

TOGETHER

YOUNG ADULT FESTIVAL  
GENERAL CONVENTION 2009

REGISTRATION PACKET

*Holy Uniter,  
bringing all peoples together in your expansive embrace,  
guide us in these days of celebration and discernment  
as we seek your will in the many communities and ministries  
of our common mission; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Every third summer, Episcopalians from around the world gather for two weeks to form a body of believers charged with discussing, discerning and, in some ways, deciding the course of the church for the coming three years. General Convention is a legislative meeting, an informational gathering, a collaborative opportunity and a spiritually uplifting and challenging experience. It is a chance to meet Episcopalians from all walks of life and all parts of the church and to share faith, food and a few laughs.

We're excited that you have decided to join the festivities via the Young Adult Festival. Young adults, like you, are playing an integral role in determining the future of our church. It is your ideas, your sense of mission and your leadership that will determine what kind of a body we, as a church, will be in the twenty-first century.

In 2003, the first Young Adult Festival was held at General Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The presence of so many young adults had such an impact that young adult ministry was affirmed as a top mission priority for the coming triennium. Three years later our presence grew at General Convention in Ohio and was re-affirmed as a top mission priority. This year, we again offer the opportunity to experience General Convention in a profound way along with a community of other young adults, to express ideas and thoughts and, just as importantly, to create a space for leaders within the church to hear, see and learn from you.

Please take the time to look through the materials that follow and discover how you can delve into the carefully orchestrated chaos that is General Convention through the Young Adult Festival 2009.

We're looking forward to seeing you!

Peace,

The Rev. Douglas Fenton,  
*Program Officer for Young Adult & Campus Ministry*

Jason Sierra  
*Associate for Young Adult & Campus Ministry*

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# Transportation

## Getting to SoCal

If you are flying in to southern California we recommend that you fly into John Wayne International Airport. The drive is significantly shorter than LAX, making the taxi fare also significantly cheaper.

### RECOMMENDED: John Wayne Airport/Orange County/Santa Ana

Distance from hotel: 13 mi.      Drive time: 20 min.

Directions: Exit the Airport and take the CA-55 N freeway to the CA-22 W. Take the exit for City Drive, and make a left. The hotel is located about half a mile to the left hand side.

### LAX/Los Angeles International

Distance from hotel: 35 mi.

Drive time: approximately 1 hour

## Getting to the Hotel

### Driving

The Doubletree is located at **100 City Drive, Orange, California**. Parking at the Doubletree is \$7/day.

### Taxi

Approximately \$40.00 from John Wayne Airport

John Wayne Airport Yellow Cab Service (800) 535-2211 or (714) 535-0156

### Shuttles

Shuttle fare: approximately \$20.00 from John Wayne Airport

[www.ocair.com/groundtransport/shuttles.htm](http://www.ocair.com/groundtransport/shuttles.htm)

### Buses

Orange County Transportation Authority

[www.octa.net](http://www.octa.net)

(714) 636-7433

## Getting around

Shuttles will be provided to and from the Convention Center throughout the day.

There are also a number of restaurants within easy walking distance.

# Don't Forget

## Money

Your registration fee includes breakfast in the lounge every morning and lunch for those attending workshop sessions. Dinner and all hotel incidentals (including meals, phone, pay-per-view, daily gratuity for house keeping, etc.) will be your responsibility. You will also need to pay your way for California Day (see page 14)

## Snacks

Your hotel room will have a college size fridge, microwave, coffee maker and a sink. You may want to bring food, snacks, coffee or buy them locally to save a few bucks

## Comfy clothing

July in southern California is beautiful. Isn't it always? But check the weather before you come. Highs are usually in the mid 80s with lows in the lower 60s. Bring layers, as it cools off in the evening. There is a gym in the hotel. Don't forget to bring sunscreen whether you are going to the beach, Disneyland or just shopping on California Day (see page 14). You may also want to bring semi-formal attire for dinner events and for our closing reception. Business casual (slacks and a collared shirt or mid length skirt and sleeved top) is typical dress for official General Convention events.

## Enthusiasm

YAF is an important opportunity for young adults in the Church to be seen and heard by the leaders in the Episcopal Church. We are glad that you are participating in the life of the Church.

## Sense of Community

The Community Covenant has been prayerfully prepared by the YAF Design Team and you will be expected to live by this agreement. We ask at the outset that you read the covenant carefully and consider your role in it. As we gather together, for the Young Adult Festival at General Convention, let's remember our role as leaders and educators in the way we live into our ministry in the church both today and tomorrow. You may wish to bring a special gift or token from your region/town/church to share with the new friends you make.

