



ADGL Church Revitalization and Renewal Programs and Ministries

“The Following Revitalization and Renewal Ministries/Programs are available to all the Congregations in The Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes.”

Anglican Revitalization Ministries

Anglican Revitalization Ministries is part of the American Anglican Council (AAC) and they offer a number of Revitalization programs including *ReVive*.

ReVive is bringing new life to existing congregations that are in maintenance or decline. Many congregations need revitalization. Even Church plants, in time, will require revitalization. The American Anglican Council *ReVive* workshop helps bring passion and principles to any local congregation or diocese that, if applied, will produce new life, even if a congregation has been in decline for many years.

At our Synod in November 2021 Canon Mark shared many examples of Church revitalization as well as the three major components of *ReVive*. (1) A Church Health Assessment (2) Onsite Workshop and (3) Ongoing Coaching.

The first step in a Church's revitalization is admitting the need for revitalization. One way to know if your congregation is in need of revitalization is to complete an honest assessment of where it is in the Church's life cycle.

The *ReVive* Church Health Assessment is a tool that helps a congregation's leadership understand their strengths and weaknesses. The cost of the Church Health Assessment is normally \$200 of which \$100 is presently being paid for by the Province. Our Diocese agreed to pay the remaining \$100 for our Congregations in the Diocese. As of this date **16** congregations in the Diocese have completed the Health Assessment process. If you have completed the Church Health Assessment and not gone over the results with Canon Mark Eldredge please contact him. To sign up for the Church Health Assessment go to the

following link: Discount Code (REVIVEACNA)

<https://americananglican.org/anglican-revitalization-ministries/Church-health-assessment/>

St. Matthew's in Michigan and both Apostles Anglican & St. Patricks Anglican in Kentucky have completed all three components of *ReVive* and are willing to share their experience with any congregation in the Diocese.

The American Anglican Council also offers Renewal Weekends (Much like Faith Alive) but led by Clergy in the Province.

There is a new book authored by Rev. Canon Mark Eldredge Titled: "*Revive: Bringing Health, Vitality, and Growth Back into Your Church*" Available on Amazon for \$12.99.

For additional information on *ReVive* and/or the ACC Renewal Weekends please contact Canon Mark Eldredge at 904-608-0047 or meldredge@americananglican.org

Encountering Jesus (EJ)

Encountering Jesus is a part of the Diocese outreach initiative. They presently have two programs: (1) "The Holy Spirit and You" which emphasizes the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers with many personal testimonies. Intertwined are numerous examples of how the Holy Spirit gives us opportunities to share our faith. St. Anne's in The Fields Anglican Church – Madison Ohio recently (May 20, 2023) had a wonderful turnout for this program and a number of the parishioners' invited guests. Contact The Rev. Kelly Irish kmirish@yahoo.com or 440-796-8356 if you are interested in additional feedback from the program at St. Anne's.

((2) There is a New program offered by EJ that has just been completed called "Hearing Jesus". Our Lord wants a personal relationship with each of us. His sheep hear his voice. Do we think he will speak to us? Is it really God we hear? Does he want to have fellowship with us? The answer of course is yes, to each of these questions. We are too easily distracted in the rush of this modern world. There are so many choices. There are so many distractions all demanding our time and our attention. Sadly, it seems that we only hear what we want to hear, and we often completely tune out the voice of the one we call our Lord. This program discusses ways we can hear Jesus and the importance of the Word - both *Logos* and *Rhema*.

Both programs are approximately three to four hours (1/2 day) and there is no set cost though we recommend a donation to Encountering Jesus. Both programs are interactive and offer a time of prayer at the end individually with the presenters. The direct contact is Nancy Koley 330.618.4036.

Journey Into Wholeness

Journey into wholeness is a program offered by The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Allen and The Rev. Canon Ron Allen. Have you ever asked, "Why do I keep saying and doing the things I don't want to?" Do you ever hear yourself saying these words and feeling defeated? Do you ever feel stuck in being able to live the new life that God has planned for you? If so, then consider a "Journey into Wholeness" weekend and learn how ungodly habits and patterns of thinking and behaving can be transformed into wholeness. During the weekend you will learn and experience: Hearing God's voice. Being set free from generational patterns. Release from curses and vows. Freedom from demonic interference. "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.", Romans 12:2. Experience the new life in Christ and begin to learn the ways

