Report from the Diocesan Evangelism Committee September 29, 2022

After several postponements because of COVID-19, the Evangelism Committee was delighted to plan the inaugural evangelism workshop on October 14. By holding the event as a prelude to the Diocesan Convention, we hoped to attract a large number of enthusiastic parishioners who are eager to learn new ways to share the Good News.

We were fortunate to have Jerusalem Greer as the keynote speaker as well as the preacher at Convention. She works for the Presiding Bishop as staff officer for evangelism, serves as a resource consultant for Baptized for Life, and is a member of the Council of Advice for Episcopal Relief and Development. Her second session, "Community, Loneliness, and Homecoming," invites us to explore ways of rethinking parish life and outreach following the two years of COVID hibernation.

Another member of the Presiding Bishop's staff, Jeremy Tackett, is a digital evangelist. His workshop will focus on how to tell our own stories of faith and how to create open, safe space for others to do the same.

Other sessions will be led by diocesan clergy and will showcase experiments and innovations already underway, including the ministry of a "good news garden."

The Committee has also partnered with the SSFM to underwrite a new course, "Building Intentional Small Groups." The teacher, Miriam McKenney, is a national expert in this field.

For more information, see https://diocesecpa.org/evangelism.

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