## An Extra Bag

The exhibit hall of General Convention is filled with vendors and exhibitors who have many things to sell and some free things for the taking. You may wish to bring an extra bag to haul home your loot!

# Don't Bring

**Alcohol/drugs** - YAF exists to bring young adults into community at General Convention. Intoxication is distracting to true community building. Our covenant states that we will not bring any drugs or alcohol to the YAF hotel. If you drink outside of the hotel, please do so in moderation.

**Towels/sheets** - We are staying at a hotel, so towels and sheets are provided.

**Expensive equipment** - We are not responsible for lost or stolen property. Be sure to safeguard your belongings. All items that you bring are solely your responsibility.

We are blessed and privileged to be able to come together in community to be mutually empowered at General Convention (GC). In response to that opportunity, while at the Young Adult Festival (YAF), we agree to live out our baptismal covenant to:

- Proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.
- Seek and serve all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves.
- Strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

In addition, we commit ourselves to the following areas of focus:

### **Hospitality**

I commit myself to be hospitable to all members of the Episcopal Church, especially at the YAF and GC. I will welcome strangers as I am able. I understand that YAF locations and activities are a center for hospitality for all, where those who enter are equally valued and respected as fellow children of God.

In keeping with this commitment, I will return to the hotel by 2 am every night, and be quiet and respectful of my roommates' need for rest and sleep. I will be respectful of the community. I will be responsible and moderate if drinking and I will not bring illicit drugs into the hotel. I will obey the laws governing the city of Anaheim, the state of California, and the canons of GC. I will hold myself, and my community, responsible for honoring this covenant of community life, specifically by respecting each other's personal space and property. Furthermore, I will not engage in any physical behavior, sexual or otherwise, which would be destructive to the health of an individual or the community.

### **Formation**

I commit myself to making room for the Spirit in my heart and in my relating with others, that the experience of living in community may transform me. I understand that God is made present in the world through living into right relationship with my Creator, myself, and my community.

In keeping with this commitment, I will seek positive interactions with all people, regardless of the ways we are different. I will seek and respect the variety of each person's experience of God. Realizing that my participation contributes to others' formation as much as my own I will strive to be an active participant in the YAF and GC. I will treat myself respectfully and lovingly, getting sufficient rest and time alone with God so that I can be physically and emotionally present to the YAF, GC, and all present.

### **Witness**

I commit myself to living as a witness to Christ's love, and to proclaiming the Gospel. I understand that my life is unique and intimately connected to the story of God's people, and that I am called to join the ongoing witness of the saints.

In keeping with this commitment, I will keep myself open to hearing and learning from others' stories, and look for creative ways to share my story. In order to be an effective witness to the Gospel, I will be respectful and open to the ideas, values, and experiences of all, no matter how they differ from my own.

### **Mission**

I commit myself to being faithful to the Gospel, by striving to reflect the love of God in all that I do and say. I understand that I am called as a Christian to respond to the grace of God by loving both God and my neighbor.

In keeping with this commitment, I will share that love by participating in the YAF and GC. I will do so faithfully, to call my fellow young adults and the church to live in accordance with the Gospel. Finally, I will not leave my experience of the YAF and GC here in Anaheim but will instead carry it forth into the world.

As part of this Young Adult Festival community, I embrace this statement of purpose and will abide by these commitments.

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*Please sign covenant and turn in at registration*

# At a glance...

Every day of the festival you will be invited to share in both General Convention itself (your pass is included in your festival registration) and in those events created just for you as a participant in the Young Adult Festival. Our full days (Friday, Saturday & Monday) will operate on the following schedules:

## **Young Adult Festival**

7:00-8:00am Breakfast

1:00-2:00pm Lunch

2:00-3:00pm Workshop Session 1

3:30-4:30pm Workshop Session 2

6:00-8:00pm Dinner on your own

8:00-9:30pm Briefing & Worship

## **General Convention**

7:30 -9:30 am Legislative Committees

9:30 -11:15 am Legislative Session

11:30 am - 12:45 pm Community Eucharist

2:00-6:00pm Legislative Sessions

Events will take place in one of three locations: the Doubletree, Orange (where we'll be staying), The Anaheim Convention Center (GC itself), and the Marriott at the Convention Center (where our workshops will be). It'll be pretty clear how that happens once you're on the ground.

The Festival is designed to allow you to engage fully in General Convention but also to create space for you to connect with other young adults and process the events of the convention within that community. The workshop offerings have been carefully selected by our planning team to address a broad spectrum of relevant topics for both you as a young adult and us as a church. We hope you'll look through them carefully and find some that are right for you.

