

WEST MISSOURI ACADEMY FOR LAY EDUCATION AND MINISTRY

The curriculum for the West Missouri Academy focuses on core areas of study including: Scripture, Church History, Theology, Liturgics and Anglican Spirituality, Ethics and Moral Theology, and Vocation and Ministry in the World.

- Seminars at the 6th Annual Gathering at Bartle Hall

Six excellent seminars were offered at the 2008 Annual Gathering and Convention:

Church History: *"It's Local as well as Global – Historical Episodes in the Life of the Diocese* as presented by the Rev. Steve Wilson

Holy Scripture: *Paul and the People: Insights from Holy Scripture on the People of God* as presented by Dr. J. Bradley Chance of Grace, Liberty

Theology and Anglican Spiritual: *The Word made fresh and spelt among us: The English Metaphysical poet-priests John Donne and George Herbert* as presented by The Rev. Virginia Brown

Ethics: *Capital Punishment and the Christian Faith: Compatible or Incompatible* as presented by the Rev. Cathy Cox

Church and Contemporary Society: *Radical Welcome, Embracing God, the Other and the Spirit of Transformation* as presented by Gretchen Renfro of Grace, Liberty and the Ven. John McCann

Missiology: *21st Century Mission and Ministry: It's Happening in Haiti* as presented by Teena Sheeley of St. Peter's, Kansas City and the Rev. Russ Johnson

- 7th Annual Gathering - The Committee is presently at work on the development of the seminars for the 7th Annual Gathering.
- Exemplars of Lay Ministry

Those who complete the full West Missouri Academy program are commissioned as exemplars of Lay Ministry by the laying on of hands by the Bishop in the context of the celebration of the Eucharist at Diocesan Gathering. Commissioning requirements are:

1. Attendance at an Annual Symposium
2. Regional Gathering training in each of the Core Areas (see list above of core areas)
3. Total of 20 additional hours of study in 2 or more areas selected from the Core Areas
4. Thirty (30) hours of focused ministry on the job; in the community; in the congregation
5. Participation in the 6 week congregational based program *Ministry in Daily Life*. (You may attend this program either in your congregation, in a neighboring congregation, or at Diocesan Gathering)
6. Five page paper integrating learning with vocation in the world
7. Leadership at a Regional Gathering

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Susan G. McCann, Chair