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2015 GEMN Global Mission Conference

May 6 - 8 Atlanta, GA

**All Saints' Episcopal Church
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Proclaiming God's Peace Through Mission

May 6-8, 2015 Atlanta, GA

Conference Schedule

Pre-Conference Programs:

Tuesday, May 5:

- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Formation Program for Global Mission Agents
 - *Program includes lunch*
- 3:00 – 6:00 pm: Train the Trainer Program
 - *Optional dinner after program*

Wednesday, May 6:

7:30 am: Morning Prayer – All Saints' Chapel (*See Worship Booklet*)

8:00 am: Registration and Breakfast – All Saints' Episcopal Church

9:00 am: Conference Opens – Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Ted Gaiser, President, GEMN

The Rt. Rev. Keith Whitmore, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Atlanta

The Rev. Geoffrey Hoare, Rector, All Saints' Church

9:45 am: First Plenary Session Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Canon Dr. Titus Presler

Principal-in-exile, Edwardes College, Peshawar, Pakistan

“Rubbish of the World”: Cruciform Mission Amid Muslim Pressure

Description: Dr. Presler will reflect theologically on persecution from his experience in Peshawar and that of the Pakistani Christian community as a whole. The address will be framed by the apostle Paul's reflections on suffering and by the currently intensifying global anxiety about Islamist militancy. He will advocate for reconciliation being central to Christian mission among Muslims in the 21st century. For Dr. Presler's recent writing on this topic, see: www.internationalbulletin.org/issues/2015-02/2015-02-072-presler.html and www.christiancentury.org/article/2014-08/persecuted-pakistan

10:45 am: Break

11-11:45 am: Small groups - Session 1

Noon: Lunch



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Wednesday, May 6 (cont):

***Note on Workshops** – All workshops will be 45 minutes long (except “Mobilizing Community from Within”, “Beyond the Boarding Pass”, “Congregational Mission Trips”, and the onsite tours = 1½ hours); there will be two sets of workshops offered Wednesday and Thursday, and one workshop offered Friday morning. Some workshops will be available on multiple days, others only on one day or the other. Please check the schedule below carefully.

1-2:45 pm: Workshops*

3-4:00 pm: GEMN Annual Meeting and Elections

5-7:00 pm: Poster Presentations & Reception – Crowne Plaza Hotel

7:00 pm: Dinner at “The Varsity”

9:30 pm: Compline – Crowne Plaza Hotel (*See Worship Booklet*)

Thursday, May 7:

7:30 am: Morning Prayer – All Saints’ Chapel (*See Worship Booklet*)

8:00 am: Breakfast and Registration – All Saints’ Episcopal Church

9-10:45 am: Workshops*

11:00 am: Small groups – Session 2

Noon: Lunch

1:00 pm: Bus Trip to the Martin Luther King Jr. Historic Site **

4:15 pm: Return from MLK Historic Site to Crowne Plaza Hotel

6:00 pm: Dinner & Twentieth Anniversary Celebration – Crowne Plaza Hotel

Post Dinner: Second Plenary Session Keynote Speaker

The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Massachusetts

“Encountering God in the Manifesto of Justice”

Celebrating Twenty Years of the Global Episcopal Mission Network

Mrs. Gini Peterson, Past President, GEMN

9:30 pm: Compline – Crowne Plaza Hotel (*See Worship Booklet*)



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Friday, May 8:

**Note on Workshops – There will be one set of workshops on Friday morning.*

8:00 am: Breakfast

9:00 am: Third Plenary Session Keynote Speaker

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Alabama

"Mission Imperatives: A Bridge to Peace and Reconciliation in Anglican Witness"

10:15-11 am: Workshops*

11:30pm: Closing Eucharist – All Saints' Church

The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, Celebrant and Preacher

12:30-2 pm: Final Celebration Brunch

2 pm: Departures





Visit to Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site**

Thursday, May 7 - 1:00 pm to ~4:15 pm

We will be departing by bus from All Saints' Church at approximately 1:00 pm to travel to the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, a fascinating exhibit commemorating King's life and work for justice and peace. Park entrance is free, and the tour is self-guided at your own pace. When we arrive, we will request as many admissions as possible to the Birth Home, subject to availability, for those who are interested in a tour. Buses will pick us up at 4:00 pm and return us to the Crowne Plaza Hotel Atlanta Midtown.

The park recommends the following self-guided itinerary through the exhibits (1.5 to 2 hours):

1. Visitor Center

Stop at the Visitor Center information desk to pick up a copy of the official park brochure, that includes a map of the park, and ask any questions you may have. Ask about availability of a ranger-led Birth Home Tour and register if one is available within the time you plan on being in the park. Browse the exhibits or take in a movie in the Visitor Center Theatre.

2. International World Peace Rose Garden

Pause in the garden and enjoy the roses and fountain. Stop at the "Behold" Memorial on your way to the church.

3. Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church

After crossing Auburn Avenue at the corner enter the church. Proceed upstairs to the Sanctuary and listen to sermons and speeches of Dr. King. In Fellowship Hall you may browse the exhibits about the history of the church or watch a video of Dr. Christine King Ferris, Dr. King's sister, as she talks about her family and the church.