We also encourage you to take advantage of both the special events and daily offerings you'll find listed on pages 13 & 14, as we believe they will greatly enhance your festival experience. And if you have any questions feel free to address them to any of our time members or other staff. We're here to make sure you get as much out of the festival as you can.

## Young Adult Festival @ GC 2009 Schedule

	Thursday July 9, 2009	Friday July 10, 2009	Saturday July 11, 2009	Sunday July 12, 2009	Monday July 13, 2009	Tuesday July 14, 2009
7:00 am		Breakfast	Shuttles (Doubletree Hotel - Convention Center)		Breakfast	Shuttles (Doubletree Hotel - Convention Center)
7:30-9:00		Legislative Committee		8-9 am-Breakfast 9:00 am-Shuttle	Legislative Committee	
9:30-11:15		Legislative Session		Eucharist	Legislative Session	
11:30-12:45		Eucharist			Eucharist	
1:00-2:00	Registration	Lunch (Marriott Hotel)		California Day	Lunch	
2:00-3:00	Festival Arrivals (At Doubletree Hotel)	3 Workshops + Labyrinth (Marriott Hotel)	3 Workshops + Labyrinth (Marriott Hotel)	(Participants will have the opportunity to either visit Disneyland, Huntington beach or simply relax and enjoy the hotels amenities.)	3 Workshops + Labyrinth (Marriott Hotel)	Festival Departs
3:30-4:30		3 Workshops + Labyrinth (Marriott Hotel)	3 Workshops + Labyrinth (Marriott Hotel)		3 Workshops + Labyrinth (Marriott Hotel)	
4:30-6:00		Free Time			Free Time	
6:00-7:00	Opening Reception (At Doubletree Hotel)	Dinner (Participants provide their own)	Simple Dinner with EPF (TBA)		Reception (Marriott Hotel)	
8:00 – 9:00		Briefing (Doubletree Hotel)			Followed by MIX Service	
9:00		Compline (Doubletree Hotel)				

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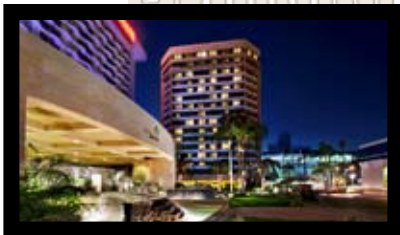
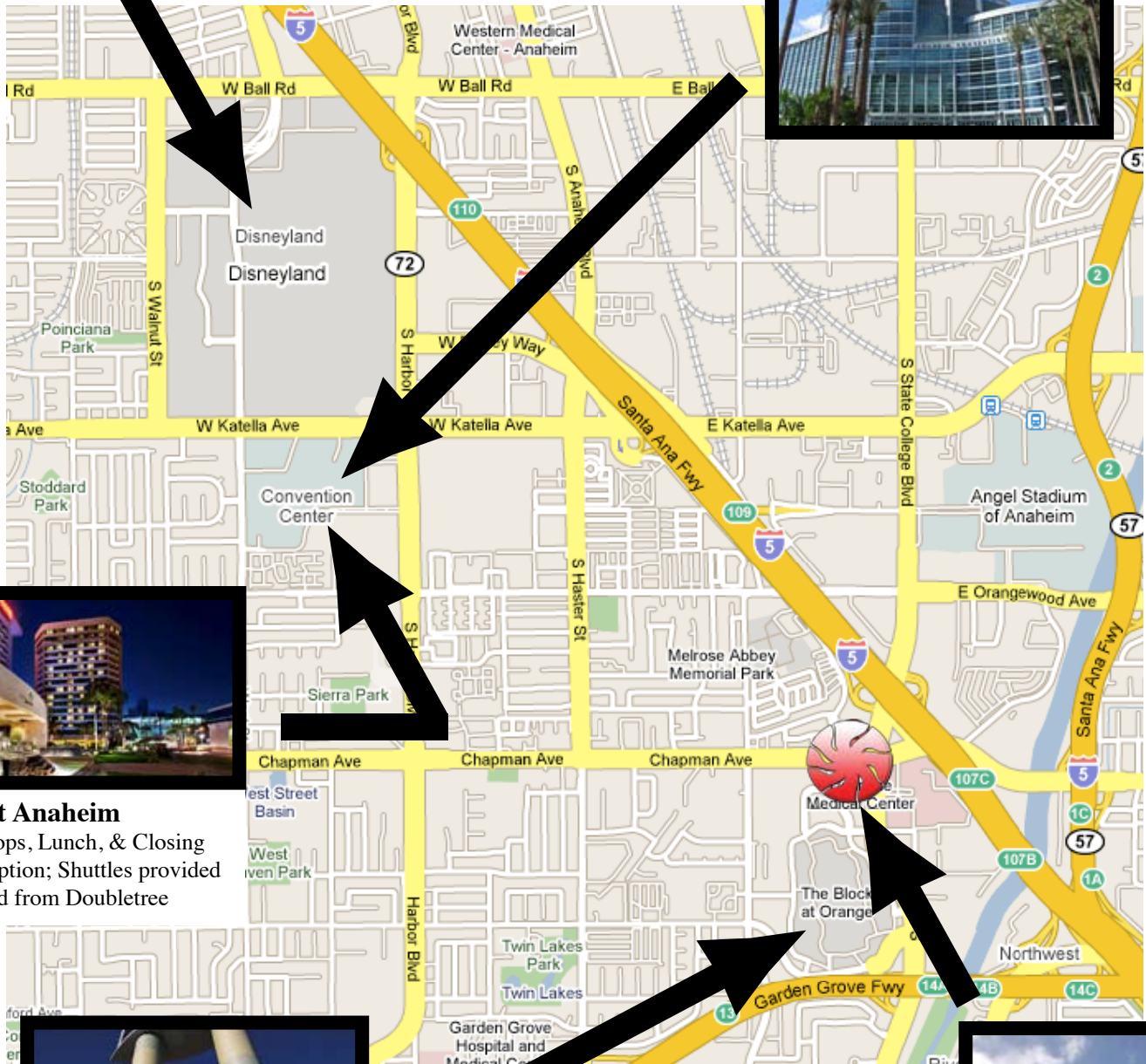
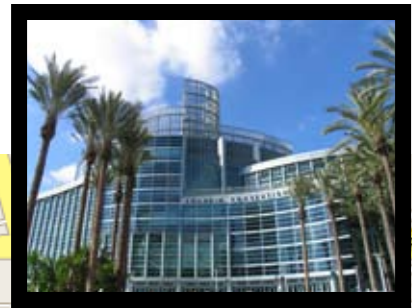


