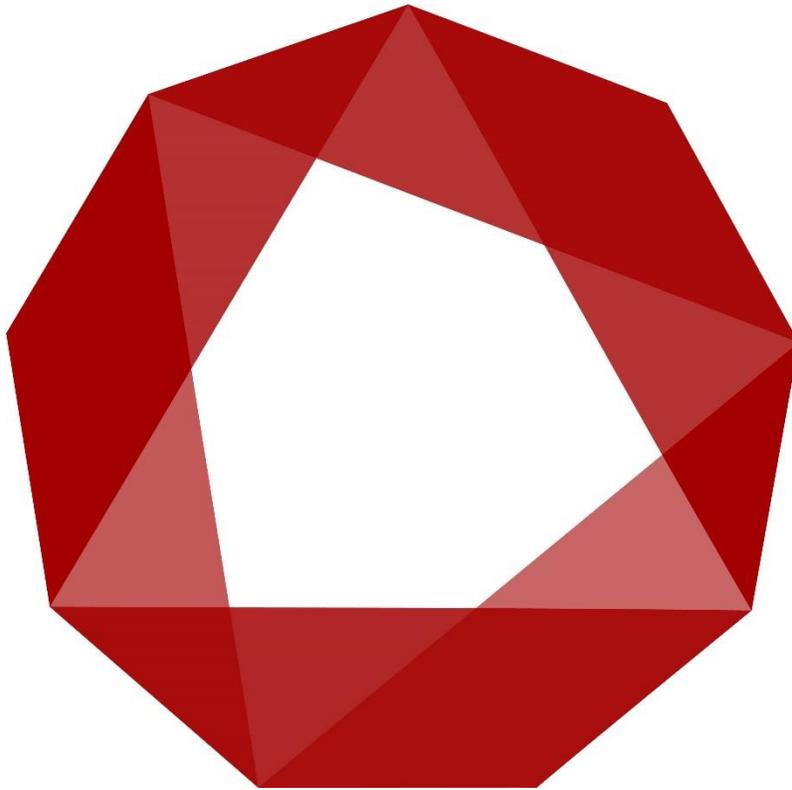


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2020 GEMN Global Mission Conference

“Earthkeeping: Creation Care in Global Mission”

April 29 – May 1, 2020 Indianapolis, Indiana

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125 Monument Circle
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Conference Overview

How can mission-minded Christians confront the crisis of climate change and environmental degradation alongside mission companions in other parts of the world? That is the question at the heart of the 2020 Global Mission Conference, ***“Earthkeeping: Creation Care in Global Mission”***. Sponsored by the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN), the conference will be held Wednesday-Friday, April 29-May 1, 2020 at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The 2020 Global Mission Conference invites Episcopalians to explore ways to integrate creation care into our global mission work. In addition to multiple workshops on specific examples and approaches, we will be inspired by keynote speakers:

- Katharine Jefferts Schori, former Presiding Bishop and oceanographer, will provide theological grounding, scientific background and insights from her experience around the world.
- Leon Sampson of Navajoland will share how Native American perspectives correlate with Christian theology and offer ecological approaches from the First Nations.
- Rachel Mash, eco-activist and coordinator of the Green Anglicans network in Southern Africa, will discuss innovative approaches taken by the church in Africa and suggest specific ways Christians in the West can engage ecologically with companions in the Majority World.
- Orlando Gomez, the bishop of Costa Rica, and a team from that diocese will share how the climate crisis is affecting Latin America and how his diocese and others in that part of the world are actively engaged in the care of creation.



Global Mission Workshops

Mission workshops will give you practical tools to bring back to your diocese, congregation or mission organization:

- Active environmental ministries and global mission partnerships
- Theology of environmental mission
- Healthy short-term mission
- Asset-Based Community Development
- Sustaining mission relationships
- Discerning a call as a missionary
- Cross-cultural best practices in mission engagement

About Global Episcopal Mission Network

GEMN is committed to giving you the tools you need for global mission. We are the independent mission network in the Episcopal Church, dedicated to proclaiming, inspiring and igniting the joy of God’s mission. GEMN consists of dioceses, congregations, organizations, seminaries, and individuals who are passionate about engaging God’s mission and connecting people through mission.

GEMN’s annual Global Mission Conference creates a forum where people who are passionate for global mission engagement meet, learn, and exchange ideas. Together we discern where God is leading us next as the hands and feet of Christ, as a church, as individuals, and as God’s people.

