Leading with Grace 2025 Registration is Now Open

Leading with Grace, the Diocese of Georgia’s leadership training for clerical and lay church leaders, is now open. The four-weekend program, which aims to train lay and ordained people to lead graciously in a variety of areas, will take place at Honey Creek, with the following workshops scheduled:

February 28-March 1: *Introduction to Leading with Grace, Relationships, and Conflict Transformation.* In this workshop, participants will discover their different leadership styles and learn the value of sharing ministry leadership. We will also focus on how to handle conflict between individuals. Participants will explore their preferred reactions to conflict and have the opportunity to learn about other methods of responding. Other topics will include managing your own anxiety, active listening skills, and how to avoid triangulation. Time for learning facilitation skills, practice, and group interaction is included.

April 4-5: *Building Relationships Across Difference* Continuing to build on the importance of maintaining healthy relationships within a parish, this workshop will focus on understanding and appreciating differences in all forms. In this workshop, participants will (1) learn biblical and theological foundations for developing inclusive ministry across differences using the book of Acts; (2) identify and acknowledge the implicit biases we all carry around key areas of difference such as race, ethnicity, gender, sex, and sexuality; and (3) practice responding to case study scenarios about building relationships across difference.

May 16-17: *Congregational Vitality and Strategic Planning*. In this workshop, we’ll explore what the Holy Spirit is already doing in our lives and in our parishes, and how we can work to support what God is doing in and among us. This Leading with Grace workshop will help parish teams enter into a practice of looking and listening to see where God is active in your church and then engaging in discernment in how you are called to support God’s work in your midst. This is done through a process of asking three questions: “Who are we?” “How are we doing?” and “Who are our neighbors?” In the place where those answers intersect, we can begin to see where God is inviting us to join our energy with the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. From this work, we’ll begin working on parish projects—small steps toward a new (or improved) ministry at your church. Participants will leave this workshop armed with tools to begin this work.

September 19-20: *Congregational Vitality and Strategic Planning II:* We’ll continue to explore what the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives, sharing what we’ve learned from the work we’ve done since May. We’ll present project progress and continue working on strategic steps for planning and carrying out the new (or improved) ministry selected in May. We’ll share successes and struggles, revisiting the lessons from *conflict transformation* and *building relationships* *across differences* as they apply to participants’ experiences with their project.

Participation in all four workshops is strongly recommended. Teams of 2-4 from each parish are strongly encouraged. In addition to Honey Creek’s fee, the fee for a team is $100. The fee for individual registration is $50. The registration fee is the same, regardless of number of workshops attended. All registration takes place through Realm; click here to read more about each workshop and to register for your room(s) at Honey Creek.

All weekends begin Fridays at 5:00 p.m. with Holy Eucharist. Throughout the weekend we pray and learn how to lead the Daily Office. Our time together ends by 3:00 p.m. Saturday.