

JUNE 1-3, 2006

EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL • 4621 FURNACE PLACE, HOUSTON, TX



A GATHERING OF THE DIOCESE

TRANSFORMATION

PERSONAL • CONGREGATIONAL • CULTURAL

We will gather as one body to explore new horizons, broaden our perspectives and witness the power of our faith community focused in our mission of transformation.

Register Online: \$125/Adult, \$150/After April 30th

PREACHER



The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Texas, believes that giving people the tools to be effective disciples is the most important thing the Gathering can provide. "As Christians, we are on a lifelong journey and we are called to be beacons of light to those around us. Each one of us has the capacity and the mandate to make a difference in the world-to be the embodiment of a living Gospel," Bishop Wimberly says. Bishop Wimberly will preach at a festival Eucharist at St. Martin's, Thursday evening, June 1.

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Jon Meacham, managing editor of *Newsweek* magazine since the age of 29, graduated from the University of the South and is currently a vestry member at Trinity Episcopal Church, Wall Street, NY, NY. He wrote four *Newsweek* cover stories on Jesus and Christianity and is author of *Franklin and Winston: an Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship* and *American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation*. Meacham will speak Friday morning, June 2.



The Rev. Joyce Wanjiru Kariuki is an Anglican priest from Nairobi, Kenya. A retired banker, Kariuki is a lecturer at three theological colleges in Kenya and serves on a number of NGOs seeking to raise the profile of women and reduce poverty and hunger in her country. A member of the international Anglican Women's Network, Kariuki recently served as a delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. She will be the plenary speaker on Saturday, June 3.

WORKSHOPS

More than 150 workshop sessions will provide resources for personal transformation, congregational transformation and cultural transformation.



YOUTH



Children (four years old-5th grade) of parents attending the Gathering may participate in Camp Narnia at no charge. Childcare for children 0-3 years will be available. Children must have a reservation before April 30.



Junior High Youth (grades 6-8) will participate in Project C.U.R.E., make hygiene kits for Katrina victims and return in time for the closing service of the Gathering on Saturday afternoon. There is no charge, but youth must register before April 30.

Senior High Youth (grades 9-12) are invited to attend the Gathering plenaries and workshops at no charge, but must register before April 30.

WORKSHOPS



Friends of the Groom, a performing arts ministry from Ohio, is committed to reveal the Gospel through drama, storytelling, music and workshops. They will lead workshops throughout the Gathering as well as present a special performance of their play, "Holy Gossip, Sacred Scandal" on Friday evening.



Brian D. McLaren, founding pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church, an innovative, nondenominational church in the Baltimore-Washington, DC area. McLaren will address postmodernism, church growth and church planting. He is the author of *A New Kind of Christian* and *A Generous Orthodoxy*, a personal confession that has been called a manifesto of the emerging church conversation.



Horace Clarence Boyer is an extraordinary force in the encouragement and use of African American music throughout the Church. Boyer played a crucial role in supporting the inclusion of spirituals and hymns from the tradition of African Americans in *The Hymnal 1982* and served as editor for *Lift Every Voice and Sing* second edition.

Details: www.epicenter.org or 800.318.4452