4. The King Center

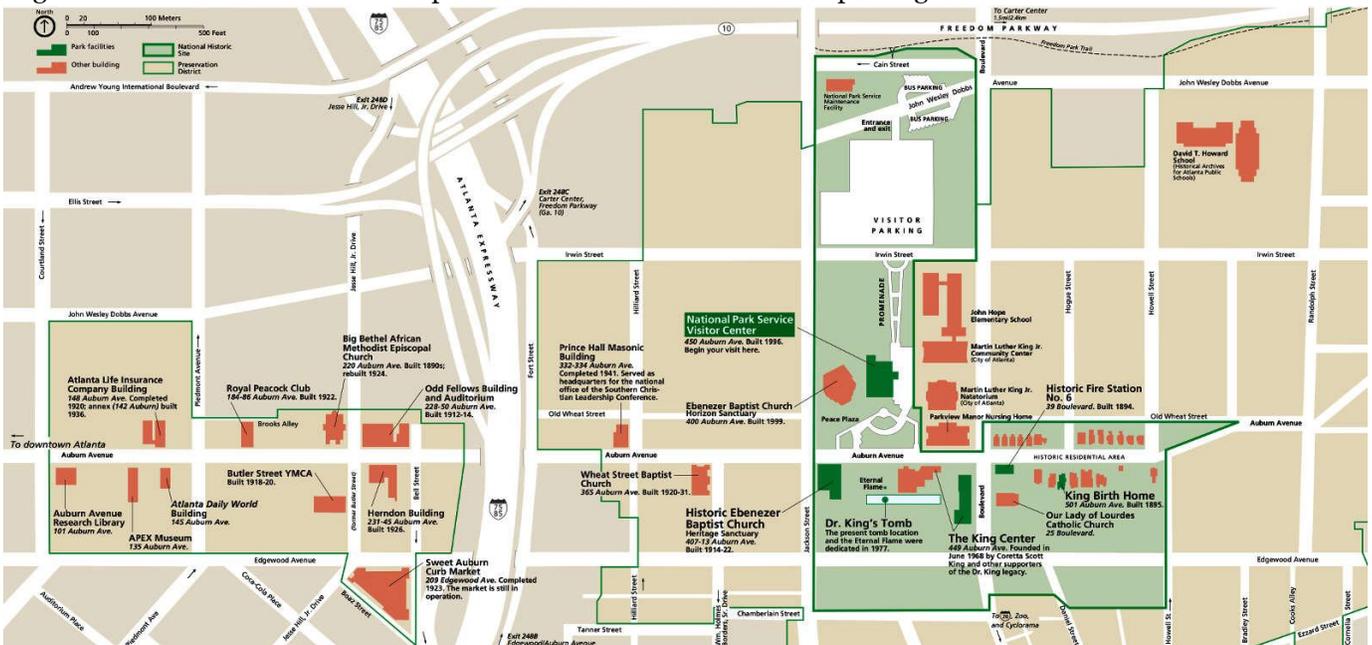
Turn right as you exit the church and continue east and take the steps on your right up to the reflecting pool. Pause to reflect at Dr. and Mrs. King's Tomb and view the Eternal Flame. Enter Freedom Hall at the east end of the reflecting pool and view belongings of Dr. and Mrs. King.

5. Birth Home Block

As you cross Boulevard view the historic Fire Station No. 6 on the corner. Stroll down and back on the Birth Home Block viewing the wayside exhibits telling about the people and houses along Auburn Avenue.

6. Gandhi Statue

Return to the north side of the Visitor Center to view the Gandhi Statue and to stroll down the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame. You will end up across the street from the visitor parking lot.





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Workshops

Wed (1:00-3:00 pm), Thu (9:00-11:00 am), Fri (10:15-11:00 am)

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Wed, 1–1:45pm	Wed, 2-2:45pm	Thu, 9–9:45 am	Thu, 10–10:45	Fri, 10:15–11 am
Mobilizing Community from Within: Empowering People through Asset-based Community Development		Mobilizing Community from Within: Empowering People through Asset-based Community Development		The Economic, Social and Community Impact of Asset-based Community Development – Case Study: Central Philippines
Beyond The Boarding Pass: Overseas Mission At Home		Congregational Mission Trips: Preparing for Success and Getting Ready for Transformation		Global Mission as Community Development: Making the Shift
Telling Your Story	Telling Your Story	Holy Land Institute for the Deaf	Holy Land Institute for the Deaf	Paradigm Shift for Medical Missions to Haiti: Asset Based Community Development (ABCD)
Finding God in ‘Foreign’ Places	Finding God in ‘Foreign’ Places	Mission in a Muslim Society: A Perspective from Peshawar	Mission in a Muslim Society: A Perspective from Peshawar	---
The Colorado Haiti Project: a 25-Year Mission Partnership	Global Mission as Community Development: Making the Shift	The Airport Chaplain: Earthly Aid & Spiritual Care	The Airport Chaplain: Earthly Aid & Spiritual Care	---
Trafficked Youth: How to Stand in the Breach as a Community of Faith	Trafficked Youth: How to Stand in the Breach as a Community of Faith	Welcome Home: The Role of Faith Communities in Helping Refugees Rebuild Their Lives in the United States	Welcome Home: The Role of Faith Communities in Helping Refugees Rebuild Their Lives in the United States	---
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Workshop Descriptions

“Beyond The Boarding Pass: Overseas Mission At Home”

Troy Elder (Wednesday only; 1 ½ hours: will take entire workshop time)

Description: This workshop will focus on strategies for engaging congregations in relationships of mutuality with overseas ministries via projects that require little or no travel. The presenter will discuss two such projects in the Diocese of Los Angeles: a "water-tithing" initiative that supports overseas work in countries facing water insecurity and a mentorship program that provides local accompaniment for refugee children. Thereafter, attendees will brainstorm/workshop ideas for similar projects in their home dioceses.