Christ calls us to be His instruments of healing for others. This weekend was offered at St. Luke's in Copley, Ohio in February 2024. The Rev. Dan Morgan is willing to share his experience. dmorgan@adgl.us Contact if interested in the Weekend: The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Allen carolyn@heartlandfw.org

Faith Alive

Faith Alive is no longer directly affiliated with the Episcopal Church and is now part of Faith Encouragement Ministries encompassing Faith Alive, Faith Journey, and Faith Stories. <https://www.facebook.com/faithencouragementministries>

Faith Alive is a lay-led revitalization ministry that brings lay volunteers to your local Church to share their faith as well as to assist the members of your parish family to begin to share their faith at a deeper level. The weekend is a joyous experience for the entire parish and consists of three components: a program for adults, a program for teens, and a program for children, all of which take place simultaneously.

The Rev. Canon Jeff Smead contacted Faith Alive, and they are excited to work with the congregations in our Diocese. The lead time to put on a Faith Alive Weekend is 6 to 12 months. Contacts at Faith Alive are Tom Kay (972-896-5374) tom.kay333@gmail.com and Sue Kay (214-226-6219) sueowenkay@gmail.com.

Grace Notes – Revitalization Ministry

Grace Notes is another initiative offered by the Diocese as an instrument in the revitalization of the local Church. To date five Churches in the Diocese have employed Grace Notes as a part of their revitalization/outreach ministry. Grace Notes is a ministry to expand the membership's vision of sharing unexpected grace with others. It is a simple ministry, yet it can dramatically affect how we see those that God places in our life every day. There is a three-page detailed description of the Grace Notes Revitalization Ministry on the ADGL Resource page or contact The Ven. Canon Jeff Smead jeffsmead@adgl.us or 724-422-4230.

Children / Youth Related Ministries – Growth Opportunities

- (1) Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS):** MOPS is a group of moms that gather to find a deeper sense of connection, to feel valued by the world around them, to gain confidence in their motherhood and greater faith-life satisfaction. They believe in the simple but revolutionary idea that remarkable things happen when moms come together. MOPS is partnering with churches and organizations worldwide to equip and encourage moms in more than 68 countries. Their Mission statement: "MOPS International encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church." This has been a growing ministry to reach both moms and children. St. Luke's in Copley has been a partner with MOPS for a number of years for more information on how the program operates at St. Lukes in Copley contact the Rector The Rev. Dan Morgan dmorgan@adgl.us or 330.665.2227. To receive more information concerning MOPS or to start a group go to the MOPS website: www.mops.org
- (2) Big Brothers Big Sister Sisters** Since 1904, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is incredible potential. As the nation's largest donor- and

volunteer-supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 5 through young adulthood in communities across the country. They help develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people. They have a unique brand of one-to-one mentoring, in which a child facing adversity is carefully matched with a caring adult mentor in a relationship supported by professional Big Brothers Big Sisters staff members, that changes lives for the better forever. There are two ways to support them (1) the church volunteering space when they have their group meetings (This was an initiative that was used by an Anglican Church in Greensburg PA that has shown much fruit). (2) have parishioners commit to be a one-on-one volunteer. For more information concerning the program go to their website www.bbbs.org

Lectio Divina Project

The Lectio Divina Project has three elements. 1. It begins with a retreat designed to introduce and practice Lectio Divina. The presentation workshop is conducted by the Lectio Divina Project at no cost to the local congregation. Facility, snacks, worship, and communion would be the responsibility of the local congregation. 2. The Project recommends concentrating on one book of Scripture, a small section at a time. 3. Other items will be added or discussed as directed by Holy Spirit in order to engage with the Church's weekly theme. This was utilized in 2023 by St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Lapeer Michigan (For more information on how it was utilized at St. Matthew's contact their rector The Rev. Colleen Dewey colleen_d1@yahoo.com or 1-810-667-8910) The Director of the Lectio Divina Project, Deborah Fegan, can be reached at dfegan1@united.edu or 440-915-4370

Lutheran Lay Renewal of America (LLR)

The North American Lutheran Church is the orthodox denominational arm of Lutheranism in America, with which the Anglican Church in North America is in communion. They have several Revitalization initiatives that they are willing to share with our Diocese.