**Disneyland**

Talking Mice, Roller Coasters, Fireworks  
Shuttles available for Sunday's California Day

**Anaheim Convention Center**

General Convention, Legislative Sessions,  
Exhibit Hall, & Sunday Eucharist  
Shuttles provided to and from Doubletree



**Marriott Anaheim**

Workshops, Lunch, & Closing  
Reception; Shuttles provided  
to and from Doubletree



**The Block at Orange**

Shopping, Coffee, Restaurants  
Walking distance from Doubletree

**Doubletree Hotel, Orange**

100 The City Drive  
Accommodations, Opening Reception,  
Breakfast, Lounge, Nightly Briefing  
& Community Worship



# Workshops

Friday, Saturday & Monday, you'll be able to pick and choose your way through a variety of different offerings and opportunities. Check out the descriptions, check out the team & presenter's bios (page 15 & 16) and listen to where the spirit is leading you. You never know what you might discover.

## Friday Session I

2:00-3:00 p.m.

### **Get Lost (in our Labyrinth)**

*offered all sessions, all days, Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon C*

Labyrinths have been used since antiquity to help people discern their paths in life. Get lost and find yourself (or just a little bit of peace and quiet in the middle of Convention craziness) in the YAF labyrinth, provided by All Saints' Church, Pasadena. Offered during all workshop times - come by as often as you like.

### **Community Expressions**

*two sessions, different artists, Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon B*

The church provides us with the freedom to worship God in our own way. Take the opportunity to see the different ways people use their culture—language, music, and traditions—to strengthen their relationship with God. With Lester Mackenzie, Wendy Pineda, Katherine Nishibayashi & Isaiah Brokenleg.

### **Engaging & Changing: Get Involved as a Young Adult**

*Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon A*

As we start new life journeys as young adults, our relationships with our Episcopal communities begin to change. Gather with peers from across the country in search of opportunities to join and develop ministries that reflect our changing lives. Facilitated by Lemuel Moncur & Jason Sierra.

## Friday Session II

3:30-4:30 p.m.

### **Called: Discerning God's Will in Our Lives**

*Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon D*

As young adults we are constantly exploring and discerning God's calling in our lives. Gain some essential tools for discerning your vocation both inside and outside the church. Facilitated by Vocare International.

### **Exploring New Places, Exploring Our Own Lives: Episcopal Internships**

*Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon A*

We're all in need of time and space to relocate ourselves within God's creation. The Episcopal Church offers various short and long-term service opportunities both locally and internationally. Consider how you might take time to serve and become part of a community, as you grow in humility, leadership, and awareness of God's presence in your life. Facilitated by David Copley & Douglas Fenton.

