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Upcoming Leadership Institute Events

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To all clergy and lay leaders,

On Saturday, March 14 our annual Christian Education Event

Sowing Seeds: Planting & Tending Your Christian Formation and Christian Education Ministries

will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh, 9a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This year we are fortunate to have Sharon Pearson, the first Christian Formation Specialist at Church Publishing and former Children's Ministries and Christian Education Coordinator for the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut as our keynote speaker and workshop leader. Additional workshop leaders will be the Rev. Robyn Szoke, former Officer for Children's Ministries at the Episcopal Church Center, Margaret Sipple, former diocesan Canon for Education and Training, and Helen White, former director of the Christian Education Resource Center.

This event will be an opportunity for your educators, clergy, and lay leaders to learn about a wide variety of curricula that are currently in use and will provide a forum to discuss methodologies, success stories and problem solving with others who have many years of experience in their field. Find out what Biblically based curriculum might be the best fit for your congregation, and how to enliven lifelong formation in Christ in your own community of worship.

To register please contact J.D. Lafrance at [jdlafrance@diopa.org](mailto:jdlafrance@diopa.org)

Yours in faith,

Henry Carnes

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**Safe Church Training**

Focus: Creating safe environments in our churches. This course is required of clergy and all church employees and anyone who works with youth, either volunteer or paid. Volunteers who give pastoral care and visit in homes are encouraged to attend. Sunday School teachers who teach children on Sunday mornings are also encouraged but not required to attend. Please attend one of the three courses listed below and bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided.

Saturday, March 7, 8:30 am – 3 pm  
Led by: Susan Richardson & Claire Nevin-Field  
Where: Gloria Dei, Philadelphia  
Registration: 215-627-6434 x151  
or [jdlafrance@diopa.org](mailto:jdlafrance@diopa.org)

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**Support for Search Committees**  
NEW DATE: MARCH 28, 2009 | 10am-2pm | St. Martin's Church, Radnor  
Led by: Jill Mathis, Canon for Transition Ministry

The rector leaves, the interim arrives and suddenly you find yourself on the Search Committee. The search process can be daunting, but it can also be one of the most life-giving, spirit-filled experiences in the Church. Come and hear about how others have offered their gifts in this very important leadership position. National transition resources will be offered. Snacks and Lunch provided.

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