

WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

How can I best serve God and the world divinely created by God? Where should I spend my energy? What, if I became skillful, could I be brilliant at doing? What would give me great personal satisfaction?

DISCERNING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS is a workshop designed to help you answer these questions. Participants will:

- Discover the vast variety of spiritual gifts,
- Become more clear about which gifts they personally have, and which ones they can rely on others to supply, and
- Leave the workshop empowered to exercise gifts, and to encourage others in their gifts.

Spiritual gifts are practical gifts—abilities like administrating and teaching, working miracles, serving and helping, leading and speaking, healing and praying. Your spiritual gifts, when exercised, make a difference in other people's lives, in the health of the world, and in the presence of God's kingdom.

Your spiritual gifts are uniquely yours—few will have exactly the same combination of gifts as you. The gifts are products of genetic inheritance, personal experience, particular likes and dislikes, wounds from childhood and adolescence, and a life comprising both suffering and joy.

All spiritual gifts, the Apostle Paul says, are given by God for the building up of the Body of Christ, the Church.

DISCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The workshop has been developed especially by and for the congregations of District 9 in the Diocese of Newark:

- All Saints' Church, Bergenfield
- St. Paul's Church, Englewood
- St. Andrew's Church, Harrington Park
- St. Luke's Episcopal & Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Haworth
- Holy Trinity Church, Hillsdale
- St. Paul's Church, Montvale
- Church of the Holy Communion, Norwood
- Church of the Annunciation, Oradell
- St. Matthew's Church, Paramus
- Church of the Atonement, Tenafly
- Grace Church, Westwood

ABOUT DISTRICT 9

Unlike the science-fiction movie by the same name, this District 9 is not about aliens inhabiting the earth, but about



District 9

The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark

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A Summer Workshop

A cooperative venture of congregations in District 9 of the Diocese of Newark

August 6/7

2010

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SCHEDULE

Friday, August 6

6:30 pm Registration & Dinner
7:15 pm Session 1
8:45 pm Compline
9:00 pm Day's End

Saturday, August 7

8:30 am Continental Breakfast
9:00 am Session 2
10:30 am Break
10:45 am Session 3
12:15 am Luncheon
12:45 pm Session 4
2:00 pm Break
2:20 pm Session 5
3:20 pm Closing Prayers
3:30 pm Completion

DISCERNING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS will be held in the Parish Hall of the Church of the Annunciation, Oradell.

Registration fee of \$35 includes all meals and materials.

Ample on-street parking available. Parking is also available in the municipal lot behind the church.

Annunciation is air conditioned and handicapped accessible.

All are welcome!

PRESENTERS

The Rev. Robert L. Shearer, Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul's Church in Englewood, has been ordained for over fifty years. Bob has presented programs on spiritual gifts in California, New York, Rhode Island, and New Jersey. An experienced corporate trainer and management consultant, he received his M.Div. from the General Theological Seminary in New York, and is the author of *The Hearty Liturgist*, published by Excardia Press.

The Rev. Dr. J. Barrington Bates, Rector of the Church of the Annunciation in Oradell, has led retreats and workshops on this topic. A priest for more than a decade, Barrie was trained for ordained ministry at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, in Berkeley, California, and holds a Ph.D. in liturgical studies from Drew University. His most recent essay, on Anglican principles for liturgical revision, will appear in this summer's issue of the *Anglican Theological Review*.

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TO REGISTER

Online:

Fill out the form on the Annunciation web site to pay securely with a credit card:

www.annunciationoradell.org

Click on the link for DISCERNING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

By mail:

Name _____

Church _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Send this form and your check for \$35 to
Church of the Annunciation
343 Kinderkamack Road
Oradell, New Jersey 07649

DIRECTIONS

Annunciation is located at the corner of Center Street and Kinderkamack Road, next to Oradell Town Hall. We are two blocks south of Oradell Avenue.

Take exit 165 from the Garden State Parkway toward Oradell, following Oradell Avenue about three miles. Turn right at the light on Kinderkamack Road.

From Route 4 westbound, exit at "Grand Ave/Kinderkamack Rd/River Edge/Local Streets," turn hard right at Grand Avenue, and then left onto Kinderkamack Road, traveling about 2.6 miles.

Look for the white church on the west side of the street. Please use the entrance on Center Street.