### **Meditation: Beyond "Om"**

*Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon B*

Meditation - it's harder (and more rewarding) than it looks. Come find out about and experience this challenging and enlightening spiritual practice. Facilitated by the Rev. Daniel Simons

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### **Don't Just Sit There! Body Prayer**

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### **Money, Economics and Ecology**

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## Saturday Session II

3:30-4:30 p.m.

### **Prayer Beads: More than a Pretty Necklace**

*Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon D*

Prayer beads are a tool for meditation and contemplative prayer which use mind, body, and spirit for mindful praying. Come and learn about what prayer beads are and how to use them, while making your own. Facilitated by Rachel Swan.

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## Monday Session I

2:00-3:00 p.m.

# Workshops

### **Stewardship: A New Take for a New Generation**

*also offered Monday, second session, Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon A*

Does your purpose connect with your pocketbook? God's invites us to align our money and our purpose. Come explore how the choices we make with our money can change the world. Facilitated by Laurel Johnston & Nathan Dungan.

### **Your Epiclesis is Showing: Incarnational Prayer in Everyday Life**

*Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon B*

There is a particular focus on the Incarnation in the Episcopal Church. In worship we touch, taste, and move to experience God's presence among the congregation. We use prayer tools like the labyrinth and prayer beads to engage our bodies in the prayer experience. Paul urges the church in 1st Thessalonians to pray without ceasing. In this workshop we will explore what it means to live a life of Incarnational Prayer, in which all that we do becomes a prayer. This can mean intentional time set aside for reading scripture and meditation, or going to a bar with friends. Join us to consider how we might engage the holy in the ordinary. Facilitated by James Derkits & Kevin Schubert.

### **Finding God in the MiX: Alternative Worship at USC**

*Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon D*

Music in Christ is a unique worship experience founded at the University of Southern California that combines live music, word, images, and video. Before the Monday evening MiX liturgy, take a closer look at this alternative and contemporary non-denominational, inter-denominational worship community with the musicians and organizers who make it happen every week. Facilitated by Music in Christ.

### **Get Lost (in our Labyrinth)**

*offered all sessions, all days, Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon C*

## Monday Session II

3:30-4:30 p.m.

### **Identities: Exploring the Diversity of the Episcopal Church**

*Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon B*

We're all trying to find a connection between our faith and our identity. A diverse panel of people offer their stories of life in the world and in the church. With Rachel Swan, Mark Calihan, Miguelina Espinal & Sari Attek.

### **Body Politik: The Relationships between Gender, Faith and Action**

*Marriott Grand Ballroom, Salon D*

The UN convenes a Commission on the Status of Women yearly. This commission draws its priorities from the Beijing platform for action, which advocates for justice and equity for women across the world. This year, 10 young women from the Episcopal Church participated as delegates to this commission. Their participation provides an example of the Episcopal Church's priority to engage with international policy reform in favor of the oppressed. It also demonstrates a commitment to develop youth leadership. What is your opinion about the status of women in our generation? Do you think there is an issue of gender inequity? As young adults how does the way we view gender affect our leadership in the church? Does the church help or perpetuate these inequities? This interactive workshop will explore positive and negative expressions of gender identity and the church's role in promoting equity for all. Facilitated by Karen Longenecker & Areeta Bridgemoha.

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# Daily Offerings

## The Lounge

Break time, nap time, breakfast time, anytime is a great time to spend relaxing and enjoying fellowship in the lounge. Located on the first floor of the Doubletree Hotel, we've set up this space to be a comfortable place for conversation, for relaxation and for gathering as a community. In the lounge you will find information on local attractions as well as plenty of literature on what the Episcopal Church and its many affiliated organizations offer specifically for you as a young adult. The lounge will also be the site of breakfast and our nightly briefing and worship.

## Breakfast

Bright and early! Grab breakfast in the lounge between 7 and 8 a.m. on your way to the shuttles.

## Shuttles

Free shuttles between the Doubletree to the Convention Center will depart every 30 minutes from 7 a.m. until midnight. After midnight cabs are available at your expense.

## Lunch

Lunch will be provided at the workshop locations at the Marriott beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday & Monday.

## Newsletter

We'll be producing a newsletter every day of the festival to report on what you saw, did, experienced and were transformed by. Newsletters will be available every morning in the lounge and will be distributed to deputies and visitors at the doors to General Convention. Plan on writing something up or submitting photos at least once during the festival to share your experience with folks back home and with your fellow festival-ers.

## Briefing

Every night Mary Getz from the Episcopal Public Policy Network in Washington D.C. will be with us at 8 p.m. in the lounge to debrief us on the events of the day and to give us a heads up on what's coming up next. Mary's guidance is an invaluable part of delving into and experiencing General Convention. Bring your questions!

