Hope in the Midst of Crisis: From Tragedy to Healing through Forgiveness

How do you make your parish a safe haven when disaster strikes? How do you prepare yourself for the psychological impacts on your parish? How do you lead your parish to forgive? How do you teach forgiveness in a society focused on retaliation?

Listen as keynoter Lyndon Harris shares his inspiring story of being thrust into the center of tragedy on Sept. 11, 2001, while serving as a priest at St. Paul’s Chapel in New York City, just beside the World Trade Center.

Plus, take part in more than 40 workshops with topics as diverse as creating an emergency preparedness manual, learning to live in the now, and how to use outreach with children and youth as a tool for healing after tragedy strikes. Workshops will also cover such basics as creating amazing VBS programs and tools needed for the novice Christian education director.

ABOUT LYNDON HARRIS

Lyndon Harris was born in Gaffney, SC, and graduated from Wofford College in 1993. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Sewanee: The University of the South and was ordained to the priesthood at Church of the Advent in Spartanburg, SC. He left for New York to do further study at General Seminary and was hired to be the priest-in-charge of St. Paul’s Chapel. He was there on Sept. 11, 2001, and, on Sept. 12, oversaw the beginnings of one of the most profound relief efforts in recent history. St. Paul’s became the center for food, massages and concerts for the hundreds of first responders and construction crews that descended on Wall Street during the following months. Currently, Lyndon serves as the executive director of Gardens of Forgiveness and teaches extensively on the healing power of forgiveness.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

As with all Kanuga summer conferences, you can make this week a mountain vacation for the whole family. While parents attend sessions, young people participate in their own programs directed by our carefully selected staff in a safe and fun Christian environment. Programs for young people will begin at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 8. There is a $100/week fee for nursery care (under age 3).

Spouses can fish, hike, play tennis or nearby golf, relax on the porch or by the lake and visit area attractions. The whole family can spend time together in the afternoons and evenings.

Learn more and register online at kanuga.org/christianformation
CONFERENCE STAFF

CHAPLAIN
The Rt. Rev. James B. Magness: In March 2010, the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church elected James B. Magness to be the VI Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries. He was consecrated in June at the Washington National Cathedral. His responsibility is for Episcopal chaplains and their congregations in the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

MUSICIAN
Martha Bassett will provide the soundtrack to this year’s conference. Bassett has logged several decades of experience in writing and performing music, scholarship, teaching and leading in worship -- most recently as music leader in a weekly worship service that is built entirely around themes found in secular songs. Classically trained, Martha is blessed with a crystalline tone. Her performances are known for their emotional honesty and visceral impact, making everyone in the room feel she’s singing directly to them.

COORDINATOR
Debbi Rodahaffer of Louisville, KY. A member of the St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church family for 28 years, she has served on the church staff as the director of Christian education for 19 years. Through her work, Debbi has done everything from finding the very best church school teachers and caregiver staffs to serving as president of the National Association for Episcopal Christian Education Directors when NAECED was transitioning to Forma.

ABOUT KANUGA
Affiliated with the Episcopal Church since 1928, Kanuga Conferences is situated on 1,400 mountain acres near Hendersonville, North Carolina, with scenic Kanuga Lake at its center. We welcome more than 25,000 guests annually to the year-round conference and retreat center, Camp Kanuga, Camp Bob and Mountain Trail Outdoor School.

CONFERENCE RATES
$575 – Double occupancy: lodging, program & meals
$720 – Single occupancy: lodging, program & meals
$325 – Commuter: program, lunches and suppers
$400 – Nonparticipating guest: lodging & meals
$275 – Youth (ages 10-18): lodging, program & meals
$175 – Child (ages 3-9): lodging, program & meals
FREE* – Infant/toddler: lodging & meals

10% discount applied through February 8

Early Arrival & Nursery Fee
Arrive a day early (June 7) for $75. Take the opportunity of an early arrival to network with other Christian educators, explore Kanuga’s 1,400 mountain acres, or simply find a quiet place to enjoy a good book.

*$100 infant/toddler fee applies for those who participate in the optional nursery program during plenary sessions & workshops. Sign-up and pay upon arrival.