“Finding God in ‘Foreign’ Places”

Annie Fritschner (Wednesday only)

Description: International or multi-national mission work is about willingness to be a pilgrim and willingness to receive and give. The Diocese of Western North Carolina has a glorious (if not also successful) companion diocese relationship with the Church of North India in Durgapur, West Bengal, India, which began in 2007 after an exploratory trip in 2006. This 'how-to' session is less about the mechanics of being companions in Christ and will focus more on the spiritual aspects of pilgrimage, particularly for women, who are seeking a deeper relationship with God. The 45 minute session will cover: 1) women to women in ministry; 2) how to create a catalogue of good that helps the donor and the receiver; and 3) the keys to a successful relationship.

“The Colorado Haiti Project: a 25-Year Mission Partnership – Workshop #1”

Bruce Swinehart (Wednesday only, Session 1)

Description: What makes for a sustainable long-term mission partnership? This workshop will explore the evolution of the Colorado Haiti Project, a dynamic partnership between Coloradoans and a network of small villages around a fishing town that is literally “at the end of the road” in Haiti’s poorest region. CHP began simply enough in 1989, with a visit by a priest from the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado to his Haitian counterpart. Today, in conjunction with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti and other partners, CHP supports a 600-student school, a clean-water project serving over 10,000 people, a vocational program that provides technical and business training, and a community health program. This session will focus on what CHP has learned from our challenges, successes, adaptations, course corrections, mistakes and missteps.

“Global Mission as Community Development: Making the Shift – Workshop #2”

Bruce Swinehart (Wednesday, Session 2 and Friday)

Description: This session will take a look at what happens when a program or organization begins to shift its focus from one-time “mission trips” to a sustainable community development model. How does that affect the organization’s identity? How does it affect relationships with various constituent groups, including funders and mission partners? What language do you use to explain what you’re doing (can you still call it “mission”)? How do you need to re-organize in order to operate in a different way and to accomplish different objectives? We’ll use the experience of the Colorado Haiti Project as one example, but the session will be facilitated as an open conversation. The workshop will be a continuation of Workshop #1, above, but is open to anyone who wishes to attend.



“Telling Your Story”

Martha Sterne (Wednesday only)

Description: When you are seeking a new ministry for yourself or your parish, is it hard to describe what you seek? When you are passionately engaged in a ministry, is it sometimes hard to describe what you have found? Whether you are talking to a vestry about next year's funding or trying to attract new volunteers or simply hanging out with people at a dinner party or in an elevator, being able to tell your story in an engaging and succinct manner is crucial. During our time together, we will share tips and strategies, a little Mary Oliver and Wendell Berry poetry, and of course, stories.

“Sexually Trafficked Youth: How to Stand in the Breach as a Community of Faith”

Kathleen Dumitrescu (Wednesday only)

Description: This presentation will examine the facts surrounding the commercial sexual exploitation of our most vulnerable populations focusing particularly on youth. After a general overview is provided we will discuss how to reach a population most likely to be exploited. Recent studies found that between 50 and 80% of the sexually exploited children in California are or were involved in the child welfare system. Atlanta's St Luke's congregation has developed a program in conjunction with the State Department of Family and Children's Services to reach youth growing up alone in foster care. We call our program Faithful Visitors and we think that change looks a lot like one foster youth at a time.

“Mobilizing Community from Within: Empowering People through Asset-based Community Development”

Chad Brinkman (Wednesday and Thursday – each 1 ½ hours: will take entire workshop time)

Description: Helping communities grow and empowering people to best use existing resources are at the crux of Episcopal Relief & Development's work in nearly 40 countries worldwide. Asset-Based Community Development invites us to leave behind a theology of scarcity; to identify the assets that are already present in the community; and to mobilize individuals, associations and institutions to come together through building on those assets to address need. In this workshop, we will focus on the principles and benefits of the ABCD methodology and how they can lead to more supportable and effective ministry. This tried and true method has helped alleviate hunger, promote healthy communities, provide economic opportunities, and respond to disasters both in the United States and countries all over the world. Join us for an introduction to community development techniques you can use in your community too.

