

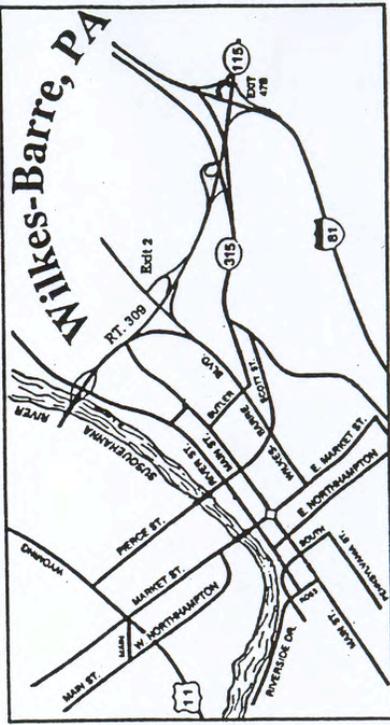
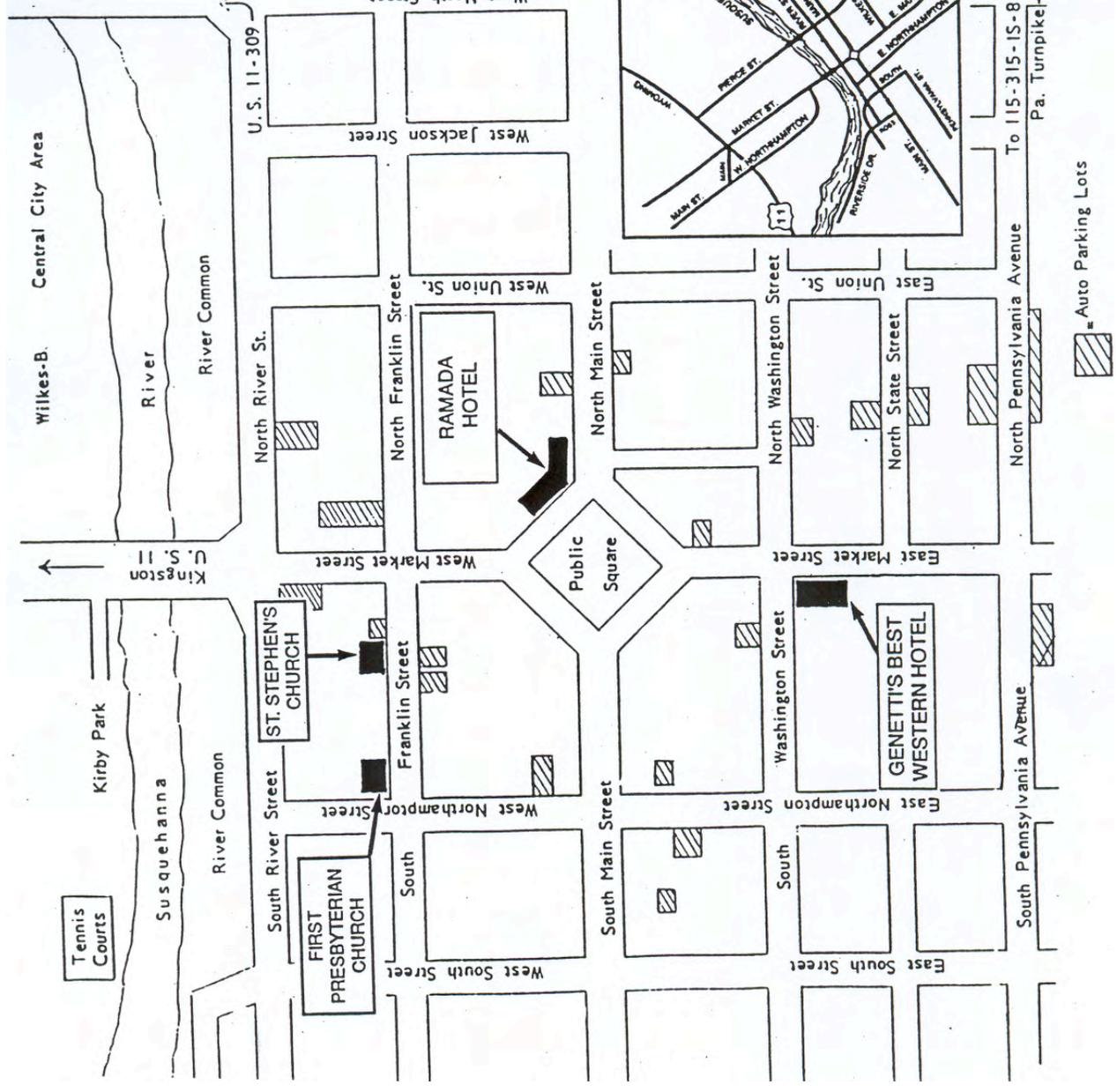
*DIOCESAN TRAINING
FOR MINISTRY*

*Saturday, April 24, 2010
St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral
35 S. Franklin Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
(570) 825-6653*



Registration will open
February 20, 2010 and closes on April 19, 2010
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From the Turnpike, I80, or I61 go North on Rt. 115 toward Wilkes-Barre. Rt. 115 turns into Rt. 309. Proceed to Exit 2 (Approx. 1.5 mi. from I-81 interchange) (Wilkes-Barre Blvd) and turn left at light onto Wilkes-Barre Blvd. Go to the 5th light and turn right onto East Market Street. Go one block and Genetti's Best Western Hotel is on left. Go two more blocks to Public Square and the Ramada Hotel is 1/4 around square.



