

DISCIPLESHIP MATTERS SCHEDULE

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Discipleship formation needs to be an intentional, thoughtful priority in the life of a parish so that followers of Jesus are equipped to serve him in their daily lives. In this conference, we hope to encourage and help those who attend to find ways to do that.

–The Rev. Carol Anderson

Discipleship is about going deeper into God's life and into the life of the neighborhood. Join us as we explore why this matters so much for Episcopalians today, what challenges and opportunities face us as disciples in the 21st century, and what renewed discipleship looks like in lived practice.

–The Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

10am–12 pm: Registration

12–12:45 pm: Lunch

1:45 pm: Welcome and introduction to the conference

2:00 pm: Dwelling in the Word (Ephesians 1;15-23)

2:15 pm: **First Session:** Who are we and where have we been?
Disciples past and present: The Bible, theology and thoughts on discipleship. Dwight Zscheile, presenter.

4:00 pm: Break

5:00 pm: Social Hour

6:00–6:45 pm: Dinner

7:30 pm: **Second Session:** Dwelling in the World

8:00 pm: The Bible, theology and thoughts on discipleship: Carol Anderson responds to afternoon session and offers insights on the historical shaping of discipleship.

Then breakout sessions in which group members discuss how they understand discipleship, how they've been disciples, what challenges them about being a disciple and why discipleship matters for the church.

Summing up comments by hosts and presenters

9:00 pm: Compline in the Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 7:30 am: Morning Prayer in Chapel
- 8:00–8:45 am: Breakfast
- 9:00 am: Introduction to the day
Dwelling in the Word (Ephesians 3:14-21)
- 9:40 am: **Third Session:** The current context: Discipleship today.
Carol Anderson reflects on what she has witnessed of discipleship in the church during her ordained ministry. She will include comments on trends she observes and will cite case studies of what has worked and what could have worked better in building a culture of discipleship.
- 10:30 am: Break
- 10:45 am: **Fourth Session:** The current context: Cultural changes and discipleship.
Dwight Zscheile talks about cultural changes shaping discipleship today (e.g., disestablishment, etc.)
- 11:45 am: Break
- 12:00–12:45 pm: Lunch
- 1:00 pm: Silent prayer in the Church
- 1:10 pm: Eucharist in Church
- 2:00 pm: **Fifth Session:** Small group discussion: Discipleship where you are:
Building a culture of discipleship in our context. What gets in the way? What helps? (Depending on who is present, these breakout groups may form according to role in the church: rectors, wardens, lay leaders, etc.)
- 3:15 pm: Free time/continued conversation/yoga/hike/chill
- 5:00 pm: Social Hour
- 6:00–6:45 pm: Dinner
- 7:30 pm: **Sixth Session:** Report back from afternoon discussions
Where do we go from here? How do we bring our ideas to life in our congregations? Carol Anderson and Dwight Zscheile guide us as we engage in case studies and offer reflections on process, leadership and change.
- 9:00 pm: Compline

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 7:30 am: Morning Prayer in the Church
- 8:00–8:45am: Breakfast (Need to check out of rooms by 10am)
- 9:00 am: Dwelling in the Word: Ephesians 4:1-16
- 9:45 am: **Closing Session:** Where do we go from here? Making discipleship a priority in our own lives. Reorienting congregational life around discipleship with deeper exploration of innovation, experiments, change leadership and retrieving a useable past.
- 11:30 am: Noonday Prayers
- 12:00–12:45 pm: Lunch and depart