

New England Deacons Network | Biennial Conference October 1-3, 2010 | Framingham, MA

INTERPRET TO THE CHURCH: COMMUNICATING THE WORLD AND THE WORD

Special points of interest

- ◆ *Explore effective Diaconal ministry in a changing church and world*
- ◆ *Develop new communication and storytelling skills*
- ◆ *Understand how to best use (or not use) new media and social networking technologies in ministry*
- ◆ *Participate in conversations about collaborative diaconal ministry*
- ◆ *Learn firsthand about a variety of ministry projects in Province 1 and access diaconal resources (literature, program materials, ministry contacts)*
- ◆ *Develop and nurture relationships with colleagues in ministry*

Program Overview

What's our story, and what does it mean in the world today? As churches and communities live in the midst of significant fragmentation, Deacons grapple with fundamental questions of how to live and work meaningfully and faithfully in these times of division and change. How do we best interpret the needs, concerns and hopes of a changing world and how do our individual stories affect that?

Heidi Shott, Canon for Communications and Social Justice in the Diocese

of Maine, will introduce us to a variety of ways to tell the stories of the world as we explore what Phyllis Tickle has identified as the emerging power of narrative over logic. Together with Bishops Laura Ahrens (CT), Ian Douglas (CT), Steve Lane (ME), and Tom Shaw (MA) we will explore how deacons—with a foot in church and world—engage in these vital conversations.

Heidi will also moderate discussion with communications officers from other New England dio-



ceses so we can harness the power of sacred story, our own stories and the world's stories to be effective communicators and change agents. Small group sessions with Deacon leaders from across New England will provide firsthand introduction to a variety of diaconal ministries.

Our Presenter

Heidi Shott is Canon for Communications and Social Justice in the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. She is currently the Vice Chair of the Standing Commission on Communications and Information Technology, and served as Chair of the Episcopal Life Board of Governors from 2002 to 2006. She has also worked on the Office of Communication's video

news team for the past two General Conventions, hosting "The Daily Wrap" in Anaheim in 2009.

Heidi has written for many church publications and is a monthly columnist for Episcopal Cafe. She keeps the blog www.heidoville.com where she hangs essays about trying to live a life of faith in a complicated

world from a small town in Maine. Helping God's people share their stories of faith with the world is **her** ministry passion. With her husband Scott, a hospital administrator, and their 16 year-old twin sons, Martin and Colin, she makes her home in Damariscotta Mills where she roots for the Red Sox even when they lose.



Who should attend?

Deacons, deacons in formation, and those friends who support deacons and diaconal ministries in Province One and beyond. Spouses, partners, and other family are also invited and encouraged to attend.

Particulars

WHEN

Friday, October 1, 2010 – Sunday October 3, 2010

WHERE

Sheraton Framingham Hotel
1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01701, (508) 879-7200

REGISTRATION FEE

\$200.00 per person

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please send \$200 registration, made out to “The Diocese of Maine” with 2010 NEDN conference in the memo line to:

The Rev. Sudie Blanchard
St. George’s Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 364
York Harbor, ME 03911

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

All conference attendees will receive a registration confirmation packet.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Conference participants are expected to coordinate their own accommodations arrangements. A block of rooms has been reserved for the conference at the Sheraton, Framingham, MA. The preferred rate for conference attendees is \$89 per night, single or double occupancy. The preferred rate is good through September 3rd, 2010. Contact 508-879-7200 or www.starwoodhotels.com.


PARKING

Parking at the Sheraton is on site and complimentary.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Sheraton Hotel is fully accessible

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Program Registration

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Diocese: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone: _____
Name on Badge: _____

Meal Choices: Friday Dinner (choose one)

- Roasted Vegetable Ravioli
- Chicken Piccata

Meal Choices: Saturday Dinner (choose one)

- Baked Cracker Crumb Scrod
- Beef Pot Roast



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For additional questions please contact conference co-convenor
Deacon Kyle Pedersen at 203-772-0294 (home) or
kyle.pedersen@sbcglobal.net.

Meals *the conference registration includes the following meals*

Friday: Evening Social

Friday Dinner: *(Please select one choice)*

- Roasted Vegetable Ravioli
- Chicken Piccata

Saturday: Breakfast

Saturday: Lunch

Saturday: Dinner: *(Please select one choice)*

- Baked Cracker Crumb Scrod
- Beef Pot Roast

Sunday: Breakfast

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Deacon Kyle Pedersen (CT)
Co-convenor

Deacon Aaron Perkins (ME)
Co-convenor

The Venerable Catherine Cooke (VT)

Deacon Doug Engwall (CT)

Deacon Jane Griesbach (WMA)

Deacon Ted Hallenbeck (RI)

The Venerable Robin Higbie (RI)

Deacon Joel Hill (VT)

Deacon Lynn Rutledge (ME)
Finance

Mr. Ken Schmidt (MA)

Deacon Geof Smith (MA)
Program

Conference Schedule *all activities take place at the Sheraton*

Friday, October 1, 2010

4:00 – 6:00 PM	Registration
6:00	Videography: Share Your Passion for Ministry in 15 Seconds
7:00	Dinner
8:00	Introductory Greetings from our Bishops and Conference Leaders
8:45	Compline

Saturday, October 2, 2010

8:00AM	Continental Breakfast
8:45	Morning Prayer
9:00 – 10:00	Bishops' Conversation: The Church in a Changing World and Deacons as Agents of Adaptive Change
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 12:00NOON	Ministry Storytelling with Canon Heidi Shott
12:00 – 1:15PM	Lunch
1:15 – 3:00	Session A: Storytelling as Preaching led by Deacon Geof Smith
	Session B: Using Social Media in Your Congregation with the Revs. Scott Gunn and Tim Schenck
	Session C: Exploring Diaconal Ministries
3:00– 3:15	Break
3:15 – 5:00	Diocesan Roundtables / Free Time
6:00	Dinner
7:00 – 8:30	Sharing the Power of Our Stories with Canon Heidi Shott
8:45	Compline

Sunday, October 3, 2008

8:00AM	Continental Breakfast
9:00	Eucharist
10:30	Go in peace