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Diocesan Training Day
April 24, 2010
St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre

Schedule

8:15 am – 9:15 am	Check-in and Hospitality
9:15 am	Opening Prayer and Welcome
9:45 am – 11:15 am	Session I
11:30 am	Eucharist
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Session II
2:45 pm	Commissioning and Departure

Only the church and first floor are
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WORKSHOPS AT A GLANCE

AM WORKSHOPS

- #1. Wardens/Vestry 101 (AM session only)
- #2. Ministry of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor (continued in PM)
- #3. Stewardship (continued in PM)
- #4. Technology (AM session only)
- #5. Lifelong Christian Formation (AM session)

PM WORKSHOPS

- #6. Congregational Development-Funding future ministries (PM session only)
- #7. Ministry of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor (PM session)
- #8. Stewardship (PM session)
- #9. Treasurers' Workshop (PM session only)
- #10. Lifelong Christian Formation (PM session)
- #11. Youth (PM session only)
- #12. Health Ministries (PM session only)

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS (AM)

1. Vestry 101

An introduction for new wardens and vestry members – or a refresher for experienced vestry members – to the roles, responsibilities, and realities of parish leadership. We will look at canons, models, strategies, and resources to assist the elected leaders of parishes.

[Led by The Rt. Rev. Paul V. Marshall and
The Ven. Howard Stringfellow]
Morning

2. Ministry of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

“I was hungry and you fed me.”

The Ministry of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor extends the celebration of Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend the gathering of the faithful – the home-bound, those in hospital and nursing homes.

This two-part course leads to the licensing by the Bishop. The morning session will look at Biblical, theological, and historical background, while in the afternoon, we will discuss resources and practical considerations such as HIPAA rules, safety, and health concerns.

[Led by The Rev. Edward K. Erb]
Morning and Afternoon

3. Stewardship

Topic: "Creating a Culture of Generosity in These Changing Economic Times"

The core reference for presentation will be the book "*Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*" by Bishop Robert C. Schnase. People are searching for a church shaped and sustained by Radical

Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Formation, Risk-taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. These fundamental practices are critical to the success of congregations. Their presence and strength demonstrate congregational health, vitality, and fruitfulness. By repeating and improving these practices, churches fulfill their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

[Led by: The Rev. Phyllis M. Bowers]
Morning or Afternoon

4. Technology and Communication

Topic: “Communication and your parish”

This workshop is an overview of how to approach a communication ministry in your parish. Topics for discussion will include communicating your mission statement, determining your communication needs, how to develop a plan, how to evaluate activities and an overview of new electronic media you might want to explore. This workshop is recommended for vestry officers, parish communicators and parish administrators.

[Led by Kat Lehman, IT Coordinator for the
Diocese of Bethlehem]
Morning

5. Lifelong Christian Formation

Topic: “Welcoming Children with Disabilities”

Creating inclusive classrooms in Christian communities benefits everyone. Learn about how the environment and curriculum you choose set the stage for how you welcome children with disabilities-and their families- into your

programs for children and youth. Receive take home material and references to take this class home with you to implement in your own parish.

[Led by Ellyn Siftar, Director of Youth Ministries Trinity Church, Bethlehem]
Morning

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS (PM)

6. Congregational Development

Topic: "Funding Future Ministries"

Planned Giving is a wonderful blend of pastoral and stewardship ministries. Join us for a lively discussion regarding both aspects of planned giving. Take time out from the day-to-day stresses of short-term financial management and discover a path to reflect on your core values, and how that relates to the process of developing a will, shaped by your Christian preamble for your will. Our most important values should be reflected in our ultimate legal documents. We will also discuss easy to implement, easy to manage, simple programs designed to make both the pastoral and stewardship elements an ongoing ministry in your church. Over 45% of the churches in our diocese are currently funding operations with endowments. Now is the right time to start this ministry in your parish.

[Led by Charlie Barebo]
Afternoon

7. Ministry of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

See Description #2

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Morning or Afternoon

9. Treasurers' Workshop

In this workshop, we will focus on Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, Internal Controls, and Audits. We will review the Balance Sheet and Revenue and Expense statements. We will also review completing the Parochial Report. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

[Led by R. Bruce Reiner and Richard Guyer]
Afternoon

10. Lifelong Christian Formation

Topic: "Lifelong Christian Formation Means Lifelong"

How do we encourage adults in our congregations to actively engage in their own faith formation? This workshop will explore the Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation adopted by General Convention and it's implications for parish life. We will address the particular

needs of adult learners. Hands-on resources for adult study will be presented.

[Led by The Rev. Anne E. Kitch, Canon for Formation in the Christian Faith]

Afternoon

11. Youth

Topic: "Youth Mission"

Kim Rowles will lead a discussion about supporting youth mission. This will be a discussion about supporting youth in diocesan, parish and individual mission projects. Missions to be discussed include the Youth New Hope Pledge, The Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley, New Orleans Mission Trips of 2007 and 2009, Junior High Mission Trip of 2008 and the upcoming trip of 2010. One parish's response to mission - St Gabriel's Tuesday's to Serve program. Teens are much more passionate than we give them credit for and we will also discuss "Loose Change to Loosen Chains" the mission of Zach Hunter!

[Led by Kim Rowles/

Afternoon

12. Health Ministries

Health ministry in a local congregation is an intentional ministry focusing on both healing and health of body, mind and spirit, combining the ancient traditions of the Christian community and the knowledge and tools of modern health care. Health ministry looks different from congregation to congregation, reflecting the needs, interests and resources of the faith community. Health ministry does not replicate services that already exist in the community, but rather works with community partners and resources.

This workshop will provide basic information about Health Ministries, specifically information and tools for starting and maintaining a Health Ministry, as well as time for questions answers.

[Led by Diana Marshall]

Afternoon