## Worship

As a community we will gather each evening to worship together in the lounge following the briefing. James Derkits and Kevin Schubert from the Diocese of Texas will lead us in closing our day with song, word and silence as we come into closer communion with God and one another.

# Don't miss it!

## Opening Reception

*Thursday, July 9 at 6pm - Back Patio, Doubletree Hotel*

After settling into our rooms, we'll gather downstairs to say "howdy" with live music, hors d'oeuvres and some introductions on the Doubletree's back patio. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet other young adults from around the country and try to track down some folks who might be interested in sitting in on the same legislative sessions. Afterwards we will have our first briefing and worship together.

## Mentors & Discernment

*Friday, July 10 at 7pm - Lounge, Doubletree Hotel*

How do we discern our calling in life? Well, certainly not alone. The Episcopal Church is full of tools for use in discerning God's will for our lives. The Pastoral Leadership Search Effort and Forward Movement will be with us on Friday at 7pm at the Doubletree to talk about what they offer to aid young adults specifically in this important work. PLSE mentors will be present to talk about seeking, finding & connecting with mentors as an important spiritual practice and will invite you to consider how you might identify and connect with a mentor in your walk of faith. Forward Movement will be presenting a new study series they have developed to assist young adults in developing practices of theological thinking and reflection.

## Simple Meal

*Saturday, July 11 at 7pm - Doubletree Hotel*

Join us for a simple and sustainable evening meal as we explore the intersection between food, fellowship and faith. Drawing from our Eucharistic roots, we will journey into the world of sustainability, food/eco-justice, and table fellowship. Expect interesting speakers and great conversation. Saturday, 7 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel. Stay posted for more details.

## California Day

*Sunday, July 12 following General Convention Eucharist - Disneyland & Huntington Beach*

Take the opportunity to experience a fun day in the sun. A day full of places to go and people to see. California Day will feature two main attractions: Disney Land the home of our favorite Walt Disney characters such as Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Cinderella and many more that will bring back the child inside each one of us and Huntington beach. Also known worldwide as Surf City, the beach also has the largest recreational pier in the world, public parks, riding stables, equestrian trails, a marina, and a wildlife preserve. What can you do there? How about an eight-mile bike ride, inline skating, jogging, and picturesque walking trail along the ocean. Come and see what California has to offer.

## Closing reception

*Monday, July 13 at 6pm - Marriott Hotel*

On Monday at 6pm at the Marriott Hotel we will invite the broader community to come join us for a Young Adult Ministry reception and meet the incredible young adults (you) of our church. MIX (Music in Christ) will present their worship expressions of song and word after which we will all kick back with food and drink. The event is open to all General Convention participants, so spread the word through the course of the festival.

# Resource Folks/Planning Team

**Andrea de la Torre** is a self-motivated student at Sacramento City College with a strong spiritual resolve. Her desire to help her community originated with her participation in the Short Internship Program (SIP) provided by the Episcopal Church. SIP is a volunteer service oriented internship that gave her the opportunity to volunteer at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with their health clinic, after-school program, and food and cloths closet. In addition Andrea volunteered in the front office and in the children's program at St. John's Shelter Program for Women and Children. As an intern she was accepted to a community service and campus ministry housing program, known as Faith and Leadership Program. FLP became a stepping stool to the National Episcopal Church Campus Ministry gatherings and leadership conferences. Andrea was a delegate to the United Nations Commission of status of women (UNCSW) where her interest and passion for being involved gave her a better understanding of her need to help strive for social justice, working toward building a better global community.

**Shawn Evelyn** is a 27 year old Young Adult living in Southern California. Shawn has long been an active participant in the Episcopal Church. For many years he has served the Diocese of Los Angeles, the Bishop's present and past, Diocesan Staff, the Church Community, and the Youth and Young Adults that reside there. An original member of the Hands and Healing initiative, an international missionary co-op seeking peace, justice, and unity created by Bishop John J. Bruno of the Diocese of Los Angeles, Shawn travelled the country to not only share but to receive the inspiration from many different Americans. His experiences have led him to seek opportunities to work with other Youth and Young Adults throughout the country and world abroad.

**Nancy Frausto**, Diocese of Los Angeles. For last 8 years Nancy has worked in All Saints Highland park in youth ministry. She was the coordinator for "Nuevo Amanecer 08" and is part of the Editorial Team for the new Latino Ministry Magazine "Voces" and the young adult group in her diocese. One of her passions is helping at-risk youth and one of her goals is to open a non-profit organization that helps run-aways get their lives back on track. She is a firm believer in respecting the dignity of every human being and therefore is very involved in social justice issues that allow her to fight for the rights of everyone that is marginalized by society.

**Wendy Pineda** is the youth coordinator at Iglesia Episcopal San Mateo in the Diocese of Texas. She attends the University of Houston and is majoring in business.

