



**2025 St. Luke's Lectures & Homecoming
CONTINUING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS
*Thursday, Oct. 2***

BLOCK 1 | 9 - 10:15 a.m.

PANEL: Transition Ministry - There is No New Normal

*The Rev. Canon Joe Woodfin, T'15; The Rev. Marion Sprott, T'19; The Rev. Rob Courtney, T'09;
& The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, H'25*

In this panel conversation, hear from diocesan transition officers as they discuss current trends, challenges, and opportunities in helping congregations and clergy discern their next call. Navigating the rapidly changing transition landscape can be difficult. Come with questions for these experts.

The History and Spirituality of the Benedictine Rule

Hannah Matis, PhD

The Rule of St. Benedict is arguably the single most influential document for monastic life in the western church. We will look at some of the mysteries of its creation, its complex history in medieval church and society, and some aspects of Benedictine spirituality that can still enrich the life of the church today.

BLOCK 2 | 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Welcome Home: Mastering New Member Engagement for Vibrant Parish Growth at Any Size

The Rev. Nate Huddleston, T'16 & The Rev. Canon Cameron Nations, T'15

Join us for an interactive workshop where we will explore actionable techniques for engaging new members and building a thriving parish community. This session will equip you with creative ideas and best practices for making newcomers feel at home, deepening their connection to the parish, and cultivating a culture of inclusion and growth. Whether you're at a small, medium, or large parish, you'll leave with a toolkit of strategies designed to enhance new member experiences and support sustainable parish development.

Exploring AI in Church Ministry

The Rev. Mercedes Clements, C'96, T'21

Curious how artificial intelligence might support your church's mission without compromising its heart? This workshop will demonstrate practical examples of how AI can support ministry functions without undermining human connection. We'll also consider ethical concerns and theological questions raised by AI. Come ready to see demos, ask questions, and imagine what faithful experimentation might look like in your context.