Renewal Weekend: The renewal weekend is the mainstay of LLR since 1971 and is based off the Faith Alive format. This weekend offers the pastor and Church leadership the opportunity to strengthen and renew their people for greater involvement in ministry. Weekends are facilitated by Christian laypeople who come to the local Church at their own expense, providing minimal cost and maximum benefit to the congregation. The weekend is a fun and joyful experience for the entire congregation and consists of three components: a program for adults, a program for teens, and a program for children, all of which take place simultaneously.

Spirit Transformation Retreat: This is a 1/2-day retreat held at your congregation usually on Saturday morning or Sunday evening but can be scheduled anytime that you have 3 1/2 to 4 hours of availability. It is recommended that the congregation open this retreat to the community as an outreach event. There are two sessions with a break in between. First session: Seven lessons for living the spiritual life. Many lay people expect the ordained clergy to live spiritual lives but do not realize the importance of the same in their own life. The second session: Ten stops on the road to spiritual transformation. This session is based on the research and a book by George Barna, who is probably the foremost Christian researcher in America today. The session focuses on identifiable steps toward living a transformed life, as well as the ultimate goals: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." and: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Cost: currently the LLR does not charge a fee for this retreat though a contribution is certainly welcomed.

Spot The Spirit Workshop. The spot the spirit workshop features six growth practices. (1) go to God in worship and prayer. (2) Receive his word for you. (3) Opting for self-denial. (4) Witness to your experiences. (5) Trust God in a new venture. (6) Humble yourself before God. This workshop normally runs from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturdays.

The Executive Director is Bill Oehlschlager, located in Butler PA, who has an Anglican background and was very active with Faith Alive and Cursillo in the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh. He became involved as a lay preacher with the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and is spearheading their Renewal Ministry. The NALC has a strong affiliation with the ACNA and is willing to facilitate renewal weekends and/or support the congregations within our Diocesan footprint. For more information contact Bill Oehlschlager, Executive Director of Lutheran Lay Renewal of America 209 Thornwood Drive Butler, PA 16001 724-287-5151 wao3rd@aol.com www.lutheranrenewal.com

Alpha

Alpha began at a Church called Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) in London in 1977, it was taken by Nicky Gumbel in 1990 and repositioned as a course for those outside the congregation. The number of people attending Alpha at HTB grew quickly into the hundreds and attracted the attention of other Churches across denominations seeking to find an effective tool for evangelism.

The Alpha Course is created to outline the core principles of the Christian faith that all denominations agree on. We believe that what unites us is infinitely greater than what divides us. The Alpha Course is an effective form of evangelism when run by and through the local Church. By focusing on the fundamentals of Christianity, it opens the door for Alpha to be used in almost any context so that everyone has the opportunity to engage in discussions and be transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Alpha's goal is to continually support the Church with resources and tools that help create a space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about Jesus. The Alpha Film Series and Alpha Youth Series were designed to take guests on a journey of faith over multiple weeks (Including an on-line program). Each session covers a key element of the gospel in a way that is easy to follow and leaves space for people to explore their questions about life, faith, and God. <https://alphausa.org/>

Everyone should have the opportunity to explore a relationship with Jesus, wherever they are in the world, for free. Alpha is funded 100% by donors allowing us to give all resources away to Churches at no charge.

For more information contact one of the following:

- (1) Dan McCarty—Primarily Michigan and Indiana danmccarty@alphausa.org (317) 828-3491
- (2) Bruce Farley—Primarily Ohio and Kentucky brucefarley@alphausa.org (440) 864-4505

In addition, The ADGL NextGen Canon, The Rev. Canon Shane Tucker is a member of the Alpha Board and has offered to be a liaison to the congregations in the Diocese. tucker@adgl.us

40 Days Of Prayer - Revitalization

The Resource “Praying with Jesus – 40 Day of Prayer Guide” is a wonderful tool to be utilized by the parishioners to help turn their hearts toward revitalization. One of the most important prayers we can pray

as a Church comes from 1 Samuel 3: 10 “Speak Lord, your servant is listening.” Yet far too often, we have prayed “Listen Lord, your servant is speaking.” Jesus is the chief shepherd of His Church, and we must take time to listen to him. From the beginning of time prayer has been the vital link between God and man. Adam and Eve initially enjoyed intimate, face to face fellowship, but after they disobeyed God, their fellowship with him was broken. Still, human hearts long for fellowship with their creator. This 88-page spiral bound resource is available for a nominal fee per copy. For more information contact The Rev. Kelly Irish kmirish@yahoo.com or 440-796-8356.

