

GENEROSITY

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Do you want to learn how generosity can shape your mission?
Are you looking for ways generosity can transform your ministry?
How can the power of money be transformed by generosity?

These questions and more are the focus of this national conference on April 30 – May 4, 2019 in Indianapolis, IN. Church and organizational leaders will learn how to energize and revitalize their strategies for faithful generosity by connecting their missions, ministries, and resources. This is more than a typical workshop-based conference, Generosity Transformed! participants will engage deeply in peer discussion groups and subject-based roundtables to develop practical implementation plans, leaving ready and able to help their churches and organizations thrive through transformative practices of faithful generosity.

Keynote speakers for this conference will provide theological grounding and inspiration. The Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey is senior pastor at the Parkdale United Church in Ottawa, Ontario. He has provided leadership for the Festival of Homiletics and has academic degrees in social work, theology, and philosophy of religion and ethics and culture. He is a native of Barbados and has served in the mission field in Jamaica and Kenya. Anthony is well-qualified to speak on the connections between mission and faithful generosity.

The Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel will speak on the connections between ministry and faithful generosity. She is conference minister of the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ and former pastor of churches in Maryland and Texas. Ginny is an excellent preacher and writer, a trained leader in stewardship and church development, and describes herself as one who loves the local church.

The Rev. Lee Hull Moses, senior minister at the First Christian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, is the author of *More Than Enough: Living Abundantly in a Culture of Excess*. Her passion for faithful and responsible consumerism will be just one of the facets of her keynote address connecting money and faithful generosity.

And, Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows leads the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis with values that bring our whole selves to God for sustenance, inspiration, and healing. She believes that “the world is filled with incredible beauty and unspeakable pain, and that God is deeply in the midst of it all loving us fiercely.” Bishop Baskerville-Burrows will give the closing keynote address that will holistically connect the conference themes.

In addition to the above, participants will be some of the first to hear the early results and initial findings of the National Study of Congregations’ Economic Practices (NSCEP). The nationally-representative study of more than 1,000 US congregations from across the theological spectrum is examining their theological, cultural, and practical orientations toward money. Similar studies have not been conducted for decades, so these fresh understandings of how congregations receive, manage, and spend their financial resources will be current, credible benchmarks in the field of congregational giving.

This research is being conducted by Lake Institute on Faith & Giving at the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy in Indianapolis and will be presented by Dr. David P. King, director of the Lake Institute and professor at Indiana University, and Melissa Spas, managing director of education and engagement for the Lake Institute. David and Melissa will also guide conference participants in strategic conversations to practically apply the insights of the study results. A premiere organization engaged in the advancement of faith-based philanthropy, the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving exists to foster a greater understanding of the ways in which faith inspires and informs giving through research, education and training.

The Ecumenical Stewardship Center, Lake Institute for Faith & Giving, and six denominations are working together to plan and host this conference: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the United Church of Christ.

The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30 and concludes at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 2. Registration is \$275.00 USD per person and includes lunch on each of the three days. More information is available on the Ecumenical Stewardship Center website at <https://stewardshipresources.org>.

The ELCA is offering a limited number of registration scholarships on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in a registration scholarship, please contact Neil.Bullock@elca.org or Keith.Mundy@elca.org. Only requests received by Friday, April 5, 2019 will be considered. These scholarships are not available through registration on the ESC website.

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