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Conference Schedule

Pre-Conference Programs:

Tuesday, April 28:

- 8:30 am–6:00 pm: **Global Mission Formation Program**
 - *Program includes lunch and dinner*
- Arrival day for Conference Attendees
- 2:00–5:00 pm: **Pre-gathering** for Diocesan Mission Reps and members of the Standing Commission on World Mission
 - *All interested are invited to attend at no charge*
- 6:00 pm – Optional dinner for early arrivals

Wednesday, April 29:

Morning	Breakfast on your own
8:30 am	Morning Prayer: at Christ Church Cathedral
9:00 am:	Conference Opens – Welcome – Christ Church Cathedral <i>The Rt. Rev. Jennifer L. Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis</i> <i>The Rev. Canon Dr. Titus Presler, President of GEMN</i> <i>Introduction: The Rev. David Kendall-Sperry, GEMN</i>
9:30 am:	First Plenary Speaker <i>The Rt. Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, former Presiding Bishop and Oceanographer</i> Topic: “Water of Life”
Following:	Q&A Discussion
11:00 am:	Connection Building <i>Global Mission Connection Introductions</i>
12:00 noon:	Holy Eucharist – Christ Church Cathedral
1:00 pm:	Lunch – Parish Hall (lower level)

***Note on Workshops** – All workshops will be one hour, and some may be repeated. Please check the workshop schedule for information and locations.

2:15-3:15 pm:	Workshop Session I
3:15 pm:	Break
3:45-4:45 pm:	Workshop Session II
5:00-6:00 pm:	Welcome Reception and Displays – Parish Hall (lower level)
5:15-5:45 pm:	Evening Prayer – Christ Church Cathedral
6:00 pm:	Dinner
7:00 pm:	Second Plenary Speaker <i>The Rev. Leon Sampson, Navajoland Area Mission</i>
Following:	Q&A Discussion
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Conference Schedule (Cont.)

Thursday, April 30:

Morning Breakfast on your own
 8:30 am Morning Prayer: at Christ Church Cathedral

**Note – Dr. Mash will be presenting remotely as part of her commitment to reduce her carbon footprint. Her plenary presentation will be pre-recorded, and her Q&A session will be held live by internet video.*

9:00 am: **Third Plenary Speaker – Parish Hall (Lower Level)**
The Rev. Dr. Rachel Mash, Environmental Coordinator of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Following: **Q&A Discussion – Live by Internet Video**

11:00 am: **GEMN Annual Meeting**

12:00 noon: Holy Eucharist – Christ Church Cathedral

1:00 pm: Lunch – Parish Hall (lower level)

**Note on Workshops – All workshops will be one hour, and some may be repeated. Please check the workshop schedule for information and locations.*

2:15-3:15 pm: **Workshop Session III**

3:15 pm: Break

3:45-4:45 pm: **Workshop Session IV**

5:15-6:00 pm: **Evensong – Christ Church Cathedral**

6:00-7:00 pm: **Reception and Displays – Parish Hall (Lower Level)**

**Note – Dinner will be on our own at one of the many great eateries close to the Cathedral. This is your opportunity to continue global mission networking with friends and colleagues.*

Friday, May 1:

Morning Breakfast on your own
 8:30 am Morning Prayer: at Christ Church Cathedral
9:00 am: **Fourth Plenary Speaker**
The Rt. Rev. The Rt. Rev. Orlando Gómez Segura, Bishop of Costa Rica
Following: **Q&A Discussion**
11:00 am: **Final Eucharist**
 12:30 pm: Departures

Notice of 2020 Global Episcopal Mission Network Annual Meeting:

The Board of Directors hereby gives notice of the annual general meeting of the Global Episcopal Mission Network which will take place on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis, Indiana. All are invited to attend.

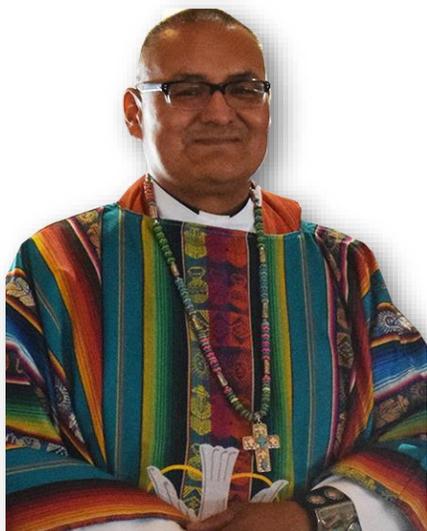
Keynote Speakers

The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori served as Presiding Bishop and chief pastor of the Episcopal Church's members in 17 nations from 2006 to 2015, working to strengthen mission partnerships across the Anglican Communion and with other religious and civic partners. Bishop Jefferts Schori has been vocal about mission priorities, including the United Nations Development Goals (MDGs and SDGs), domestic poverty, climate change and care for the earth, and international issues of peace and justice.

