



THE CHAPMAN DIALOGUES

Conversations on Faith

Conferences for laity and clergy of all beliefs

The Liberation of Love *The Right Rev. Michael B. Curry*

“...‘you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:30-31

As far as Bishop Michael Curry is concerned, **love** is the essence of the teachings and messages of Jesus Christ. Love is at the center of humanity. Love is what Christianity has to offer the world.

During the Chapman Dialogues plenary sessions Bishop Curry will explore with us the power of love. Not hearts and valentines love, no. But the kind of love that changes the course of history. The kind of dy-



namic love that Ghandi, Mandella and Tutu showed the world. The kind of love in which the Civil Rights Movement was grounded.

Bishop Curry will show how and why love — even when it is misplaced — is critical to survival. How human dysfunction comes from being disconnected from love. Why we struggle

to find love — to be wanted, needed, accepted, known.

Join workshop leaders to learn how to turn Bishop Curry’s words into actions — how to affect change through love, peace and mindfulness.

When we learn to liberate our love we can change the world.

Sept. 20-23, 2015

**Claggett Center
Episcopal Diocese of
Maryland Camp and
Conference Center**

Conference Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 20

3 pm Registration opens
6pm Dinner for attendees
7 pm Opening plenary
Hospitality

Monday, Sept. 21

7 am Optional yoga or hike
8 am Breakfast
9:15 am Plenary with Bishop Curry
11 am Small group discussion
12 noon Lunch
1:30 pm Workshop session I
3:30 pm Workshop session II
5 pm Friends of Bill W.
6 pm Dinner
7 pm Conversation with Bishop Curry
8:30 pm Compline
Hospitality

Tuesday, Sept. 22

7 am Optional yoga or hike
8 am Breakfast
9 :15 am Plenary with Bishop Curry
11 am Small group discussion
12 noon Lunch
1:30 pm Workshop session III
3:30 pm Workshop session IV
5 pm Friends of Bill W.
6 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Closing Eucharist
Hospitality

Wednesday, Sept. 23

7:45 am Breakfast
9 am Depart

Our Workshops and Leaders

Compassionate Communication: Introduction to Nonviolent Communication (NVC)

Nonviolent Communication is based on the principles of nonviolence -- the natural state of compassion when no violence is present in the heart. Recognized by UNESCO as an international program of best practices, the NVC community is active in over 65 countries around the globe. People who practice NVC have found greater authenticity in their communication: increased understanding, deeper connection, and successful conflict resolution. Additional presenter: Hally Childs



Rhonda Eldridge has been a core member of the NVC Northern Virginia Practice Group for five years and a leading member of the Capital NVC Community Circle. She is a Certified NVC Trainer. She believes that if we can come to each other with that 'knowing' and be truly present to the current aliveness in ourselves and in the other, then the fear subsides. If the fear subsides between you and me, then it has a chance to subside between you and the next person, and me and the next person, and so on.



Barbra Esher is a certified trainer with the global NVC and an ordained member of Tich Nhat Hahn's Order of Interbeing. She pursues her work with zeal, accumulating more than 1,000 hours of training while traveling the world. She also has 25 years experience learning, practicing and teaching acupuncture, shiatsu and East Asian medicine. She specializes in sharing NVC with mindfulness/meditation communities and drug/alcohol treatment centers.

Cry Justice

We will explore together the world and national events that led to Pax Christi USA's Mission of Non-Violence taking root in the U.S. and how that rootedness continues on today in the work we do, striving and struggling for peace with justice.



Sister Patricia Chappell became the first African American executive director of Pax Christi, USA, the National Catholic Peace and Justice Movement located in Washington, DC, and is a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Sister is involved in several professional and religious organizations throughout the United States. In July 2011, she served on the Provincial Leadership Team of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Conn. Province, and was the first African American to serve in this capacity.



