

New England Deacons Network | Biennial Conference
September 28– 30, 2012 | Framingham, MA

CRUSHING POVERTY
SERVICE & SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE ON THE EDGE



Program Overview

Are we still engaged in the war on poverty? Meeting the Millennium Development Goals? The calls to action arising during the Occupy protests? Increasingly, our world is fracturing along economic fault lines that are only becoming more severe as we grapple with national debts and international monetary crises.

As churches and communities living amidst significant fragmentation, Deacons

grapple with fundamental questions of how to live and work meaningfully and faithfully alongside and among those who are poor in our midst. How do we best serve with dignity and empowerment?

Our presenters and will lead us into a variety of insightful ways to explore what serving among those who are poor can mean. Saturday will offer workshops ad-

ressing both urban and rural poverty issues as will explore how both church and secular leadership engage in these vital issues.

We will also participate in our own stories and experiences in small group sessions with Deacon leaders from across New England to explore what we are and can be doing in our diaconal ministries to address poverty and economic injustice.

Special points of interest

- ◆ Explore a variety theological and ethical perspectives on poverty in our communities
- ◆ Gain information about urban and rural poverty in New England
- ◆ Learn about programs and ministries that are addressing poverty in New England and beyond
- ◆ Participate in conversations about collaborative diaconal ministry
- ◆ Learn firsthand about a variety of ministry projects in Province 1 and access diaconal resources (literature, program materials, ministry contacts)
- ◆ Develop and nurture relationships with colleagues in ministry

Our Presenters

SPECIAL GUESTS

The Rt. Rev Tom Shaw
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts

Prof. Willis Jenkins
Margaret A. Farley Assistant Professor of Social Ethics at the Yale Divinity School

The Hon. Byron Rushing
Massachusetts House of Representatives

WORKSHOP LEADERS

Beth Mattingly
Director of Research, the Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire

The Rev. Kathy Mc Adams
Executive Director, Ecclesia Ministries, Boston

Dns. Ricky Brightman & Buck Close
George Hunt HELP Center, Providence



Who should attend?

Deacons, deacons in formation, and those friends who support deacons and diaconal ministries in Province One and beyond. Spouses, partners, and other family are also invited and encouraged to attend.

Particulars

WHEN

Friday, September 28, 2012 – Sunday September 30, 2012

WHERE

Sheraton Framingham Hotel

1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01701, (508) 879-7200

REGISTRATION FEE

\$225.00 per person

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please send \$225 registration, made out to “The Diocese of Maine” with “2012 NEDN conference” in the memo line to:

The Rev. Deacon Sudie Blanchard
25 Southside Road
York, ME 03909

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

All conference attendees will receive a registration confirmation.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Conference participants are expected to coordinate their own arrangements for accommodations. A block of rooms has been reserved for the conference at the Sheraton, Framingham, MA. The preferred rate for conference attendees is \$95 per night, single or double occupancy. The preferred rate is good through August 31st, 2012. Contact 508-879-7200 or www.starwoodhotels.com.

PARKING

Parking at the Sheraton is on site and complimentary

ACCESSIBILITY

The Sheraton Hotel is fully accessible

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Program Registration

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Diocese: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone: _____
Name on Badge: _____

Meal Choices: Friday Dinner (choose one)

- Vegetable Ravioli
- Chicken Piccata

Meal Choices: Saturday Dinner (choose one)

- Boston Baked Haddock
- New England Pot Roast

Dietary Restrictions (please describe):

Other Special Requests (please describe):



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Registrations must be received by September 1, 2012

For additional questions please contact conference co-convenor Deacon Kyle Pedersen at 203-772-0294 (home) or kyle.pedersen@sbcglobal.net.

Conference Schedule *all activities take place at the Sheraton*

Friday, September 30, 2012

- 4:00 – 6:00 PM Registration
 6:00 Reception Hour & Resource Sharing
 7:00 **Welcome from the Rt. Rev. Tom Shaw**
 Dinner
 8:00 **Introductory Greetings from Conference Leaders**
Evening Remarks from the Hon. Byron Rushing
 8:45 Compline

Saturday, October 2, 2012

- 8:00AM Continental Breakfast
 8:45 Morning Prayer
 9:00 – 10:30 **Crushing Poverty: Guided Conversations with Willis Jenkins**
Serving the Poor as Social Sacrament
Service & Solidarity
 10:30 – 10:45 Break
 10:45 – 12:15 **Crushing Poverty: Guided Conversations with Willis Jenkins**
Crushing: Impoverishment as Political Violence
Crushing: Building Civic Friendship
 12:15 – 1:30PM Lunch
 1:30 – 3:30 **WORKSHOPS (each workshop lasts 50-60mins; participants may attend both workshops in rotation)**
Workshop A: Urban Poverty
The Rev. Kathy McAdams, Ecclesia Ministries, Boston, MA
Dns. Ricky Brightman and Buck Close, The George Hunt HELP Center, Rhode Island
Workshop B: Rural Poverty
Beth Mattingly, The Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire
 3:30– 3:45 Break
 3:45 – 5:00 Diocesan Roundtables / Free Time
 6:00 Dinner
 7:00 – 8:30 **Crushing Poverty: Making a Commitment to Act**
 8:45 Compline

Sunday, October 3, 2012

- 8:00AM Continental Breakfast
 9:00 Eucharist *(in the style of common cathedral)*
 10:30 Go in peace



CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Deacon Kyle Pedersen (CT)
Co-convenor

Deacon Aaron Perkins (ME)
Co-convenor

Deacon Sudie Blanchard (ME),
Registrar

The Venerable Catherine Cooke (VT)

Deacon Jane Griesbach (WMA)

Deacon Ted Hallenbeck (RI)

Deacon Robin Higbie (RI)

Deacon Joel Hill (VT)

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