

Episcopal Diocese of Texas 2012 Wardens & Vestry Conference

✦ Speakers



The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle will address all three conferences.

Keynote speaker: The Rev. Canon John Newton



A lifelong Episcopalian, The Rev. Canon John Wharton Newton, IV was baptized and confirmed at St. Mark's in Beaumont, TX. After graduating in 2004 from the University of Texas with a bachelor's degree in business studies (BBA), John worked for eighteen months as the program coordinator for the Episcopal college ministry on the UT campus. In 2008 John graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood at All Saints Episcopal Church in January of 2009, where he served for almost three years as the University of Texas Campus Missioner. In February of 2011 John began working as Bishop Andy Doyle's Canon for Lifelong Christian Formation in the Diocese of Texas. His desire to introduce people to the saving love of Jesus Christ and his call to form uniquely Episcopalian disciples of Jesus is what makes him most passionate about his work. In addition to his keynote address John will also present two workshops.

✦ Workshop Topics

Innovative and informative topics include the following:

- ◆ Best Practices Congregation
- ◆ Evangelism
- ◆ Junior Wardens
- ◆ Communications – Social Media,
- ◆ Senior Wardens' - Forum
- ◆ Stewardship – Annual Giving Campaigns
- ◆ Vestry Development – FQAs, Church Polity & Organization
- ◆ Resource Sampler – Fertile Ground, Mission Funding, Sharing Faith Stories
Dinners, Newcomer Ministry Project
- ◆ Freshman Track – Leadership, Roles & Responsibilities, Financial Oversight

✦ New Workshops This Year

Three workshops have been added to the offerings this year – Resource Sampler, Evangelism, and Stewardship. The Resource Sampler will take a glimpse at a few of the ministries the diocese provides as resources for churches and parishioners. Stewardship will discuss the many variations of annual giving.

✦ Freshman Track

First year vestry/bishop's committee members and persons returning to these roles after several years are strongly encouraged to attend this track of workshops designed specifically to answer questions about your relationship with your church and the diocese. Workshops include "Roles and Responsibilities", "Leadership" and "Financial Oversight". Others may attend.

✦ Who

All wardens, vestry members (new and tenured), bishop's committee members, heads of congregations and church leadership are encouraged to attend.

✦ Where and When

Participants may choose which conference location to attend. You are not restricted to attend the conference in your region.

Houston Area – Holy Apostles, Katy, February 25th

Austin Area – St. David's, Austin, March 3rd

East Texas Area – Longview, Trinity Church, March 24th

Each conference is held on a Saturday, from 9:00am – 3:30pm

✦ Schedule, Check-In & Meals

The tentative schedule for all three conferences is below. Continental breakfast and box lunch provided.

Time	Action
8:00	Registration & breakfast opens
9:00	Conference Opens
9:10	Bishop's Address, Keynoter
11:00	Workshop #1
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Workshop #2
2:10	Workshop #3
3:20	Commissioning Service & Closing

✦ Registration

Advance online registration is required. To guarantee meals and materials registration must be received no later than the Wednesday immediately prior to the conference. Registrations are accepted until 3:00pm the Friday afternoon prior to the conference. To register [click here](#).

✦ Cost & Payment

The cost is \$20 per person for both lay and clergy. This includes 2 meals, beverages, printed materials and other resources. VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card are accepted via our online registration. Payments are processed through PayPal.

✦ Refunds

Refunds will be made only if received in writing by the Wednesday immediately prior to the conference. Sorry, no refunds for no shows.

✦ Questions

Don't hesitate to call or email your questions to:

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