Sister Anne-Louise Nadeau currently serves as director of programs at Pax Christi USA in Washington, DC. As a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur she has worked extensively with young adults and adult learners at Sacred Heart University in Bridgeport, CT, while serving in campus ministry, director of the Personal Counseling Center, and later as associate dean of students. She has served on the leadership team of the Conn. unit of the Sisters of Notre Dame and continues to be the co-chair of the SND/USA anti-racism team.

From Lament to Love: The Liberating Path of Celtic Spirituality for Today

In this workshop I will guide you through an experience of poetry, story and song in the Irish Celtic tradition. The focus is on both personal and political transformation through the lyrical lens of a Celtic Christian spirituality.



Stefan Andre Waligur is also known as Macushla, an Irish term of endearment meaning "heartbeat of the Beloved." He is a contemplative, musician/composer, retreat leader and leader of new chant and kirtan around the world. An oblate member of the Benedictine Ashram Shantivanam in southern India, his music and message brings together east and west, contemplation and engagement in social justice. Stefan is also our conference musician.

Meditation and Mindfulness (offered: Mon I; Tues IV*)

Living mindfully is a small but powerful step towards cultivating compassion, non-violence, and happiness. You'll learn how mindfulness can influence action and support your spiritual life, and you'll get to experience several different meditation and mindfulness techniques. We will also discuss some of the roadblocks you may encounter, and how to move past them in a gentle, non-judgmental way.



Alyssia Gilbert Turner has practiced yoga and meditation for 15 years, taught for 3, and has received over 500 hours of accredited yoga training. She works as teacher and communications coordinator for Sol Yoga, and on staff at All Saints' Episcopal in Frederick. If you have questions or are interested in booking a class or private session, email her at agilbert@allsaintsmd.org.

Power and Love: A Practical Application of Nonviolence

This workshop will teach non-violent, practical tools we can use to achieve goals and end violence in our world, nation, community and home.



Gary Gillespie is a trainer in the practice of nonviolence, community organizing, and the Listening Project. He received a certificate of completion in Practice: Skills in Conflict Transformation from the Peace Building Institute at Eastern Mennonite University. He is executive director of the Central Maryland Ecumenical Council and a member of the Religious Society Of Friends (Quakers). Gary worked for 20 years as a Baltimore Program Director for the American Friends Service Committee, a 98-year-old Quaker Peace and Justice organization. He also taught meditation and yoga in two prisons for five years.



Rev. Dellyne I. Hinton is an elder in the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Youth, young adults and outreach have been her passions throughout her ministries. She currently serves as the chair of Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns for the BWC and serves on the board of the Central Maryland Ecumenical Council. Community organizing has been a part of her ministries as the founder of BCON (Baltimore County Organizing Neighborhoods), and a member of BUILD (Baltimoreans United In Leadership Development.)

The Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence

The Institute utilizes Nonviolence Trainings in prison and schools, Street Outreach, hospital response to violent crime, employment services and enrichment activities in and around Providence, RI. The Institute is the only organization in the country to serve both victims and perpetrators of violent crime through its Victim Services Department, responding to all homicide victims' families and living victims of violent crime. Additional presenter: Andre (Ajay) Benton



Salomao Monteiro Jr. is the director of training at the Institute for the Study and Practice for Nonviolence, in which he has worked for 10 years. He has been a student and practitioner of nonviolence philosophy and lifestyle for over 20 years, starting in 1992, while serving a sentence of 20 years for being involved in 2nd degree murder at the age of 19. He organizes, creates and delivers nonviolence education, skills and training to his community, as well as organizations, schools and individuals who suffer from acts of violence, systematic violence and personal violence. His overall belief is that we cannot solve violence or eliminate it, but we can control and resolve conflicts in more compassionate ways.