Mission in a Muslim Society: A Perspective from Peshawar

Titus Presler (Thursday only)

Description: Dr. Presler will address the opportunities and challenges of Christian mission work in a Muslim society characterized, on one hand, by intensifying fundamentalism and militant extremism and, on the other, by a rising middle class and a younger generation seeking integration with the world community. He will highlight the contribution of church-sponsored higher education, the vital presence of an ecumenical Christian community, and the encouragement offered by the Anglican Communion. For Dr. Presler's recent writing on this topic, see:

http://cuac.anglicancommunion.org/media/18513/compass_points_june_2014.pdf



“Mission Trip Budgeting”

Ted Gaiser (Thursday only, Session 1)

Description: A well-structured mission trip budget can spell the difference between a positive transformational mission experience and a harrowing ordeal. In this hands-on workshop we'll develop a budget and discuss all of the intricacies regarding financial management of a mission trip. Subtopics will include issues such as different models for managing mission team costs, travel insurance, and currency exchange rates. Learn the ins-and-outs of planning your mission trip budget, avoid pitfalls, and discover best practices for covering little-known or unexpected expenses. Good budgetary management will help you and your team to get the most out of your trip.

“Mission Trip Fundraising”

Ted Gaiser (Thursday only, Session 2)

Description: Are you daunted in the face of raising money for your next mission trip? Do you need some new approaches to this tough but necessary component of mission? In this workshop we will explore issues related to fundraising, ways to conduct effective fundraising campaigns, and discuss a number of different fundraising ideas. Discover the best methods for getting your mission trip funded and off the ground.

“The Holy Land Institute for Deaf and Deafblind Children in Salt, Jordan”

Brother Andrew de Carpentier, Executive Director (Thursday only)

Description: It's difficult to think of a more fragile people than disabled refugees. Working with disabled Syrian and Iraqi refugees, the Holy Land Institute has been working for 50 years to address the needs of the last and the least. It is a large school and resource centre for deaf, hearing-impaired and deafblind children and adults. The project is located in Salt, 30 km from Amman, Jordan. The school provides kindergarten, primary and secondary school education as well as vocational training (sewing and weaving, carpentry, mechanics, metalwork, computer skills and earmould manufacture). The Holy Land Institute for the Deaf continues to set the standard for educational opportunities in Jordan.

“The Airport Chaplain: Earthly Aid & Spiritual Care” - Part I and Part II

Donna Mote (Thursday only)

Description: What does an airport chaplain do? This two-part workshop will provide both general and more detailed answers to this frequently asked question. The Reverend Dr. Donna S. Mote, Episcopal Chaplain to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, aka. “The Vicar of ATL”, will lead participants in an exploration of the history and current work of the chaplaincy at the world's busiest airport and provide connections to some 147 airport ministries worldwide. Participants can get a feel for this work before the workshop by reading “The Airport Chaplain, Now Offering Earthly Aid” (<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/03/business/the-airport-chaplain-now-offering-earthly-aid.html? r=0>)



“Welcome Home: The Role of Faith Communities in Helping Refugees Rebuild Their Lives in the United States”

Paedia Mixon (Thursday only)

Description: New American Pathways is a locally-governed non-profit formed by the merger of Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA) and Refugee Family Services (RFS) in October 2014. Continuing its affiliation with Episcopal Migration Ministries and Church World Service, New American Pathways helps refugees from the moment of their arrival through their journey to U.S. citizenship with proven pathways to success. Learn about refugees and discuss how the faith community can help welcome refugee families and ensure that these new Americans develop and contribute their special skills and talents to strengthening the American workforce and helping Georgia thrive.

On-Site Tour: “Threads” & “Covenant Community”

All Saints' Church (Thursday only; 1 ½ hours: will take entire workshop time)

Description: The mission of **Threads** is to clothe children (newborn-5th grade) with dignity. Threads serves families referred by neighboring social agencies. Each child receives a pair of shoes, five pair of socks and underwear plus seven pieces of clothing. The director is a part-time paid staff member, and volunteers work on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Threads has a clothing fund supported by church members and provides new or slightly used clothing at no cost. Threads is open on Thursday so each group will see volunteers working with clients. Threads is a volunteer ministry driven by a desire to provide children from birth through fifth grade with clean, durable clothing and footwear.

The **Covenant Community** is a 503(c) with a six to nine months residential life stabilization program for addicted men located on our campus. Most residents arrive after detoxification to live in the Covenant Community, building a new life without addiction and learning new life skills to enable their success. Upon completion of the program the men move to Sterne House, a drug-free residence. The staff meets all the Georgia licensing requirements for addiction treatment. All Saints' members serve on its board of directors, church volunteers provide Monday night dinners, and parish volunteers provide services on an as needed basis.

“Congregational Mission Trips: Preparing for Success and Getting Ready for Transformation”

Patricia Bjorling (Thursday only; 1 ½ hours: will take entire workshop time)

Description: Ask almost anyone who has been on a mission trip and they will tell you the experience was powerful. We are somehow uniquely open to hearing God's voice when we are away from our usual surroundings and in a setting where accustomed material comforts are stripped away. We often find that though our purpose for going on the trip was to *give*, we *receive* much more--and from those who seemingly have so much less. The success of a mission trip depends not only on the practicalities of preparation, such as who will be team leader and how the fundraising will be accomplished; it also depends on how the team prepares itself emotionally, spiritually, theologically, and informationally. This workshop will give you ideas for creating a joy-filled mission trip experience for your church that will both transform individuals and set your congregation on fire!



