

Maine Episcopal Network for Justice



Saturday, March 12
St. Luke's Cathedral
143 State Street, Portland, Maine
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Engaging in Public Life as Christians: *A Faith-Based Advocacy Workshop*

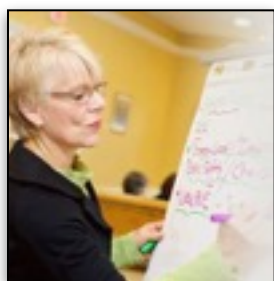
Morning refreshments and a boxed lunch are provided. Because attendance is limited to 40, registration is required. Please register at www.tinyurl.com/March12workshop

10 a.m. - Dr. Elizabeth Parsons

Liz will examine some prevalent assumptions about the relationship between religion and democracy in the United States and propose a way of seeing the world that shows why thoughtful Christian engagement is vital to our public life.

Part 1: Revisiting the founders' thinking about religion and governance
Part 2: Thinking like Anglicans in the public square today

Elizabeth C. Parsons is an educator, activist, former ECUSA missionary to Southern Africa, and a member of St. Luke's Cathedral. She holds the M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School and the Ph.D. in theology and development from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. She currently teaches at Boston University School of Theology.



11:15 a.m. - Joanne D'Arcangelo – Former Chief of Staff to Speaker of the House
By sharing engaging examples and defining terms, Joanne will unpack the legislative process in the Maine State House.

Joanne D'Arcangelo, owner of JD'A Consulting, Inc. is an advocacy, political, and organizational consultant with over twenty-five years' experience in public policy development, legislative advocacy, voter education, and organizational planning, coaching and support. She served as chief of staff to the Speaker of the Maine House during the 122nd Legislature.

12:15 p.m. - Working Lunch with Case Studies from the 2016 Ballot:

These sessions led by campaign leaders will show how grassroots campaigns work.

- *Gun Safety - Maine Moms Demand Action*
- *Fair Wage Maine - Amy Halsted of Maine People's Alliance*

1 p.m. - John Hennessy

This interactive session will focus how to frame a message and narrative to demonstrate our values and how to taking action rooted in Christian practices. John will also share the scope, plans, and aspirations of the Maine Episcopal Network for Justice going forward.

John Hennessy is the Director of the MENJ. He has extensive experience advocating for non-profit social service organizations in Augusta and Washington, DC. His clients have included: Maine Community Action Association, Disability Rights Center of Maine, Maine AIDS Alliance, and AARP among others. In his new role, he is eager to help organize people of faith to enable them to contribute all of their unique gifts and resources to the broader movement for justice in our state.