In August 2019, the bishop accompanied a group of fifteen young pilgrims from the Diocese of Olympia on a unique one-week Youth Creation Care Pilgrimage, departing from St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle and trekking to the beach near Forks-La Push on the shores of the Pacific Ocean.

Dr. Jefferts Schori began her career as an oceanographer. Her research focused on cephalopods – including systematics, fisheries, and evolutionary theory. In the mid-1980s, she worked as an oceanographer for the National Marine Fisheries Service. She holds a B.S. degree in biology from Stanford University, an M.S. and Ph.D. in oceanography from Oregon State University and has been awarded numerous honorary doctorates. She served on President Obama's Council on Neighborhood and Faith-Based Partnerships, and on the Division of Earth and Life Studies Board of the National Academy of Sciences. Among her books are *Gospel in the Global Village: Seeking God's Dream of Shalom* and *Gathering at God's Table: The Five Marks of Mission in the Feast of Faith*.

Prior to her role as Presiding Bishop, Bishop Jefferts Schori served as Bishop of Nevada, and earlier was a university lecturer (fisheries, religious studies, and philosophy), priest, and hospice chaplain in Oregon. She speaks passionately for the role of all the baptized in serving God's mission to heal the world. She served as Assisting Bishop in the Diocese of San Diego from 2017 to 2019.



The Rev. Leon Sampson, curate priest at Good Shepherd Mission in the Navajoland Area Mission Diocese, has been instrumental in establishing the Navajoland beekeeping program: *Bees Bring Hozho to Navajoland*. 'Hozho' means harmony in one's relationship with nature. "As Navajo, we understand the Earth to be a living being who gave life to us as a people. We are connected intrinsically to her and feel a kinship for every living thing that inhabits this planet with us. As Episcopalians, we believe we must honor God's creation by stewarding Earth's precious resources. This project allows us to live fully in both beliefs."

The Rev. Sampson graduated in 2019 from Virginia Theological Seminary. He returned home to St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah, just in time to move to Fort Defiance, Arizona. He began by listening to the community and entered a discernment process as to what his new ministry would encompass. In July 2019, he was ordained to the priesthood. He is focusing on strengthening the community engagement ministry by increasing outreach programs with local schools and other churches, and responding as witness to the needs of the community.

The Rev. Dr. Rachel Mash is the Environmental Coordinator of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, which includes South Africa, Swaziland-Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, Angola and Mozambique. She works with the Green Anglicans Youth Movement, which is growing in Africa. She is secretary to the Anglican Communion Environmental Network and sits on the steering committee of the Season of Creation group.

Southern Africa is one of the areas most affected by climate change. “We are suffering both from severe drought in parts of the region as well as devastating floods in others,” says Dr. Mash. “Cape Town, where I live, recently suffered the worst years of drought in 100 years and as Day Zero drew near, there was the threat that we would become the first major city in the world to run out of water. This year the rains have been better, and the situation has improved, but we have gone from rainy winters to drought. This is becoming the new normal.”

Dr. Mash played a critical supporting role in the Southern African Anglican Church passing a resolution to divest from fossil fuels in 2016. As a Climate Reality Leader trained by former Vice President Al Gore in 2014 in Johannesburg, Dr. Mash is making the Anglican Church of Southern Africa an example for religions across the world to follow.



The Rt. Rev. Orlando Gómez Segura, Bishop of Costa Rica in the Anglican Church of Central America since 2018, is offering leadership to the diocese’s creation care ministries. Costa Rica is well known for its environmentalism, with a full 25% of the country’s landmass consisting of protected forests and reserves. Costa Rica is ranked the second most environmentally sustainable country in the world. The country uses 99.2% renewable energy, of which 78% is from hydroelectric sources and 18% from geothermal and wind power. During one 75-day stretch, the entire country was able to run on renewable resources only.

