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**Title of the mailing \***Upcoming Leadership Institute Events

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**Body text of the mailing \***

Dear Rectors, Priests In Charge, and Parish Administrators,

I just mailed each Rector, Priest In Charge, and Parish Administrator a hard copy flyer and Sunday Bulletin insert similar to the attached documents promoting the upcoming Night With the Phillies. Please help us to get the word out to your members by posting the flyer in a place where it will be visible to your members.

It will be really helpful if the mailed template for the Sunday bulletin insert could be used to make copies of the announcement and included with your bulletin on the Sunday following your receipt of the materials. If you could also mention it during your announcements on the day the insert is distributed it will help to let people know about this opportunity.

Tickets through our special link are only \$28: [www.phillies.com/episcopal](http://www.phillies.com/episcopal)

Since all games are a sellout at this point, the only way tickets can now be purchased is through aftermarket vendors. The Stub Hub is selling tickets in our section for \$125 so our price of \$28 is a real bargain at this point, but we can't hold the tickets more than a few more weeks. That's why we need your help in getting the word out so that our members can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get together for fellowship and root for our team.

We plan to do only one more promotional push before closing out the ticket sales so I would really appreciate your help in sharing this chance to see the Phillies, watch our video about parishes in the diocese on the big screen, and have a great evening together with members from other parishes.

Thanks for helping us get the word out...it should be a fun night and I hope to see all of you there.

Also...if you haven't already done so, please remind your wardens and vestry members about the upcoming special Vestry Symposium on finance that will be held this weekend at St. Timothy's, Roxborough (see notice below). It will be a special time for concrete skills development and to ask our presenters question that are particular to your parish's needs.

Faithfully,

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Upcoming Leadership Institute events...

March 26 – Vestry Symposium: Practical Advice and Model Practices in Episcopal Parishes Finances

March 24 – Absalom Jones’ Neighborhood

May 23 – A Night with the Phillies

March 8 – April 12 – Leadership Development for the Church  
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-THIS SATURDAY...FINAL NOTICE -

In cooperation with  
The Diocese of Pennsylvania’s Leadership Institute

The Committee on Finance and Property presents a symposium  
for Vestries, Wardens, and Parish Finance Staff

Practical Advice and Model Practices in Episcopal Parish Finances

Saturday, March 26, 2011  
St. Timothy’s Roxborough, 5720 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128

For: Accounting Wardens, Vestry Members, Parish Finance Staff, others if interested

8:00 Registration and coffee – Click here for online registration: <https://diopa.wufoo.com/forms/vestry-symposium/> Please register in advance if possible.

8:30 Welcome

8:45–9:30 Role and Functioning of Vestries – The Rev. Tom Pumphrey, St. David’s Radnor

9:30–10:00 Diocesan Reporting and Finance Requirements Demystified –Rob Rogers, Canon for Finance, Diocese of PA and Earl Irby, Controller, Diocese of PA

–Assessments/Pledges/Parochial Reports

–Pension obligations for clergy

–payroll tax issues

–How to apply for Diocesan loans/grants

–Diocesan resources: insurance guidelines

–Property/sale/rental guidelines

10:00–10:15 Assistance with Canonically Required Audits – John Loftus, Assistant Treasurer, Diocese of PA –

walk through process for free Diocesan resource to review materials gathered by a parish for a self-audit

10:15 Break

10:30–11:45 Finance from a Business Manager's point of view –Jay Einspanier, Business Manager, Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr

- Operational/Capital Budgeting
- How do you know how your church is doing?
- Ways to enhance revenue
- Model practices for finances

11:45 Noonday prayers

Noon Go forth...

Handouts –

- Info on model financial practices (e.g., table of contents for finance manual, sample finance policies, role descriptions for bookkeeper and Accounting Warden)
- 2010 Convention report from Diocesan Mission Planning Commission
- Contact info on preferred vendors for fuel oil and electricity, ICE on energy, etc.

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In conjunction with the ongoing celebration of the 250th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church.