“The Economic, Social and Community Impact of Asset-Based Community Development – Case Study: Central Philippines”

Chad Brinkman (Friday only)

Description: In 2013, one of the strongest tropical cyclones ever measured hit the central Philippines. Rather than scramble to meet the nutritional needs of survivors and first-responders, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines was ready with healthy, locally grown fruits and vegetables, and processed foods made by Filipino farmers and their families. Find out how an asset-based approach helped change those who were receivers of aid into givers of food, love and hope.

“Paradigm Shift for Medical Missions to Haiti – Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD)”

Clelia Garrity (Friday only)

Description: The current medical mission model is frequently referred to as a “*Parachute Medical Mission*” and characterized as: “*We’ll fix your immediate problem and be back in six months.*” The Best Practices for Medical Missions to Haiti initiative is proposing a model for medical missions to Haiti that is based on the work of John McKnight and John Kreitzmann, leaders **Asset Based Community Development (ABCD)**. ABCD is a model that focuses not on a community’s deficits, but on identifying and building up local assets. Once people’s eyes are opened to community assets, a positive energy for the development of those assets and change within the community itself will begin to take place.



Biographical Descriptions of Presenters

Alphabetical by Last Name

Ms. Patricia R. Bjorling:

Director of Development, El Hogar Ministries

Patsy Bjorling has worked in the non-profit and church worlds for over 30 years, including service as a staff member in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. She is currently the Director of Development for El Hogar Ministries, an Episcopal-related organization that supports four educational centers in Honduras serving extremely impoverished children. El Hogar not only provides its students high-quality education, vocational training, and job opportunities, but also a loving home, a safe environment, and restored self-esteem. More than 3,000 individuals from the U.S., Canada, and Great Britain have participated in service trips to El Hogar over the past 15 years.

Mr. Chad Brinkman:

Sr. Associate for Engagement and Media, Episcopal Relief & Development

Chad Brinkman is the Senior Associate for Engagement and Media for Episcopal Relief & Development, where he works to educate and involve local communities, affinity groups and the larger Episcopal Church in the work of Episcopal Relief & Development. Previously he served the organization through the *NetsforLife*® Inspiration Fund, working to raise awareness and support for Episcopal Relief & Development's award-winning malaria prevention program partnership. Chad is also a regular contributor of pictures and stories to the organization's web site.

Brother Andrew de Carpentier:

Executive General Director of the Holy Land Institute for Deaf and Deafblind Children

Brother Andrew de Carpentier is Executive General Director of the Holy Land Institute for Deaf and Deafblind Children in Salt, Jordan. Born in Holland, he is an Anglican monk and ordained priest and Canon of St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem. He has lived in Jordan since 1977. Brother Andrew is recognised by a number of local and international agencies, including UN agencies, WHO and CBM-Germany, as an authority and resource on provisions for people with sensory impairments. Br. Andrew's goal is to serve the Deaf communities in Jordan, the Middle East and globally while helping to motivate others to do so as well. His objectives are for hard-of-hearing, deaf and deafblind people to participate in family and civic society in a meaningful way and enable them to make their unique, valuable, God-given contributions to an inclusive society.

Ms. Kathleen Dumitrescu:

Poverty Law Attorney and Executive Director, Faithful Visitors Project

Kathleen Dumitrescu is a poverty law attorney and started practicing in 1987 when the surface of the earth was still warm. She specializes in children's issues, and was appointed to The Supreme Court of Georgia's Committee on Justice for Children in the late 1990s after filing a federal class action focusing on conditions in Youth Detention Centers. After 14 years at Atlanta Legal Aid, she spent 8 years as the managing attorney for the Advocacy in Education Program for the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation. Kathleen continues to work in the child welfare field and is confident that she is a big favorite when she weighs in on the side of kids at the



negotiation table because no one has thrown anything at her for more than a year. She is the Founder and Executive Director of Faithful Visitors Project at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, where she always sits in the balcony because she knows that the higher up you sit, the faster God hears your prayers.

Mr. Troy Elder:

Bishop's Legate For Global Partnership, Diocese of Los Angeles

Troy Elder is a lawyer and law professor with over 20 years of international experience in the areas of human rights, refugee and asylum law, ethics, comparative legal systems, liberation theology, and missiology. In 2014, he became the Bishop's Legate For Global Partnership, Diocese of Los Angeles. He holds degrees in law and religious ethics from Yale.

The Rev. Annie Fritschner:

Deacon, Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Annie Fritschner is a deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina (WNC) and has been a pilgrim to India since 2006. She sponsors three girls: two Hindu and one Muslim, and has helped start the first chapters of the Daughters of the King on the continent of India. She continues to travel there annually, is helping to lead them in building and funding a safe house for sexually trafficked women, and will return in Jan/Feb 2016 to see the safe house. As a bi-vocational deacon, Annie is also a fundraising trainer, speaker and coach for those who are passionate about their causes. www.anniefritschner.com.

The Rev. Dr. Ted J. Gaiser:

Missioner, Episcopal Diocese of Colombia

Dr. Gaiser is currently, or has been, an entrepreneur, management consultant, online researcher, adjunct sociology professor, and missionary. He has participated in, and co-led, several delegations to the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East, lived in Paraguay and Bolivia, and currently serves as an Episcopal missionary in Colombia. Dr. Gaiser has served for more than 11 years on 2 diocesan staffs, and served several churches in the Dioceses of Massachusetts and Colombia. He is the former Deacon for Global Mission for the Diocese of Massachusetts and currently serves as parish priest and the Director of Mission Development for the Episcopal Diocese of Colombia.