Bishop Gómez was ordained priest 2000 and has been part of the mission of the Episcopal Church since 1991. He was priest-in-charge of All Saints Mission in San Rafael Abajo, one of the poorest districts in the south of the province of San José. There he developed a social, communal and environmental ministry in conjunction with the local government and

other social organizations.

Originally from Turrialba, Cartago, Bishop Gómez grew up in the countryside as a farmer in a Roman Catholic family. He is the sixth of 10 children. In 1978, he emigrated from the countryside to the city and began his high school studies. In the city, he stood out as a carpenter specializing in cabinetmaking.

In 1991 he and his wife were invited to participate in an activity of the Episcopal Church. They immediately became active members of La Ascensión. In 1993, he was transferred to serve All Saints’ Mission, where he felt called to ordained ministry. He completed his biblical and theological studies at the Latin American Biblical University.

General Information

Conference Location:

This year's GEMN Global Mission Conference will be hosted by:

Christ Church Cathedral
125 Monument Circle
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Website: www.cccindy.org

Located in the heart of Indianapolis, Christ Church Cathedral describes its origins this way: "It all started in 1837, when some of Indianapolis's earliest residents founded Christ Church Cathedral as a congregation of the Episcopal Church. At the time, Monument Circle was rutted and muddy, and we surrounded our property with a fence—it was the only way to keep pigs out of the churchyard. Construction on the current building began in 1857 and, today, CCC is the home and ceremonial seat of the bishop of Indianapolis, who oversees 46 congregations in central and southern Indiana.



"But CCC is more than a cathedral. We are a refuge for the city, and we believe, as it says in The Book of Common Prayer, in the 'dignity of every human being.' Our doors are open 365 days a year—to the homeless, the lost, the steadfast, the strong. In 2013, we adopted a new mission: widening the circle of God's embrace with heart and voice. To make our vision a reality, we emphasize relationships and go where the energy is. We embrace questions and curiosity. We advocate for the LGBT and Hispanic communities, discuss the power of God over a pint, and host yoga on Monument Circle. We are the "Little Church on the Circle."



Indianapolis

Indianapolis offers visitors a wide selection of historic monuments, world-class museums, serious sports, and a variety of delicious, eclectic eateries. It brings together the energy and excitement of a large city with the friendliness of a small town. Providing a perfect blend of bustle and an easygoing Midwest mindset, Indy is a fun and charming city. The downtown area, where the conference is located, is clean, compact and very walkable.

The Cathedral is within a stone's throw of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, marking the center of the city. Free and open to the public, you may climb the 330 steps up to the top or take the elevator to step 290. There is a Civil War Museum in the lower level.

For art and music lovers, Indianapolis presents a wide range of options. The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra is located across Monument Circle from the Cathedral. In addition to notable art museums and galleries, such as the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the city boasts a number of theater companies. Indianapolis also has neighborhoods worth exploring: the Lockerbie Square district with renovated Victorian homes on cobblestone streets; the shops,

restaurants, and art galleries along Massachusetts Avenue downtown; and Broad Ripple Village, a canal-side neighborhood with boutiques, restaurants, and nightlife.

Indianapolis takes its sports seriously. The Indianapolis 500 and the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to each event. The city also boasts world-class sports facilities (including the Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts) and a variety of pro franchises - the NBA's Pacers, the WNBA's Fever, the NFL's Colts, and the Indianapolis Indians. If you can't make it to a game, not to worry, there are sports eateries on every corner!

Recommended Accommodations:

Conference accommodations are available at the historic **Columbia Club**, located immediately next door to the Cathedral at 121 Monument Circle, Indianapolis. Phone: +1 317-767-1361. We especially recommend this hotel due to its proximity to Christ Church Cathedral in the center of the city, as well as for its reasonable cost.

The Columbia Club
121 Monument Circle
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Phone: +1 317-767-1361
Website: www.columbia-club.org

The Columbia Club is a beautiful ten-story architectural showpiece located on Monument Circle. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in January of 1983. The exterior of the building follows the guidelines proposed by architect William Earl Russ to complement the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. The façade of the club utilizes Bedford limestone carved by Alexander Sangernebo, a local sculptor. Inside, guests are welcomed into the impressive space full of rich wood and cool marble.

