

**Year-Round Stewardship:
Where
Stewardship + Evangelism Are One**



led by Tom Gossen

Saturday, May 19, 2007

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(Registration: 9:00 AM)

Trinity Episcopal Church
220 Montgomery Ave.
West Pittston, PA 18643

*Sponsored by the Stewardship Commission
of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem*

**Diocese of Bethlehem
Stewardship/Evangelism Workshop**

***Year-Round Stewardship & Evangelism
Nuts and Bolts
(and Putting It All Together)***

Just as the heart rate, body temperature, and respirations are vital signs of the health of an individual. The Church, too, has vital signs that help describe its health.

Two of the vital signs of a Church's health are Average Sunday Attendance and Average Annual Giving.

Ideally, the health of a parish is good when the Average Sunday Attendance and Average Annual Giving are increasing each succeeding year.

Evangelism and Stewardship can be equated to these terms, and together they are a measure of the congregation's Spiritual Growth.

What can be done to improve or maintain the health of a church? This workshop will help you design an action plan that will address these critical issues.

Churches obtain optimum workshop benefit by sending a team composed of stewardship and evangelism people and Vestry members.

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Gathering time, Registration
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Morning Prayer & Introduction
9:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Plenary Address
11:00 AM – 12 Noon	Parish Small Group Discussion
12 Noon – 12:30 PM	The Eucharist
12:45 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Plenary Session: <i>“Things that Work to Grow a Healthy Church”</i>
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Group Discussion & Report: <i>“What We Believe We Are Ready for and Why.”</i>

What This Workshop Is About...

The Rev. W. David Crockett noted that, “stewardship and evangelism are two sides of the three sided coin, the third side being the band of education.” What education is it that you need in order that your congregation can excel in stewardship and evangelism?

Join members of congregations throughout our diocese on May 19th to focus on the common ground that stewardship and evangelism ministries share and what issues need to be focused on in order for a congregation to be effective in both.

Our morning plenary session will focus on identifying the areas of common ground. The afternoon session will include time for parish teams to reflect on their particular environment and identify appropriate action items in order to begin to improve the effectiveness of their stewardship and evangelism ministries.

We don't promise to have all the answers. We do promise to provide an opportunity to examine the questions in order that you might find the right solution for your particular situation.

Who Is Tom Gossen?

Tom Gossen serves as Executive Director of TENS – The Episcopal Network for Stewardship, which he helped to establish in 1996.

He has extensive experience in leading and developing programs for dioceses and congregations, including the training of consultants/mentors.

His publications include *A Manual for Stewardship Development in the Congregation* and five different pledge program workbooks published by Morehouse.

Tom is a three-term Deputy to General Convention from the Diocese of Kansas, and from 1996 to 2003, served on the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development.

In 2003, Tom was elected to a six-year at-large term on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

Directions to Trinity Episcopal Church

(570) 654-3261

Geographic Position...N41 19.709 W75 48.030

Trinity Church is on the corner of Montgomery Avenue and Spring Street. Church parking lot is on the right, across the street.

From North

Take US-6 East to PA-92. Go approximately 20 miles through Falls, Upper Exeter, and Harding. Turn left onto Exeter Avenue. Turn right on Spring Street

From South

Take Turnpike, I-476 North to exit # 115 onto PA-315 South toward I-81 South & Wilkes-Barre. Go to traffic light and turn right onto **Oak Street**.* Go approximately. 1.1 miles. Turn right onto by-pass at traffic light. At next traffic light, turn left onto William Street (US-11). Follow William Street to Main Street (traffic light). Cross Main Street to next traffic light. Turn left onto Kennedy Blvd. Get in right lane, and turn right onto Water Street Bridge. You are now on Luzerne Avenue. Proceed to traffic light. Cross Wyoming Avenue. Proceed two blocks and turn left onto Spring Street.

From West

Take PA-61 North to I-81 north to exit # 175 onto PA-315 North. (toward Dupont/Pittston/PA Turnpike). Get in left lane. At traffic light turn left onto **Oak Street**. Follow directions from South.*

From East

Take I-84 West to Wilkes-Barre exit onto I-81 South to exit # 175 A onto 315 South. At traffic light, turn right onto **Oak Street**. Follow directions from South.*

Accommodations

Victoria Inns and Suites

Located on Route 315

Pittston Township

(570) 655-1234

Registration Information

Cost: \$15 per attendee, maximum per Parish \$50.00
(includes lunch and resources)

Make checks payable: to Diocese of Bethlehem –
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Send to: Diocesan House
333 Wyandotte Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015
ATTN: Rosemary Kleintop

Deadline: Return registration slip and check before
May 15, 2007

REGISTRATION

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