The Rev. Clelia Pinza Garrity:

Coordinator, Best Practices for Medical Mission of Haiti

The Rev. Clelia Garrity was called as deacon to Christ Church, St. Michaels Parish, MD in December 2014. A native of New York City, she has a Master's Degree in Social Work and is a licensed clinical social worker. Prior to her ordination, Clelia was licensed as a Hospice Chaplain and in the late 1970s was one of the founders of the hospice program in America. Deacon Clelia has worked with the Episcopal Church in Haiti for the past 14 years, assisting in the delivery of healthcare to women and children. She is currently the Coordinator of the Best Practices for Medical Missions to Haiti initiative, an outreach program supported by the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society of the Episcopal Church.



The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris:

Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Massachusetts

In addition to serving as Bishop Suffragan to the Diocese of Massachusetts, Bishop Gayle Harris is vice president of Episcopal City Mission, and president of the Massachusetts Council of Churches. A native of Cleveland, she was ordained to the priesthood in 1982 in the Diocese of Newark and consecrated bishop in January 2003 at Trinity Church in Boston. Bishop Harris has a long history of ministry in social and economic justice. She has a strong relationship with the Diocese of Jerusalem and has led numerous diocesan pilgrimages to Israel and Palestine, where group members learn about the realities of our Anglican brothers and sisters living in the occupied Palestinian Territories. She has been a powerful advocate and model for global reconciliation, women's ordination, and social justice throughout the Anglican Communion.

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray:

Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Alabama

Bishop Marray has served five dioceses (Guyana, Bahamas, Florida, Seychelles and East Carolina) including three provinces of the Anglican Communion (West Indies, The Episcopal Church and Indian Ocean). He was elected Bishop of Seychelles while serving as rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Jacksonville, Florida, and consecrated on April 4, 2005. A convert from Hinduism, he has the distinction of being the first West Indian of East Indian ancestry to be elected and consecrated bishop in the Anglican Communion, and to serve as bishop in the eastern and western hemispheres. He has used his gift for teaching and pastoral care to nurture and care for many in the faith across ecumenical boundaries. With a global perspective, he is a strong advocate for the gospel of reconciliation and God's love and salvation for all persons. Bishop Marray expresses a passion for global mission and the power of mission to transform our lives.

Ms. Paedia Mixon

Chief Executive Officer, New American Pathways

Paedia Mixon is a recognized leader in the refugee community. Under her leadership, the organization's resettlement program has been recognized nationally as one of the most successful in the country, placing 80% of refugees in jobs within their first six months of resettling in the U.S. Before RRISA and RFS merged to become New American Pathways, Paedia served for four years as RRISA's Executive Director. She rose from a program-management role to lead RRISA successfully through a financial and program restructure that saw the organization expand beyond resettlement services alone. Earlier in her career, Paedia served in fundraising and program roles at Junior Achievement Worldwide, the Carter Center, and Catholic Social Services. She has a Master's degree in International Affairs and Development from Clark University, and a BA in International Relations from Georgia State University.

The Rev. Dr. Donna S. Mote:

Episcopal Chaplain to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Dr. Mote has served as Episcopal Chaplain to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport since November 2013. She also holds an appointment as visiting lecturer in world religions at the School of Theology at Sewanee: The University of the South. Dr. Mote earned degrees from Shorter College (BA), Southern Seminary (M.Div.), and Emory University's Graduate Division of Religion (PhD), and completed Anglican studies at Sewanee. Her scholarly training and work



are in comparative religions, visual and cultural anthropology, and cultural history as well as Christian theology with particular emphases upon Japanese religions and evangelical Protestantism(s) in the US South. Her very first memory is of going to meet her grandmother as she arrived at ATL.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Titus Presler:

Principal-in-exile, Edwardes College, Peshawar, Pakistan

Dr. Presler is a pastor, scholar, former missionary to Zimbabwe and Principal-in-exile of Edwardes College in Peshawar, Pakistan, where he has built interfaith community amid Taliban violence. After being assaulted earlier this year in a government takeover bid, Dr. Presler has been in exile while the Church of Pakistan seeks to regularize the situation. Dr. Presler is former President of the Seminary of the Southwest and a missiologist specializing in mission theology, missionary identity, and gospel-culture interactions. Dr. Presler's most recent book is *Going Global with God: Reconciling Mission in a World of Difference*. In addition to numerous articles, he is also author of *Transfigured Night: Mission and Culture in Zimbabwe's Vigil Movement* and the widely used mission overview, *Horizons of Mission*. He chaired the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on World Mission and coordinated its 21st-century vision statement, *Companions in Transformation*. He has taught at Episcopal Divinity School and Harvard Divinity School and was academic dean at General Theological Seminary.

The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls:

Chief Operating Officer, The Episcopal Church

Bishop Sauls is currently serving as Chief Operating Officer of The Episcopal Church. As COO, his responsibilities include coordinating the work of the Episcopal Church's mission program, communication, finance and administration offices while assisting the Presiding Bishop in her role as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Episcopal Church. Prior to this appointment, he served 11 years as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington, KY.