**Carlton Allen**, a cradle Episcopalian, is a Civil Engineer from the Diocese of Northern California. During his previous endeavors he was the Youth and Young Adult Ministries Coordinator for the diocese. Carlton currently serves as Vice President for Vocare International, Inc. and as a member of the Episcopal Church's Committee for Young Adult Ministry.

**Nicole Seiferth** has been involved with young adult ministry in the Episcopal Church since 2004, when she joined the 20s/30s group at St. Bartholomew's Church in the Diocese of New York. She's been a member of the Committee on Young Adult Ministry since 2007. Nicole's day job is also with the church, working at Trinity Wall Street as an editor and writer for their web and parish publications. She lives in Brooklyn, is originally from Tennessee, and is just a little bit of an extrovert.

**The Rev. Douglas Fenton** is the Program Officer for Young Adult and Campus Ministries. Originally from Canada, after serving in parishes and as Dean of Students and Chaplain at St John's College, University of Manitoba, he came to the Episcopal Church Center seven years ago. During his time a stronger focus has been placed on the development and support for young adults and young adult ministries across the church and new campus ministries have begun. Despite living outside of Canada, Douglas' Métis heritage causes him to continue to be engaged in issues affecting First Nations Peoples.

**Jason Sierra** is the Associate for Young Adult and Campus Ministries. A recent transplant from Texas, he is one of three staff members working out of the Episcopal Church Center's new Seattle Regional Office. A recent Stanford grad, Jason has spent the last few years working in communications at Christ Church Cathedral in Houston and is an active visual artist. He and his brother Jeremiah began the young adult zine, Episcoric last year and he maintains a passion for communicatins and the arts in his currnt position.

# Workshop Presenters

**The Rev. Sari Ateek** is a Palestinian Christian born and raised in Israel/Palestine. At the age of 19, he moved to the United States for his undergraduate studies. He earned his Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and a certificate in Anglican Studies from Virginian Theological Seminary. He is currently serving as the associate priest at St. James Episcopal Church in South Pasadena, California, where he resides with his wife, Tanory, and their one-year-old son, Naem.

**Areeta Bridgemohan** just completed her Master's of Public Health degree at the University of Michigan. She originally comes from Guyana by way of Italy and Canada. For her Bachelor's degree she studied Psychology and International Development Studies. After graduating she worked in Quebec teaching English, and then did internships in Barbados and Mali, after which she worked for a short period in Guyana with the Ministry of Health. During her master's degree she has done research on academic-community partnerships which aim to address health disparities in Flint, Michigan. During her free time she enjoys doing such things as volunteering, reading, photography, listening to music and biking. After this summer, she hopes to find a job in Toronto in public health, preferably with immigrant or refugee communities or with an international development organization doing project management.

**The Rev. David Copley**, a native of England, trained as a pediatric nurse before traveling to Liberia in 1991 to work for three years with an Irish NGO and for UNICEF. With his wife, he then went to Bolivia as a missionary for four years, returning to attend seminary in 2000. He was ordained in Southern Virginia in 2003 and has been the Mission Personnel director of the Episcopal Church since 2006. David lives in Tarrytown, New York with his wife, Susan and daughter Megan; he is an active sea kayaker and rock climber.

**The Rev. James Derkits** is a priest and musician interested in discerning the authentic expression of church and liturgy in particular local communities. He lives and works in Houston, TX, where he and his wife are among the handful of urban-outdoor-adventurers; cycling, fly fishing, and canoeing in the hidden natural treasures of the Bayou City. He works at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and is chair of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. He values our rich Episcopal treasury of liturgy and music, and exploring ways to bring new life to that liturgy and music.

**Nathan Dungan** is the founder and president of Share Save Spend®. For over 20 years, Nathan has been an industry thought-leader on helping youth and adults link their money decisions to their values. Nathan speaks and consults nationally with families and organizations about the topic of money and the effects of mass marketing on money habits. Nathan is one of the national media's go-to experts on family finances. He has been widely quoted in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Business Week, and TIME magazine. Nathan serves on the boards of the National Institute on Media and the Family, Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota and Minneapolis based YouthCARE. He earned his bachelors degree from St. Olaf College and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management Executive Development Program. Prior to founding Share Save Spend he was a top-performing financial advisor

**The Rev. Miguelina Espinal** is originally from the Dominican Republic, where she served for 6 years as Camp Director, Vicar of three congregations and as Young Adult Ministries Coordinator for three years. Miguelina is a licensed Pshycologist, who during her seminary years, served as a volunteer in an institution for children with special needs. She is passionate about leadership recruitment among young people and cultural diveristy in the Church structure. Currently, Miguelina is serving as Associate Program Officer for the Young Adult Ministries Office, coordinating the PLSE program.