The Columbia Club offers unique guest room accommodations, and no two rooms are exactly alike. All overnight guestrooms have flat screen televisions, complimentary WiFi, and plush, relaxing beds with Egyptian cotton bed linens and luxury bath amenities. Additional conveniences include room service, shoe polishing and repair, valet parking (\$40/night per vehicle), business center, a newly renovated Health & Wellness Center, laundry and dry-cleaning services, and an ATM machine. Dinner is available at the Harrison Grille, located in the Grand Lobby of the Clubhouse. Please note that a dress-code applies in the hotel. The Columbia Club is a smoke-free facility.

These basic rates are exclusive of room tax:

Single RATE: \$115/night	Double RATE: \$115/night
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To reserve, **please call the hotel directly at:**

- **+1 317-767-1361**

Please specify the following information when you reserve:

- Guest name(s)
- Desired room type (single or double)
- Arrival and departure dates
- Credit card number and expiration date to hold the reservation.
- **When making reservations at the hotel, state that you are part of the group: “GEMN Conference” or “Global Episcopal Mission Network” or to obtain the discounted rate.**

Discounted rates are available until March 27th, 2020, subject to room availability. If you plan to share a room, please specify the number of beds at the time of booking, as well as your roommate’s name(s). If you would like help with finding a roommate, GEMN will be maintaining a list of those who would like to share a room. **Please note that there is a dress-code policy at the Columbia Club.** See the Dress Code page for details: www.columbia-club.org/web/pages/dress-code.

Transportation:

Flights:

Conference attendees who require flights are encouraged to arrive and depart from Indianapolis International Airport (IND), the closest airport. **Those attending the Formation Program should consider arriving on Monday, April 27th in order to attend the full session beginning at 8:30 am on Tuesday, April 28th.** Those planning to attend the pre-conference program for Diocesan Mission Representatives and members of the Standing Commission on World Mission (**Tuesday, April 28th, 2pm-5pm**) are advised to schedule their arrival by late Tuesday morning, April 28th.

Transportation between Airport and downtown Indianapolis:

There are several transportation options from/to the airport. If you are staying at the Columbia Club, the staff may be able to advise you on additional options. Transit time is approximately 30 minutes, depending on traffic conditions:

- Go Express (www.goexpresstravel.com) operates a Downtown Indy shuttle every half hour on the hour/half hour (until 11pm) between the airport arrivals area and downtown for \$12 each way. Reserve online in advance, or at the desk in the lower level of the airport. The closest stop to the Cathedral is Stop 6 (Sheraton). It also stops at the Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites (Stop 5) and the Hampton Inn (Stop 3).
- The public bus system, known as IndyGo (www.indygo.net) operates Bus #8 approximately every half hour from the airport to the downtown Maryland & Pennsylvania Street stop, closest to the Cathedral (about an 8 min walk). Fares are \$1.75 each way (exact change only), and transit time is approximately 45 min. Check for route changes, as the city is in the process of implementing a new Metro system.
- Lyft and UberX are approximately \$24, and a taxi costs approximately \$32-\$37 between the Monument Circle area and the airport.
- Private and semi-private car services are widely available at desks located on the ground transportation level of the airport. Fares are approximately \$15 per person each way.

Parking:

A few handicapped-accessible parking spaces are located near the Christ Church Cathedral doors, on Monument Circle. Nearby parking includes Express Park Garage at 20 N. Pennsylvania Street (\$17 max per day); Huntington Plaza Garage at 35 N. Pennsylvania Street (\$17 max per day); 15 East Washington Street surface lot (\$10 max per day); and Blue Lot surface lot at 41 East Washington Street (\$10 max per day). On-site valet parking with unlimited in/out privileges is available at the Columbia Club for \$40 per day.

Exhibits and Posters:

Tell us your mission story on a poster. Bring global crafts to share or sell. Bring mission-related materials and handouts for your ministry or mission organization. There will be time to share and display tables available (no charge for conference attendees; \$35 per display for non-attendees) during one or more of our evening events. Contact Karen Hotte for more information and to reserve exhibit space: gemn@gemn.org.

General Conference Questions:

Karen Hotte, Executive Director, gemn@gemn.org

Global Mission Education**Formation Program for Global Mission Agents:**

The flagship GEMN Formation Program consists of two full-day sessions over a two-year period, held in conjunction with the annual GEMN Global Mission Conference. In addition to attending two Global Mission Conferences, students explore mission theology, history, cultural dynamics, discernment, short-term mission themes, and project development. Participants are required to complete reading, fieldwork assignments, and a mission report, receiving certification as Global Mission Agents upon completion of the program. See the [GEMN Formation Program Page](#) for more information. The Formation Program will be held this year on **Tuesday, April 28 from 8:30 am to 6pm**, prior to the start of the conference. Program Fee: \$85.