The Rev. Martha Sterne:

Author and Priest, Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

The Rev. Martha Sterne has been an Episcopal priest for over 25 years, serving parishes in Atlanta and East Tennessee. She grew up in Mississippi, where she and her husband still live part of each year and where she first learned the power of stories getting passed around and also passed down generation to generation. She is a celebrated preacher and has written three books: *Tell Me A Story*, *Alive and Loose*, and *Earthly Good*. Her abiding pleasure is to help people pay attention to the living and storied presence of God in each of us.

The Rev. Bruce Swinehart:

Colorado Haiti Project

The Rev. Bruce Swinehart is a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, and a Board member of the Colorado Haiti Project. He has over 30 years of experience in human services and nonprofit organizations as a program manager, administrator, consultant, fundraiser, and board member. He currently plays all of these roles as a parish priest. Bruce has studied, worked, and served in India, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Ukraine, Haiti, and the British Isles.



2015 GEMN Global Mission Conference

“Proclaiming God’s Peace Through Mission”

May 6-8, 2015

Atlanta, GA

General Information

Conference Location:

This year’s GEMN Global Mission Conference will be hosted at:

All Saints’ Episcopal Church
634 W Peachtree St NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
www.allsaintsatlanta.org

All Saints’ is a beautiful, historic church with spacious grounds and buildings and is located in midtown Atlanta, steps from the North Avenue MARTA subway station.



Rooms:

Conference accommodations at special discounted rates have been contracted with the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown, a two-minute walk from All Saints’ Church and from the North Avenue MARTA transit station. For accommodations, **please contact the hotel directly** at:

Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown (formerly Melia)
590 West Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30308
Hotel Reservations: **1-404-877-9000**

Crowne Plaza Atlanta combines deluxe accommodations; free WiFi; premium channels and pay movies; in-room coffee/tea maker; premium bedding; designer toiletries and hair dryer. Check-in time is 3 pm; Check-out time is 12:00 pm. The hotel is pleased to confirm the following special rates for the conference:

Single: \$ 129 RATE	Double: \$129 RATE	Triple: \$ 149 RATE	Quad: \$ 169 RATE
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Group rates will be made available three days pre- and three days post-conference based upon hotel availability. All room rates are exclusive of appropriate state and local taxes, currently 16%.

Please contact the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown directly at 1-404-877-9000 and request the group rate for Global Episcopal Mission Conference or GEMN. 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. Contact us at gemn@gemn.org for more information or if you would like assistance with your reservation. See the hotel web page for more information on rooms and hotel amenities:

<http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/atlanta/atlpw/hoteldetail>.



Transportation:

Public Transportation: Transportation to and from the Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport is via the Gold or Red Line of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority or MARTA, to the North Avenue stop (N3). Fare from the airport is \$2.50 one way. From the Airport station to the North Avenue Station is approximately 18 minutes one way. After arriving at the North Avenue Station, follow the signs to North Avenue. All Saints' Church is directly across the street. To find the Crowne Plaza Hotel, locate the white marble building; the front of the hotel is behind it and to the left.

All Saints' Parking:

All Saints' has a parking deck available for those attending worship services or events at All Saints'. The upper parking deck is accessible from West Peachtree and Ponce de Leon Ave, through the small parking lot on the corner of Ponce and W Peachtree. The lower parking deck is accessible from Spring Street (across the street from The Varsity.)

Accessible Parking:

There are designated disabled parking spaces along West Peachtree Street in front of the church, as well as several in the upper level of the parking deck.

Hotel Parking:

Self parking is available at a special rate of \$15.00 with no in/out privileges. The self parking garage is located behind the hotel. Entrance is on Spring Street. Valet parking is available at a special rate of \$30.00 with in and out privileges.

Conference Registration:

Online registration is encouraged and is available at www.gemn.org. Payment may be made by credit card or by check, made payable to GEMN. Checks may be mailed to Global Episcopal Mission Network, P.O. Box 1434, Dublin, OH 43017-4024. Payment must be received by April 25, 2015 to complete registration.

Formation Program:

Individuals participating in the Formation Program will need to be at All Saints' Church by 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 5th. If you are planning to participate in the Formation Program and do not live locally, you will need to plan to arrive on Monday, May 4th. This additional night (for non-commuters) should be booked directly with the hotel. Participants in the program are expected to attend all plenary sessions. The fee covers the cost of books and other materials, as well as lunch on Tuesday, May 5th, during the program. Please see www.gemn.org/pages/formation.html for more information on the Formation Program.

Train the Trainer Program:

Individuals participating in the Train the Trainer Program will need to be at All Saints' Church by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, May 5th. If you are planning to participate in the Train the Trainer Program and do not live locally, you will need to plan to arrive by early in the day on Tuesday. Participants in the program are expected to attend all plenary sessions. The fee covers the cost of books and other materials during the program. Group members may wish to gather for dinner together immediately after the program. Please note that dinner is not included in the program cost.

Please see www.gemn.org website for more information on the Train the Trainer Program.



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 at no charge during our Wednesday evening reception at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Contact Karen Hotte for more information and to reserve exhibit space:

gemn@gemn.org.

