



Frequently Asked Questions

What is it?

“It’s All About Love” is a festival for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. We’re gathering at the Baltimore Convention Center on July 9-12 to share in three nights of revival worship and three days of speakers, workshops and action, all centered on Evangelism, Racial Reconciliation and Creation Care. Register, book discounted lodging, discover speakers and preachers, and learn more at www.episcopalchurch.org/its-all-about-love.

Why now and why Baltimore?

- Emerging from COVID, we need more of God’s love, guidance and power to keep becoming a church that looks, lives and loves like Jesus. In other words, we need to be revived and reacquainted.
- Last summer’s scaled-back General Convention – and three years of virtual-only gatherings for our Evangelism, Beloved Community and Creation Care ministries – has left many Episcopalians yearning to gather, connect, learn and pray as a wider body. We’re going to enjoy the Spirit together in Baltimore.
- This July we kick off Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s final full year as our spiritual leader (the election of a new presiding bishop occurs in summer 2024). What better way to mark this moment than with a churchwide festival of revival worship, fellowship, learning, prayer and action around the priorities Bishop Curry has consistently and faithfully laid out for us?

Who should come?

- Anyone in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement and our friends
- Episcopal lay leaders and volunteers, clergy, bishops, vestries, seminarians
- Networks around Evangelism, Creation Care, and Beloved Community/Racial Justice who had to cancel in-person conferences for the last three years

How much does it cost and where do we stay?

We’ve worked hard to keep the cost as low as possible:

- Register by May 8 for \$185 (includes two lunches). After May 8, registration is \$235.
- Students and seminarians attend for half-price.
- Hotel blocks are reserved at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor (\$169 – primary hotel), Marriott Inner Harbor-Camden Yards (\$149) and Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace (\$149).

How can people and organizations participate?

- *Register and attend* – Attend as individuals, church or organizational staff, diocesan or seminary teams, task forces or committees, or reps of church networks. Register here: <https://allaboutlove.sched.com>.
- *Exhibit or Sponsor* – There are a wide variety of exhibition and sponsorship options, to help you to share about your ministry. Complete the sponsorship form: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/its-all-about-love/sponsorship-opportunities> or email Melissa Rau, our sponsor and exhibit coordinator – mrau@episcopalnetworks.org
- *Lead a workshop, panel discussion or engagement opportunity* – We are seeking thoughtful, innovative workshops, presentations, and panel discussions from across the church. Submit your proposed workshop here (deadline April 15): https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/workshop_application.

- **Volunteer** – Volunteers are welcome! Contact coordinator Rachel Graves Jones, volunteer coordinator – rachelgraves@episcopalnetworks.org
 - o Wayfinding, welcoming, hospitality and workshop room assistants for all three tents
 - o Greeters and ushers for worship services
 - o Decoration and set-up crew for various events
- **Host a watch party/satellite** – We will livestream the Revival Worship services (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday 7-9pm), Morning Prayer with Plenary (Monday and Tuesday 9-10:30am) and closing Eucharist (Monday 10:30am-12:30pm). You or your ministry can host others for worship, learning and fellowship.
- **Pray!** – This is a revival, which means we are engaged in intentional, intensive prayer and asking God to revive and renew us, all so we can become even more a church that looks, lives and loves like Jesus. Please join in praying that God's Spirit will guide everything that happens before, during and following the festival. We truly hope everyone who comes near or even hears about "It's All About Love" will be blessed and empowered for the Jesus Movement.

What will we do?

- **Learn and Act:** Three days of workshops, panels, action, experiences, practices and conversations
- **Worship and Pray:** Three nights of revival worship followed by Morning Prayer or Eucharist, plus prayer opportunities throughout the day
- **Fellowship:** Eat, laugh, dance, rest, pray and meet siblings in Christ (new and old)

SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 9:

- o 3-7pm – Registration
- o 7-9pm – Revival Worship with preacher [Presiding Bishop Michael Curry](#) of The Episcopal Church

Monday, July 10:

- o 9-10:15am – Morning Worship and Racial Reconciliation Plenary with [Kwok Pui-lan](#), world-renowned Asian feminist theologian
- o 10:45am-12pm – Block A: Festival workshops, engagement and action around Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation Care
- o 12-2pm – Lunch provided
- o 2-3:15pm – Block B: Festival workshops
- o 3:45-5pm – Block C: Festival workshops
- o 7-9pm – Revival Worship with preacher [Mariama White-Hammond](#), faith-based climate activist and founder of New Roots AME Church in Boston

Tuesday, July 11:

- o 9-10:15am – Morning Worship and Creation Care Plenary with young leaders on climate, including Arun Sharma of Oregon Episcopal High School
- o 10:45am-12pm – Block D: Festival workshops
- o 12-2pm – Lunch provided
- o 2-3:15pm – Block E: Festival workshops
- o 3:45-5pm – Block F: Festival workshops
- o 7-9pm – Revival Worship with preacher [Sarah Augustine](#) (Pueblo/Tewa), executive director of the faith-based Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery

Wednesday, July 12:

- o 9:30-10:30am – Closing plenary on Evangelism with author, speaker and activist [Brian McLaren](#) and Bishop Michael Curry
- o 10:45am-12:30pm – Closing Eucharist with preacher [Julia Ayala-Harris](#), President of the House of Deputies

What are the Monday and Tuesday workshops?

“Workshop” is our catch-all term to describe any learning session: presentations, panels, group discussions, action opportunities, creative engagement, dance classes, singing. There’s a lot happening in these morning and afternoon sessions.

Workshops will be led by leaders across the wider Episcopal church and beyond. They are organized around the three festival “tents” (or themes) of Evangelism, Racial Reconciliation and Creation Care. You can track one of those themes all the way through or mix and match whatever looks most interesting to you. If you want to follow a particular passion, look for tags like these on the workshops: *worship and liturgy, formation, justice and advocacy, leadership, preaching, stewardship, and youth and children*.

Can I bring my child?

Children are especially welcome at worship. We will have a “soft space” for parents to hang with their kids. Parents are welcome to bring and tend their own children during any session. There are no plans to provide childcare.

What are the hashtags?

#itsallaboutlove
#jesusmovement
#episcopal

How can I share more with others about the Festival?

Promotional images and assets can be found at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/its-all-about-love/promotional-kit>

Where do I find more info?

- General info: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/its-all-about-love>
- Detailed schedule, workshop descriptions and locations: <https://allaboutlove.sched.com>

Who are the organizers and who can I contact?

The festival organizing team is led by the Presiding Bishop’s staff and volunteers in the areas of Evangelism, Racial Justice and Reconciliation, and Creation Care, with close partners on the Task Force for Creation Care and Environmental Racism, the Presiding Officers’ Beloved Community Advisory Group and Forward Movement, and support from staff in the Office of Communication, Information Technology and more.

If you have questions, contact us at evangelism@episcopalchurch.org.