You can register for the Formation Program at the time of your conference registration. For information on the program, visit the [GEMN Formation Program Page](#) or contact us at gemn@gemn.org with any questions.

Pre-Conference Program

Pre-conference gathering for Global Mission Coordinators and the Standing Commission on World Mission



The Global Episcopal Mission Network will be hosting a special pre-conference program designed to bring together diocesan global mission coordinators, members of diocesan global mission commissions, and members of the Standing Commission on World Mission. This will be an opportunity to network and to have a guided discussion of relative issues around promoting mission engagement at the diocesan level throughout the Episcopal Church. The Special Pre-Conference Program will be held on **Tuesday, April 28 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**, prior to the start of the conference at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis. Refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend. Program Fee: No charge.

You can register for the Pre-Conference Program at the time of your conference registration. For more information on the program, please contact us at gemn@gemn.org.

Carbon Offset Program

Offset your carbon through this unique global mission carbon offset partnership



Offset your carbon AND participate in global mission partnership. Here's how...

In February 2012, both Bishop Greg Rickel of the Diocese of Olympia (Washington) and Bishop Danilo Bustamante of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Philippines (EDSP), viewed Creation Care as a high priority for their dioceses. The two dioceses established an **innovative carbon offset partnership** and signed a "*Covenant for Caring of All Creation*".

Within that partnership, the Diocese of Olympia has created a **carbon offset fund** for donors to offset their carbon emissions from travel, church and household energy usage; the Diocese of the Southern Philippines utilizes these funds for **reforestation projects** to combat soil erosion, poor air quality and widespread deforestation. The carbon offsets are created at \$25 per ton of carbon sequestered. All are invited to participate in this unique program. Visit the link below at www.gemn.org for more information!

[Find out how to calculate and offset your carbon here...](#)

[Participate in environmental global mission partnership](#)

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Please Note: Fee includes lunches (Wed & Thu), snacks, dinner (Wed), two evening receptions, four plenary sessions, choices of workshops on various mission themes, daily worship, display tables on global mission topics, and many networking opportunities among those who are passionate about mission. **Fees do not include hotel, flights or Thursday dinner.** All conference fees must be received by April 22, 2020 in order to complete registration. **Those attending the Formation Program beginning on Tuesday morning, April 28, should arrive on Monday, April 27.** Registration closes on April 22, 2020.

Conference Fees

Includes: Lunches, Snacks, Wednesday Dinner, All Materials & Activities

Wed, April 29, 8:30 am – Fri, May 1, 1:00 pm

Early Bird Rates (Until March 15, 2020)

Conference Fee - Early Bird Member* Rate (Before Mar 15):	\$295 p/p
Conference Fee – Early Bird Non-Member Rate: (Before Mar 15):	\$330 p/p
Local Attendee Day Fee (Members of Dio Indianapolis) – w/o meals:	\$30 p/p

Regular Rates (After March 15, 2020)

Conference Fee - Regular Member* Rate (After Mar 15):	\$335 p/p
Conference Fee – Regular Non-Member Rate: (After Mar 15):	\$370 p/p
Local Attendee Day Fee (Members of Dio Indianapolis) – w/o meals:	\$35 p/p

*GEMN Members include: Any 2020 Individual Member, or the Designated Representative(s) of any 2020 GEMN Member Diocese, Seminary, Church, or Mission Organization.

Special Programs and Rates

Global Mission Formation Program

Tue, April 28, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

(Includes Tuesday lunch, dinner, and all materials)

Formation Program Fee: \$85 p/p

Pre-Conference Mission Coordinators' Program

Tue, April 28, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Pre-Conference Program Fee: No fee

Optional Add-on Items

Optional Tuesday Dinner (April 28) at Christ Church Cathedral: \$15 p/p

Registration required.

Conference Sponsorship - Partner Level \$200

Partner Level sponsors will receive recognition in our conference materials.

Conference Sponsorship - Pacesetter Level \$500

Conference sponsors at the Pacesetter Level will receive an additional registration at a 50% discount and recognition in our conference materials.

Conference Sponsorship - Benefactor Level \$1000

Conference sponsors at the Benefactor Level will receive one additional free conference registration and recognition in the conference materials as a major conference sponsor.