**Laurie Freeman** is a fully certified Pilates instructor with over 10 years experience and has performed both on and off Broadway and on many television specials. For Laurie, working with and teaching individuals of all ages and levels of ability is a most rewarding ministry in wellness and nourishment for the body and spirit. Liturgical Dance is a vital expression of this connection and it has been in her life both as a performer and choreographer since she was a teen. A few of the highlights of her Dance/Movement Ministry are choreographing a musical sermon about Moses for a youth group at St. Paul's Riverside CT, a workshop with Prov 8 at St. Michael's at UCSB, and swinging with senior citizens to an up-beat gospel version of Amazing Grace at St. George's Laguna Hills. She is honored and excited to share her experience and passion for body/spirit prayer at this awesome convention.

**The Rev. Laurel Johnston** serves as the Stewardship Officer for the Episcopal Church. For twenty years, as a fundraiser, global activist and priest, Laurel has connected people's passions and purpose with God's desire for the healing and transformation of the world. She is committed to shaping faith communities to be centers of transformation, places to live into our baptismal identities in faithful response to God's grace. Laurel serves on the boards of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) and the Ecumenical Stewardship Center. She earned her bachelors degree in international relations and Spanish from U.C. Davis and earned her Master of Divinity degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) in Berkeley, California. Laurel is based out of the Church Center's regional office in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Karen Longenecker** is currently a graduate student of Latin American Studies at the University of California San Diego. She studies gender, power and religion and is researching the Church's influence on interpretations of sexuality in Latin America especially under differing forms of governance. Before attending graduate school, she worked in Episcopal Jubilee Ministries with immigrant and homeless populations in Denver, Colorado. While in Colorado, she served on the Diocese of Colorado Commission for Racial Justice and was involved with Our Merciful Savior Episcopal Church. In March of 2009, she attended the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women with the Episcopal Young Adult Delegation in New York and hopes to continue both her studies of gender and religion and her work for justice.

**Lemuel R. Moncur** is a life-long Episcopalian from Miami, FL (Diocese of Southeast Florida). He is an educator with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. He serves as a lay minister at St. Agnes' Episcopal and as an adult advisor for the Youth Commission for the diocese. Lemuel is currently a member of the Committee for Young Adult Ministry for the Episcopal Church.

**Katherine Nishibayashi** is a lifelong Episcopalian from the Diocese of Los Angeles and is so excited that General Convention is in her home diocese! She served as the Youth and Young Adult Convenor for the Episcopal Asiamerican Ministry Group from 2004-2007. Katherine participated in the Servant Year internship program in the Diocese of Pennsylvania from 2005-2006. She is currently the Clerk on her church vestry. When she's not busy being a church nerd, she loves reading, watching movies, reality TV and baseball (Go Dodgers!) and working with kids.

**Vanessa Riutta** is a Youth Minister at Church of the Good Samaritan in Clearwater, Florida. Active within the Diocese of Southwest Florida for the past fifteen years, her many years of youth work inspired her to be involved in the original implementation of Vocare in that diocese. Since then, she has become Lay Director for Vocare and recently has been appointed as President Elect of Vocare International. Currently, she is finishing her degree in Organizational Leadership, specializing in Not For Profit Organizations

**Michael Schut** serves as the Economic and Environmental Affairs Officer of The Episcopal Church, based in Seattle, following 11 years on the staff of Earth Ministry. His most recent book is Money and Faith: The Search for Enough. He edited and co-wrote Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective, which won the second best book of 2000 award by the Catholic Press Association. Michael also edited Food and Faith: Justice, Joy and Daily Bread. He has worked as a Park Ranger, and led wilderness trips, retreats, and workshops.

**The Rev. Kevin Schubert** is an associate priest at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Austin, TX where he lives with his wife Heather. His focus encompasses family ministry and liturgical development. Kevin has a great passion for liturgy and music and strives to create innovative worship from the roots of the Episcopal tradition. Kevin enjoys all things pertaining to drums, nature, and canoeing.

**Rachel Swan**, from the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, is a seeker not a settler. Her passion is for building relationships—in and outside of the church—and for radical welcome and hospitality. She served for 2+ years on the Young Adult Ministry Network and still advocates for young people finding their voice, passion, and connection into God's mission for the world. Rachel currently works for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), working with stewardship and candidacy (people who want to be pastors). Rachel identifies as bisexual and actively speaks, writes, and volunteers on behalf of GLBTQI folks. Rachel, her beloved Karen, and their kitty Tigger live, work, and serve in Minneapolis, MN.

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