Lynne-Marie Shea is the director of victim services for ISPN. Having worked with the organization since 2009, first as a student then as an Americorps volunteer, she joined the staff as an advocate for ISPN's Victim Support Center, providing crisis management, support and case management to families of homicide victims and living victims of violent street crime. She has also worked in Oruro, Bolivia working as an advocate for victims of domestic violence, and worked to promote nonviolence and student success at one of the lowest performing high schools in Rhode Island.

ACT— Adults and Children Together—Against Violence



A highly acclaimed prevention program for parents and children, supported by the following: American Psychological Association; American Psychological Foundation; Center for Mental Health Services, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services; CDC Foundation; Foundation for Child Development; and others.

Julia da Silva is the director of the American Psychological Association Office of Nonviolence Prevention in Washington, DC.

Journey to the Center: A Labyrinth Workshop (offered Mon II; Tues III*)

The labyrinth is an ancient pattern for walking meditation and prayer, found in a variety of faith traditions and cultures. The journey to the center of the labyrinth and back out again can be a source of healing, peace, and renewal for those engaged in doing the work of God's love. This workshop will be an excellent introduction for those new to walking the labyrinth, as well as an opportunity for those with prior experience to deepen their practice. Outside, weather permitting.



The Rev. Diana E. Carroll is the rector of St. Luke's Eastport in Annapolis, Maryland, where she helped to design and install the Eastport Memorial Labyrinth on the church grounds. She holds a BA in English from Kenyon College and an MDiv from Yale Divinity School. Diana has over 15 years of experience walking the labyrinth and has been speaking and leading workshops on it since 2009.

About the Chapman Dialogues

Bishop Michael B. Curry was elected the 27th presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church at the 78th General Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 27, 2015. Elected on the first ballot, Bishop Curry will be installed as presiding bishop on Nov. 1. Curry was elected 11th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina on February 11, 2000, and consecrated on June 17 in Duke Chapel on the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. In 1988 he became rector of St. James' Church, Baltimore, Maryland, where he served until his election as bishop. Throughout his

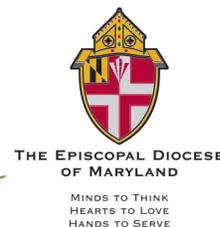


ministry, Bishop Curry has been active in issues of social justice, speaking out on immigration policy and marriage equality. He served on the Taskforce for Re-imagining the Episcopal Church, and recently was named chair of Episcopal Relief and Development's board of directors. His book of sermons, *Crazy Christians*, came out in August 2013, and *Songs My Grandma Sang* was released in 2015.

The Chapman Dialogues is an ongoing series of conferences focusing on contemporary issues of faith, designed to inspire, enliven and educate.

Each conference includes plenary sessions, workshops, discussions, and outdoor activities, along with the building of community, and sharing in fellowship and meals.

**Save the date for the next
Chapman Dialogues
Nov. 13-16, 2016
Faith and the Environment**



Why the Chapman Dialogues?

The Rev. Edward "Bo" Chapman was rector of Emmanuel Parish, Cumberland, Md., from 1985 until his sudden death in 2014. He became involved with diocesan work with Cross+roads, Horizons, and Mission Strategy. He also began to be involved with Claggett Center as a chaplain and leader for the summer youth camps and became a member of the Claggett board. He was very invested in the ministry of Claggett and excited as it began its renovation and rejuvenation through its capital campaign. Camp and conference center ministry was a constant throughout Bo's vocation from his earliest days as a priest.

Bo and his wife Mary Ann helped design and gave the St. Thomas Becket Chapel in the former barn silo, as a memorial to her brother, John R. Gerwig III.

Bo had been saddened to learn of the closing of the College of Preachers that for years had met in Washington, D.C. To him, those talks, like Kellogg Lectures in MA, were amazing opportunities for education and enlightenment. He shared that disappointment with Bishop Robert W. Ilhoff and they had a common vision for a reprieve: Claggett. Its location was ideal, and now its accommodations would be as well. Along with Lee Tidball and others, they formed a plan, sought support, and were blessed by the vision of a long and happy tradition of excellence.

