



The Vicar's Vacuous Vapors

James Poirson and I recently returned from a two day Bishop's Leadership Conference. The training and teaching ranged from Stewardship to welcoming newcomers. Below is the training on Welcoming Newcomers presented by Jen King from Church of the Redeemer Episcopal Church in Kenmore, WA. I found it to be very helpful. Here are highlights from her talk:

Connecting the Dots: Creating an Intentional Newcomers Ministry

How does your congregation show up in the community? How comfortable are you sharing your faith story? How do you welcome visitors and incorporate newcomers into the fabric of congregational life? "The Invite-Welcome-Connect

ministry is a theological and practical initiative, which goes beyond making "The Episcopal Church welcomes you" a reality but also ensures those who do come to faith in our churches don't leave by the back door." *-Mary Parmer*

The basics:

- Personal invitation
- Welcoming folks
- Hearing their story
- Recognizing their gifts

Connecting them to ministry

Why do we do this work?

Living into our baptismal covenant is a lifelong process. We are called as God's people not to grow the church, or increase pledges, or make sure there are enough Sunday School volunteers. We are called to share the Good News to a hurting, broken and lonely world.

Study after study shows the most frequent reason people cite for visiting a church is a personal invitation from a friend of theirs who is a member of the church. Personally inviting somebody is difficult for Episcopalians, and even more difficult for Pacific NW Episcopalians. If you turn this invitation upside down, it becomes more about listening and seeing people you encounter, and less about talking to them about church.

The art of listening

- Opening ourselves to hear others' stories
- Being heard and seen is powerful
- Authentic invitations come from a place of being open to others.

Inviting people to church isn't as scary when you have heard their story and they express desire and openness to a relationship with a faith community.

St. David of Wales

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 7TH-OCTOBER 27TH

Oscar Wilde, 19th century

"Ordinary riches can be stolen, real riches cannot. In your soul are infinitely precious things that cannot be taken from you."

Ernest Hemingway, 20th century

"Fear of death increases in exact proportion to increase in wealth."

Princess Diana, 20th century

"They say it is better to be poor and happy than rich and miserable, but how about a compromise like moderately rich and just moody?"

Ernesto Tinajero, 21st century

"If you read the Bible and it does not challenge you, then you are reading yourself and not the Bible."

Daisy Goodwin, 21st century

"[A]nyone can acquire wealth, the real art is giving it away."

Stephen Richards, 21st century

"Minds are like flowers, they only open when the time is right."

Ralph Waldo Emerson, 19th century

"Money often costs too much."

THE TWENTYETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

7:30 AM SERVICE

LECTOR: JAMES POIRSON
 EUCHARISTIC
 MINISTER: JUDY OGDEN
 GREETER: MARCIE MCKAIG

10:30 AM SERVICE

LECTORS:
 1ST LESSON: DAVID ADAMS
 PSALM: DICK TAYLOR
 2ND LESSON: NORM EVELETH
 EUCHARISTIC OYSTERFEST!
 MINISTER:
 GREETERS: BARB WHITENER &
 NANCY MIKE
 ALTAR GUILD: ANN OLLI & DOROTHY
 CALLEJA, & BETTY ALLOT
 CASE
 FLOWERS: DIANNA TIMM-DRYDEN
 REFRESHMENT: HOST @ 10:30 AM
 MARIAN EVELETH &
 NANCY MIKEL
 ORGANIST: KELSEY BARNES
 ASSISTING: THE REV. STEVE BRILL
 PRIEST: THE REV. JOSEPH MIKEL

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♥ October 7th, Sunday: Community Lifeline dinner, 4 - 6:30 p.m. (team 1).
- ♥ October 11th, Thursday: Compline, 5:30 p.m.
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- ♥ October 11th, Fr. Joe on vacation.
- ♥ October 12th, Friday: Community Lifeline dinner, 4 - 6:30 p.m. (team 2).
- ♥ October 14th, Sunday, Fr. Steve Brill, Preaching and Celebrating.
- ♥ October 20th, Saturday: Memorial Service @ 3 p.m. for Carol Owen. Reception following.
- ♥ October 21st, Sunday: Vestry Meeting (*moved from October 14th*) 8:45 - 10:00 a.m.
- ♥ October 27th, Saturday: Diocesan Convention and the Ordination to the Diaconate, God willing, of Barb Weza at the Doubletree Hotel at Sea-Tac Airport.

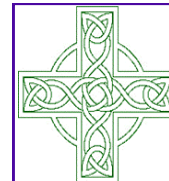
PRAAYER LIST

Please pray for those on our Prayer List. Should you have a person you would like to our prayer list, or if you have an update to those on our prayer list, please contact either Suzy Petty (360-432-0989) or Marcie McKaig (360-426-1933).

Michael Curry, Becky, Elise & Aya, Paul & Beth, Marjorie, Shawn, Mike & Judy, Doug, Eli, David, John & Dorothy, Connie, Saylah & Hector, Bud, Terry, Betty, Becca, Greg, Samuel, Christina, Bob & Kathleen, Randy, and John.

Last Sunday's Attendance

7:30 a.m.	10
10:30 a.m.	47



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WINDOWS / MUSIC & MEMORIES SATURDAY, DEC. 1ST!

A Stain Glass Tour | A book signing of Norm Eveleth's "History of St. David's" | An Open House showing off our recent renovations | A Concert - perhaps *A Festival of Lessons & Carols* to launch the Advent Season, followed by a wine and cheese social. Wow, lots of ideas and hopes for something new and fun. We hope you will mark your calendars now to join the fun and offer your time to volunteer to make this event something special! Watch for more news!

COMPLINE RETURNS THURSDAY / 5:30 P.M.



Join us, sit and slowly listen as a different kind of

worship unfolds in a short, transforming 30 minutes. Come & see!