Fourth Day Weekends

The Fourth day movement began in the late 1940's with Cursillo in the Roman Catholic Church and over the years various Christian denominations have adopted this format over either 3 or 4 days. Beyond Cursillo there are the following fourth day movements: Koinonia, Emmaus, Tres Dias, Via de Christo and Kairos to name a few. From a Thursday or Friday Evening through a Sunday Afternoon,

The weekends are structured around a series of talks given by laypeople and clergy on subjects such as Ideals, Grace, Divine Help, Piety, Study, Action, Laity, Community, and Fourth Day. After each talk, there is a time of discussion in small groups. The talks provide guidelines for life beyond the weekend. The weekend is filled with joy and the presence of the Holy Spirit. The weekend is many things, but most of all, it is an experience to be lived. The following are known weekends that are open to Anglican participation. The Diocesan Contact is Bob Drusendahl who is available if there are any questions or for a more in-depth discussion concerning the 4th Day Movement. bobd1311@hotmail.com or 216-702-4433

Ohio:

- (1) Koinonia of Lake County - Painesville, OH – Email: appsforkoinonia@gmail.com Websites: <http://www.koinoniaoflakecounty.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/85871506241>
- (2) Westside Koinonia – Olmsted Falls, OH – Email: theresa.stitt@wskwestsidekoinonia.org or jgallucci@wskwestsidekoinonia.org Website: www.wskwestsidekoinonia.org
- (3) Heart of Emmaus – Marysville, OH – Email: kathytoms@gmail.com
- (4) Mid Ohio Valley Emmaus – Marietta, OH – Email: info@movements.com Website: www.midohiovalleyemmaus.com
- (5) Central Ohio Walk To Emmaus – Emails: taragilbert@gmail.com or jgsweets@aol.com
- (6) Tres Dias Cleveland – Bay Village, OH Website: www.baypres.org
- (7) Via de Christo of Ohio – Cincinnati, OH
- (8) Northwest Ohio Emmaus – Email: alan.adam@roadrunner.com
- (9) Greater Sidney Emmaus – Sidney OH – Email: chairman@sidneyemmaus.org Website: www.sidneyemmaus.org

Indiana:

- (1) SW Indiana Walk to Emmaus – Washington, IN
- (2) SE Michigan Emmaus – Elkhart IN – Email: fordrelic@comcast.net
- (3) Northern Indiana Emmaus – Email: chall7777@gmail.com

Michigan:

- (1) SE Michigan Emmaus – Email: fordrelic@comcast.net
- (2) Superiorland Walk to Emmaus – Chassell MI Email: taylortrioo3@gmail.com Website: www.upperroom.org

Kentucky:

- (1) Lexington Emmaus – Lexington KY – Website: www.lexingtonemmaus.org
- (2) Louisville Area Emmaus – Crestwood, KY – Email: msacg@bellsouth.net

New York

(1) NYAC Walk to Emmaus – Remsenburg NY

The information was gathered by Bob Drusendahl. If you would like additional information or if there are any corrections or additions, please contact him at bobd1311@hotmail.com or 216-702-4433.

The LeaderWorks Trust

LeaderWorks received a pledge of \$1,000,000 to be given over the next few years to help Anglican congregations raise funds needed for capital and other projects.

In other words, there is an "Angel Investor" who is willing to help local congregations raise money for *capital expenses, property acquisition, debt retirement, down payment*, or a particular *mission project* that serves to advance your Church's mission. A detailed update of this program was sent to all clergy on Monday March 21st, 2022. For more information contact:

David Roseberry Ex. Director, LeaderWorks



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Grant Funds

The Diocese has earmarked funds to support initiatives that have borne fruit and are in need of some additional financial support. In 2022 and early 2023 the Diocese came alongside two congregations that had been experiencing increased attendance even during COVID and/or an opportunity to grow that needed some support for at least one year in order to call a full time Rector.

The Diocese is seeking other outreach and revitalization stories that have borne fruit that can be shared with other congregations within our footprint. We are here to come alongside and to support the congregations in our Diocese. If you need assistance with any of these revitalization and renewal programs, or you are aware of programs that have had a positive effect on your local congregation please contact Pete Matthews pmatthews@adgl.us/859-227-9728