Sightseeing in Atlanta:

“In Atlanta, fine dining, shopping and rich history combine with inspiration-inducing attractions to create a city with Southern charm and world-class sophistication. It’s easy to see why Atlanta, GA is one of the most popular destinations in the Southeast to live and to visit.” Atlanta.net.

If you have some extra time, this is a great opportunity to see the sights of this dynamic and energetic city with a Southern flair. Home of the Martin Luther King Center, Georgia Aquarium, Georgia Dome, World of Coca Cola, the Atlanta History Center, FOX Theatre, Turner Field, Centennial Olympic Park, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, the College Football Hall of Fame, Stone Mountain, and more, Atlanta is well worth exploring and spending an extra few days. The Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown is centrally located just a short walk from The Varsity, Mary Mac’s, and the Fox Theatre and two minutes from the North Street MARTA Station.



Martin Luther King's childhood home. Photo: Wikipedia.

Transportation in the city is fast and easy to use. Some good sites to check for more information are: travel.usnews.com/Atlanta_GA/Things_To_Do, www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions-/atlanta-us-ga-a.htm, and www.atlanta.net/travel-tours/itineraries/must-see-atlanta. For a good map of the city, with suggested sites to visit, check this link: www.gemn.org/documents/Atlanta-Map.pdf

General Conference Questions:

Karen Hotte, Executive Director, gemn@gemn.org



From top to bottom left to right: Atlanta skyline seen from Buckhead, the Fox Theatre, the Georgia State Capitol, Centennial Olympic Park, Millennium Gate, the Canopy Walk, the Georgia Aquarium, The Phoenix statue, and the Midtown skyline. Photo: Wikipedia.



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Keynote Speakers



The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts, where she is also vice president of Episcopal City Mission, and president of the Massachusetts Council of Churches. A native of Cleveland, she was ordained to the priesthood in 1982 in the Diocese of Newark and consecrated bishop in January 2003 at Trinity Church in Boston. Bishop Harris has a long history of ministry in social and economic justice. She has a strong relationship with the Diocese of Jerusalem and has led numerous diocesan pilgrimages to Israel and Palestine, where group members learn about the realities of our Anglican brothers and sisters living in the occupied Palestinian Territories. She has been a powerful advocate and model for global reconciliation, women's ordination, and social justice throughout the Anglican Communion.

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama. Bishop Marray has served five dioceses (Guyana, Bahamas, Florida, Seychelles and East Carolina) including three provinces of the Anglican Communion (West Indies, The Episcopal Church and Indian Ocean). He was elected Bishop of Seychelles while serving as rector, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Jacksonville, Florida, and consecrated on April 4, 2005. A convert from Hinduism, he has the distinction of being the first West Indian of East Indian ancestry to be elected and consecrated bishop in the Anglican Communion, and to serve as bishop in the eastern and western hemispheres. He has used his gift for teaching and pastoral care to nurture and care for many in the faith across ecumenical boundaries. With a global perspective, he is a strong advocate for the gospel of reconciliation and God's love and salvation for all persons. Bishop Marray expresses a passion for global mission and the power of mission to transform our lives.



Canon Dr. Titus Presler, pastor, scholar, former missionary to Zimbabwe and Principal-in-exile of Edwardes College in Peshawar, Pakistan, where Dr. Presler has built interfaith community amid Taliban violence. After being assaulted earlier this year in a government takeover bid, Dr. Presler has been in exile while the Church of Pakistan seeks to regularize the situation. Dr. Presler is former President of the Seminary of the Southwest and a missiologist specializing in mission theology, missionary identity, and gospel-culture interactions. Dr. Presler's most recent book is *Going Global with God: Reconciling Mission in a World of Difference*. In addition to numerous articles, he is also author of *Transfigured Night: Mission and Culture in Zimbabwe's Vigil Movement* and the widely used mission overview, *Horizons of Mission*. He chaired the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on World

Mission and coordinated its 21st-century vision statement, *Companions in Transformation*. He has taught at Episcopal Divinity School and Harvard Divinity School and was academic dean at General Theological Seminary.



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Please Note: Each participant will receive meals, three plenary sessions, choices of workshops, a site visit to the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, a daily small group experience, daily worship opportunities, display tables on global mission topics, and many networking opportunities among those who are passionate about mission. **Fees do not include hotel, flights or airport transfers.** All conference fees must be received by April 25, 2015 in order to complete registration.

Conference Fees

Includes: Meals, All Materials & Activities, and Visit to King Center

Wed, May 6, 8:00 am – Fri, May 8, 3:00 pm

Conference Fee - Early Bird Rate (Before March 15):	\$395 p/p
Conference Fee - Standard Rate:	\$425 p/p
Two-Day Fee – Incl. all Meals & Activities (\$295 before 3/15) :	\$325 p/p
One-Day Fee – Incl. all Meals & Activities (\$160 before 3/15):	\$185 p/p

Special Programs and Rates

Global Mission Formation Program

Tue, May 5, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

(Includes lunch during program and all materials)

Formation Program Fee: \$65 p/p

Train the Trainer Program

Tue, May 5, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

(Open to graduates of the Formation Program; Includes all materials)

Train the Trainer Program Fee: \$50 p/p

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