

7th Annual Pittsburgh Pastoral Care Conference

For Shepherds (Clergy) and Other Caregivers (Laity) of the Flock

Save this Date!



Friday, April 11, 2008

8 AM to 4 PM

Christ Church at Grove Farm

249 Duff Road

Sewickley, PA 15143

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Master of Ceremonies - Sally Wiggin

WTAE Channel 4 — News Anchor

Keynote Speaker: William J. Carl III, Ph.D.

President, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Dr. William Carl is President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and an ethics consultant to major corporations and Duke University Medical Center. He was Senior Pastor of a 1700 member congregation for 18 years and a seminary professor in Greek, homiletics and worship. He holds a B.S. in religion, philosophy, and Greek from the University of Tulsa, a M.Div. from Louisville Seminary and a Ph.D. in rhetoric/communications from the University of Pittsburgh. He has also been awarded honorary doctorates in divinity, in humane letters and in science. Dr. Williams has authored six books and over 50 articles and has preached, lectured or spoken in over 40 states, as well as in seven foreign countries.

Opening Remarks: The Rev. Donald Green

Executive Director, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania

The Rev. Dr. Donald B. Green is the Executive Director of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, a regional ecumenical association of 25 Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant judicatories. He has served Lutheran parishes in Hershey and Lancaster PA before coming to Pittsburgh in 1992 to serve a decade as Assistant to the Bishop, Southwestern PA Synod, ELCA. Green is a graduate of Susquehanna University, B.A. and Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, M. Div. and D. Min. He serves on numerous boards and facilitates interfaith dialogues. A member of the McCandless Rotary Club and Allegheny Chapter, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, in his spare time he enjoys cooking.

Credits Approved: Continuing Education for Catholic Priests

Donations Gratefully Accepted for Scholarships for Seminarians



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Please Choose Session Preference (Circle One Letter in Each Session)

Session One A B C D E **Session Two** A B C D E **Session Three** A B C D E

_____ **\$30** Pastoral Care Conference (prior to April 3) (includes breakfast/lunch)

_____ **\$35** Pastoral Care Conference (after April 3) (includes breakfast/lunch)

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Checks payable to *St. Stephen's Church, 220 Eighth Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132*

For More Info Call: Sharon 412.664.9379 or visit www.pghpc.org

Pittsburgh Pastoral Care Conference Schedule — Friday, April 11, 2008



8:00 – 8:30 am
8:30—9:00 am

Registration & Continental Breakfast
Welcome and Prayer:
Sally Wiggan, WTAE TV News Anchor
The Rev. Dr. Jay Geisler, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
The Rev. Dr. John Guest, Christ Church at Grove Farm
Opening Remarks: The Rev. Donald Greene
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9:00—9:20 am

A = Addiction & Recovery
B = Mental Health & Wholeness

C = Family and Marriage
D = Community Outreach

E = Reflections in Ministry

- A1. **Addiction 101**— *Learn the basics of addiction and recovery. Hear about a new center being launched using a high-tech/high-touch approach to assist the addicted and their families.* The Rev. Dr. Jay Geisler, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, McKeesport; Karen A. Plavan, Ph.D., Pittsburgh Recovery Center
- B1. **Clergy as First Responders for Homeland Security** — *Clergy are often on the front lines in times of civil disturbance, unrest and crisis. Learn how to respond in times of national and local community emergencies.* The Rev. Steve Moore, United Methodist Commission on Relief (UMCOR)
- C1. **Bridging the Generation Gap** — *Learn to open the lines of communication between parents and teenagers.* The Rev. Dr. Ron Barnes, Executive Director, North Hills Youth Ministry
- D1. **Cover the City in Prayer** — *Mobilize your congregation to pray for the transformation of the region and engage in prayer walking in your local community.* Ernie Frederick, Pittsburgh Prayer Network
- E1. **A Language of the Heart** — *Explore a model of compassionate communication that promotes peace through heart connecting language.* David Russell, M.Ed. Facilitator, Compassionate Communication

Break 10:45-11:00 am

11:00 am-12:15 pm
Session Two (choose one)

- A2. **As Sick as Your Secrets: Understanding the Hidden Life of Pornography** — *Internet porn is rampant and contributes to sexual addiction. Examine the latest research on the dynamics of this addiction and learn a new framework for ministry to the afflicted.* Dorn Checkley, Dir., Pittsburgh Coalition Against Pornography
- B2. **As Doors Close...***The closure of Mayview Psychiatric Hospital will create an influx of people in need of support. Learn how to respond to people who may contact you for help.* Pastor Cletus Hull, Chaplain, Mayview Hospital, Trinity Christian Church (Disciples) Pat Valentine, Deputy Director, Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health
- C2. **Confronting Domestic Violence** — *Often church leaders are not aware of the many women who suffer silently from physical and psychological abuse. Learn how to break the silence.* The Rev. Christiana Dutton, Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
- D2. **The Model of the Master: Mentoring** — *Use the hands-on approach of apprenticeship for training and growth of disciples.* The Rev. Martha Giltinan, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, Trinity School for Ministry
- E2. **Lighten Up and Laugh at Yourself** — *Laughter helps orchestrate our body's natural healing ability. Learn how you can start a humor club in your congregation.* David Russell, M.Ed., Certified Laughter Counselor

12:30-2:00 pm Lunch
Keynote Speaker: *The Rev. Dr. William J. Carl, III*
President, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Presentation of the Dave Else Award

2:30-3:45 pm
Session Three (choose one)

- A3. **The Brain on Drugs** — *Understand how the brain is affected by drug use. Learn how to have an effective, compassionate response.* Don Cummins, Director, Pyramid Treatment Center, Wilkinsburg
- B3. **Gambling: How It Can Lead to More Societal Issues** — *Explore the impact of legalized gambling in the tri-state area and hear a personal story of recovery.* Gamblers Anonymous Speaker
- C3. **Supporting Marriages and Families** — *Gain an understanding of family systems theory and learn how to strengthen marriages in your congregation.* Virginia Corbett, BS, Samaritan Counseling Center
- D3. **"I Was in Prison and You Visited Me"** — *The majority of inmates at the county jail suffer from addiction. Learn how churches can help mentor inmates to become productive, responsible members of society.* Brother Mark Lowery, FSC, Outreach Director, Michael's Place; The Rev. Lynn Yeso, Director, Chaplain Ministries, Allegheny County Jail Fr. Malcolm McDonald, Chaplain, Allegheny County Jail; Denny Ugoletti, Chaplain, Beaver County Jail
- E3. **Bringing Faith into the Marketplace** — *Learn how to support and encourage working professionals in their faith.* The Rev. Carter Birely, Executive Director, The Pittsburgh Experiment