

Rites for Blessing Same-Gender Relationships

Registration – includes full lunch

Registration for the workshop is free of charge, but we strongly encourage pre-registration, so we know how many people to prepare lunch for.

Online registration and additional information is available at <http://www.diopa.org/news/topics/diocese/proposed-rites-for-blessing-same-gender-relationships/>.

Mail-in registration:

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240 South Fourth Street
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The cost of the workshop is being underwritten by the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. We are grateful to Bishop Bennisson for his generosity.

The Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Pennsylvania

The Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Pennsylvania was re-constituted in 2008, to be responsible for:

- Uplifting the diverse liturgical traditions in the diocese
- Sponsoring workshops on liturgical practice
- Providing forums for clergy and lay leaders to share best practices
- Making information offered by the Episcopal Church available to clergy and lay leaders
- Developing relationships with other organizations dedicated to renewal of liturgy
- Assisting the Dean of the Cathedral with diocesan liturgies held at the Cathedral
- Planning diocesan liturgies held at sites other than the Cathedral, working with appropriate staff at the site the liturgy is to be held.

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The Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Pennsylvania

in preparation for
General Convention 2012
invites you to explore

Proposed Rites for Blessing Same-Gender Relationships

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Philadelphia Cathedral
3723 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

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At the 2009 General Convention, Resolution C056 directed the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to “collect and develop theological and liturgical resources,” for the purpose of providing a pastoral response to legislation in various civil jurisdictions relating to marriage, civil unions, or domestic partnerships for gay and lesbian persons. This workshop will provide an opportunity to explore the rites the task force has drafted, in the final form that will be presented at the next General Convention in 2012.

In the afternoon panelists will speak to issues relating to same-gender blessings from various perspectives.

Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Patrick Malloy



Dr. Patrick Malloy is Associate Professor of Liturgy in the H. Boone Porter Chair and the Director of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at the General Theological Seminary. Father Malloy is also rector of Grace Church, Allentown, PA, an inner-city parish known nationally for its extensive social ministry and careful and fully participatory liturgy.

Father Malloy is a member of the Liturgics and Church Music group of the General Board of Examining Chaplains – responsible for overseeing the annual GOE process – and sits on the editorial board of the Anglican Theological Review. He is an invited associate member of the Council of the Associated Parishes for Liturgy and Mission. He has also been appointed by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of the Episcopal Church to chair the task force gathering liturgical material for same-gender blessing liturgies, mandated by General Convention 2009.

Afternoon Panelists

The Rev. Dr. Storm Swain

Dr. Swain is Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Theology, and Director of Anglican Studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. She holds a Ph.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York. She was ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, NZ. She is also certified as a psychotherapist.

The Rev. Dr. Adam Kradel

Fr. Kradel is rector of Christ Church, Media, a position he has held since 2009. He holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is married to the Rev. Melissa Wilcox, and they have three young children.

The Rt. Rev. Rodney R. Michel

Bishop Michel is the retired Seventh Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island and serves as an assisting bishop in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He strongly believes that the Episcopal Church needs to recognize all its members for their gifts, talents and abilities with full inclusion and acceptance of all God’s children.

Robert Mikrut and Kenneth Garner

Bob Mikrut is verger at Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, and has served as verger at many diocesan liturgies. He is a costume designer on the staff of the Opera Company of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Ballet. His partner, Ken Garner, is Director of Communications and Stewardship at Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr. He is also a professional singer, who has appeared as soloist with many local music organizations, and he sings regularly at Church of the Redeemer.

Nora Johnson

Nora Johnson is a candidate for ordination in the diocese of Pennsylvania, having recently completed her M.Div. at General Seminary. She serves as pastoral associate at Church of the Crucifixion. Nora and her partner Leslie have been together for twenty-four years. Nora is Professor and Chair of English at Swarthmore College.

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Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Arrival, Registration, and Coffee
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Welcome
- 9:15 a.m. Keynote address:
Dr. Patrick Malloy
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Interactive session with Fr. Malloy
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch (*provided*)
- 1:00 p.m. Afternoon presentations and conversation

Pastoral theological perspective
The Rev. Dr. Storm Swain

Legal and canonical issues
The Rev. Dr. Adam Kradel

A bishop’s perspective
The Rt. Rev. Rodney R. Michel

Participant’s perspectives
Bob Mikrut and Ken Garner
Nora Johnson

- 2:30 p.m. Closing Remarks and Prayer

Directions to the Philadelphia Cathedral, 3723 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 may be found at <http://g.co/maps/fb4v2>.

Parking will be available in the lot across the street from the Cathedral. Heading west on Market Street, turn left on 39th Street to the lot entrance.