



25 YEARS LATER
Leadership in the Community of Deacons
March 17, 18, 19, 20, 2011
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Chalstrom House
1031 South Carrollton Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70118

Thursday – March 17th

1 p.m. Registration Opens at Chalstrom House – just across the street from St. Andrew's church building

5 p.m. Reception, Dinner, Introduction, Orientation and Compline

Please know that we'll be mindful of the time and of the streetcar schedule and will finish at a reasonable time.

Friday – March 18th

We know that it may take a little time to come to St. Andrew's on the streetcar, so we'll start a half hour later than usual. Streetcars should come every 8-10 minutes, but not all 50+ of us will fit on one streetcar, along with regular riders. So allow plenty of time, and breathe deeply of the New Orleans spring air.

9:30 a.m. Gathering Prayers – in the Sanctuary at St. Andrew's

Honoring Our Past

As an Association, we have been living and writing a new history, not only of a professional and vocational organization, but of the diaconate itself. As deacon leaders in the church, we'll take time to honor that history and begin to mark important events, attitudes, programs, and whatever else emerges.

We are excited to have Deacons Phina Borgeson, Ted Hallenbeck, Maylanne Maybee, and Ormonde Plater with us to share stories and help us mark that history.

12 p.m. Take a breath and have some lunch – in Chalstrom House across the street

1 – 5 p.m. *Here and now and a little bit farther*

We'll spend the afternoon checking in on some of the things we started last year, and we'll introduce an exciting new initiative – an immersion experience in diaconal ministry for young adults – an unabashed deacon recruitment program. Remember to hold your thoughts for Open Space Saturday.

- The Seven
- Statement on Diakonia
- “When did we see you” domestic poverty initiative
- Reminder about our Latin Experience
- End of the working day prayers
- **Dinner on your own**

Saturday – March 19th

9:30 a.m.

Gathering Prayers in the Sanctuary at St. Andrew's

25 Years and Counting – Still crazy after all these years. . .

The title of this session is a reflection of both the hard work of our 25th anniversary committee and their humor in the midst of it! This morning we'll hear, briefly, some of what that committee has in store for our members over the next year, and we'll do a little more work on the timeline we introduced last night. And in case you want to win an Ipad Touch or an Ipad, this will be your chance to hear all about it.

Time for your agenda – Open Space for your conversations

Most of you know what we mean by Open Space. But we know that we have a number of new people with us this year. So the quick and dirty definition of Open Space is: a facilitated process for making room for your agenda, questions, responses, etc. Many of you bring questions to this gathering of peers in order to strengthen particular aspects of your programs, or to explore new approaches in teaching and learning. Because we can't anticipate what all those are, we make space for you to hold those conversations with others.

12:30 p.m.

Take a breath and have some lunch

Other than our brief 25th anniversary report, we'll have all day for Open Space groups and for reporting back. We'll break for lunch, but then keep going, and wind up our day with Eucharist and a community dinner.

*We'll be mindful of the time. Dinner should be over by 7:30.
If you want to hang around for more conversation, you're welcome.
If you want to go party, you'll have time.*

Sunday, March 20th

9:30 a.m.

Gathering Prayers in the Parish Hall at St. Andrew's (where we had dinner)

This morning we'll wrap up any loose ends. We'll see what themes have emerged and whether we'd like to carry them forward for next year, and if we haven't already, we'll talk about a time and place for our meeting in 2012.

Miscellaneous Information

There will be a limited number of three-day passes for the streetcar available at the hotel desk. If they run out, remember that the fare is \$1.25 each way, exact change.

If you have not told us about special diet requests or a desire for meals for spouses or partners, please do so as quick as you can. We'll soon be past the point of being able to alter our catering arrangements.

Looking forward to seeing you!