Absalom Jones's Neighborhood: Reaching for Freedom, Dignity and Justice

By distinguished historian, Gary Nash

Tomorrow night, Thursday, March 24, 2011, 7:00 PM

St. Peter's Church, a national historic monument located at the corner of Third and Pine Streets in Society Hill, Philadelphia will present a lecture on Absalom Jones's Neighborhood: Reaching for Freedom, Dignity and Justice on Thursday, March 24th, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the church.

Dr. Gary B. Nash, one of the country's most respected historians on early American history and professor emeritus at the University of California, Los Angeles, will explore the life and environs of former slave Absalom Jones, who founded the first African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, and led the way to freedom, dignity and justice for all African-Americans.

The event is part of the church's year-long anniversary celebration, "Faith in Action for 250 Years." Jones was owned by Benjamin Wynkoop, a pew-holder at St. Peter's in the 18th century, so it was at St. Peter's that Jones married another slave, Mary, and was ordained a deacon of the Episcopal Church. He was later ordained a priest, the first African-American priest in the Episcopal Church.

There is no charge for the lecture. For more information, go to [www.stpetersphila.org](http://www.stpetersphila.org) or call 215-925-5968. St. Peter's is accessible by busses 12, 40 and 57. There is free parking in the church lot at 3rd and Lombard

Streets (entrance on Lombard).

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Join us for a night with the Phillies!  
Monday May 23, 2011

The parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania are going to have another night out with the Philadelphia Phillies!

The Phillies will be playing the Cincinnati Reds on May 23rd at 7:05 PM and it's a Phillies Dollar Dog Night!

Tickets can be purchased for \$28 each at <http://www.phillies.com/episcopal>.

When you buy your tickets, be sure to enter the promotion code EDOP.

All games are now considered a sell out with the exception of tickets held for groups and some standing room. Don't miss this opportunity to get tickets while they're still available.

Proceeds from tickets sold will help to support the publication of Where It All Began, our quarterly magazine that features parish programs from all across the Diocese. Because demand for tickets is high, order early so that tickets will be available for you, your friends and family. Please place your orders through our link in order to ensure that your seats are with our ticket block.

Share this notice and the link above with friends and other members of your parish so that they can reserve their seats as well...all are Invited! We look forward to having you join us for this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and to support the Phillies!

Please place your order as soon as possible...these tickets are in very high demand and won't last!

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Leadership Institute, in cooperation with St. David's, Wayne, presents

Leadership Development for the Church

Tuesday Evenings, March 8 through April 12 (6 evenings), 6:30-8:30, dinner included.  
Register online (see more below)

Led by The Rev. Tom Pumphrey, this class will review and discuss unique aspects of parish leadership. The church is different from business or secular non-profit institutions. What are the roles of lay leaders and how can we lead well? The class begins with a shared dinner at 6:30, and divides into classes from 7:00-8:30 (the

other offerings are Art & Spirituality and a Bible Study). This series features material from past Diocesan Vestry Symposium programs, and more. Come learn more about how the church works, healthy communication, church finances, and how to lead well.

This class is especially intended for lay leaders including Vestry members, prospective Vestry candidates, Commission and Committee Chairs and anyone wanting to see the church succeed in our mission.

You can register online at: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e3e2yfw1fa09ddf&llr=tx7tjbcab>.

This is one of the offerings of a St. David's program called "Eat, Pray, Learn!" Dinner is provided or a \$7 donation, so we need to know how many people will attend. March 8, our dinner will be the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Fellowship Hall. Further dinners meet downstairs in the Undercroft. For directions, see the website above.

Our planned topics include:

March 8: Foundations of Christian Leadership:  
Theology, Leadership Structure, and Mission.

March 15: Dynamics of Christian Communities:  
Interpersonal Dynamics of Group Size, Parish Size and Parish History.

March 22: Elements of Effective Vestries & Ministries, Part I:  
Leading Christian Ministry, and Healthy Relationships.

March 29: Elements of Effective Vestries & Ministries, Part II:  
Mutual Accountability, Healthy Clergy, Effective Processes & Structures.

April 5: Communication & Conflict Management  
Personal Invitation, Recruitment, Conflict Management Styles & Resolution.

April 12: Church Finances:  
Parochial Reports, Budgets, Clergy Compensation, Stewardship, Capital Campaigns.

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