa Quan and Michael Quan
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Huntington*

Assets Based Community Development is a set of principles and practices that moves the community into the central role in addressing social challenges. It focuses on leveraging strengths and understanding assets to foster greater participation and meaningful partnerships. This workshop will introduce participants to Assets Based Community Development through two case studies – an established community center and a church-based mission committee trying to find its way.

H Refugee Resettlement

*Chris George, Executive Director, IRIS
Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services*

Refugee resettlement is our nation's most noble tradition. Learn how the United States government has responded to the worst refugee crisis since World War II and learn how you can play a part in welcoming refugees to Connecticut.