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Our WHY

is to provide support and direction for the ministry of the laity on the local, district, and conference level.

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Our HOW

is through building relationships and connections with local church leaders and clergy for equipping and empowering them for ministry.

MICHAEL JR. SAYS

“When you know your ‘Why,’
your ‘What’ has more impact,
because you’re walking in or towards
your purpose.”



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LAITY CONVOCATION 2019

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

FOCUSING ON PRAYER:

Keynote Susan Nilson Kibbey and

THE WAY FORWARD



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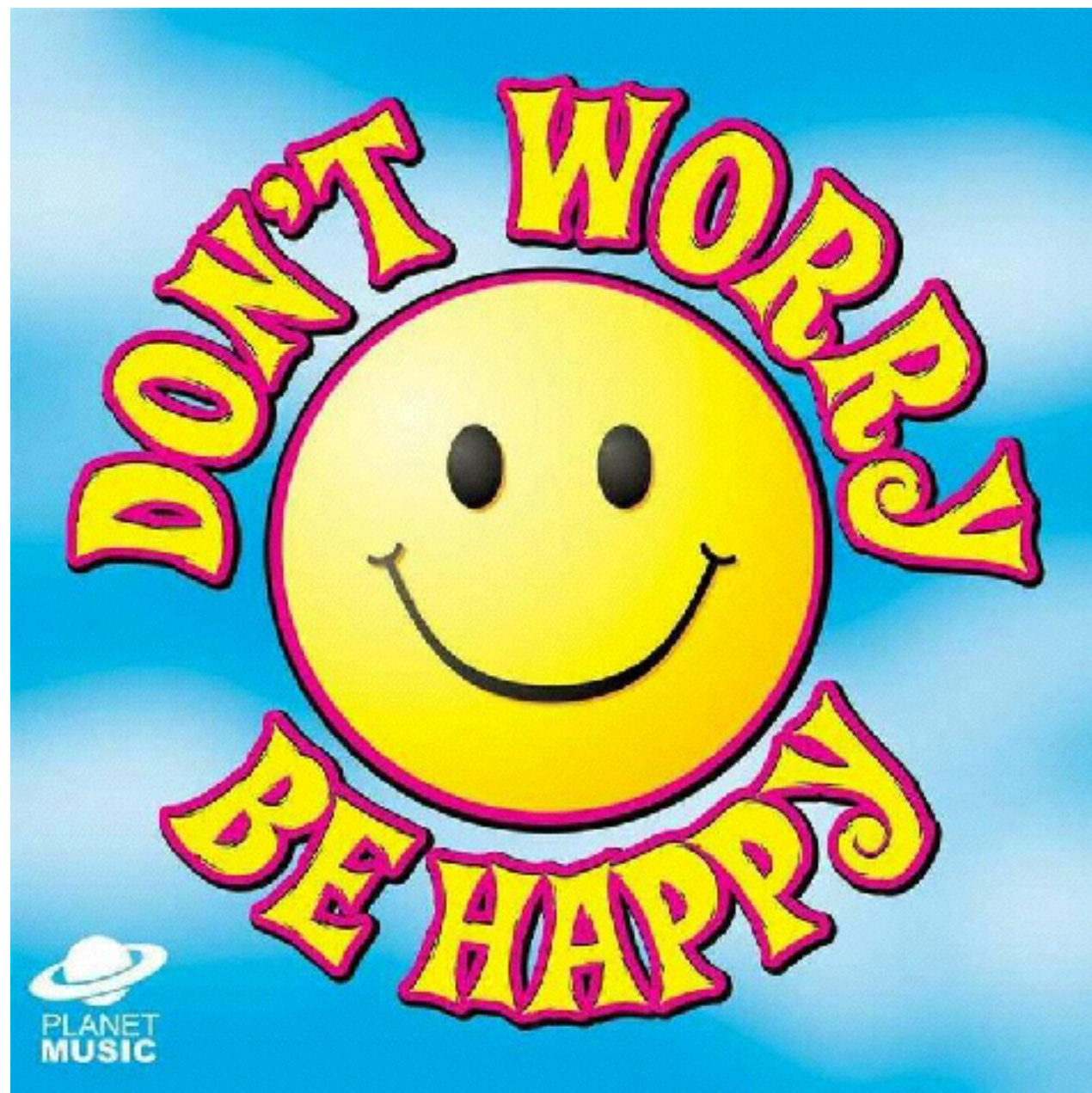


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LIMINALITY

a time when something has ended,
but something new is not ready
to begin





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TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

“Every day, people have problems for which they do, in fact, have the necessary know-how and procedures.”

ADAPTIVE CHALLENGES

“a whole host of problems that are not amenable to authoritative expertise or standard operating procedures...”

Matthew 5

“Here’s another old saying that deserves a second look:
‘Eye for eye, tooth for tooth.’ Is that going to get us anywhere?
Here’s what I propose: ‘Don’t hit back at all.’
If someone strikes you, stand there and take it.
If someone drags you into court and sues for the shirt off your
back, gift wrap your best coat and make a present of it.
And if someone takes unfair advantage of you, use
the occasion to practice the servant life.
No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously.

Matthew 5

“You’re familiar with the old written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves.”



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LANDSCAPE

Gather data —————> Compile and Analyze —————>

Listening Sessions —————> Analyze and Create:

- Mission Statement
- Vision Statement
- Values Statements

Annual Conference Shepherding Team







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The Most Rev. Michael Curry

Presiding Bishop of the
Episcopal Church of America



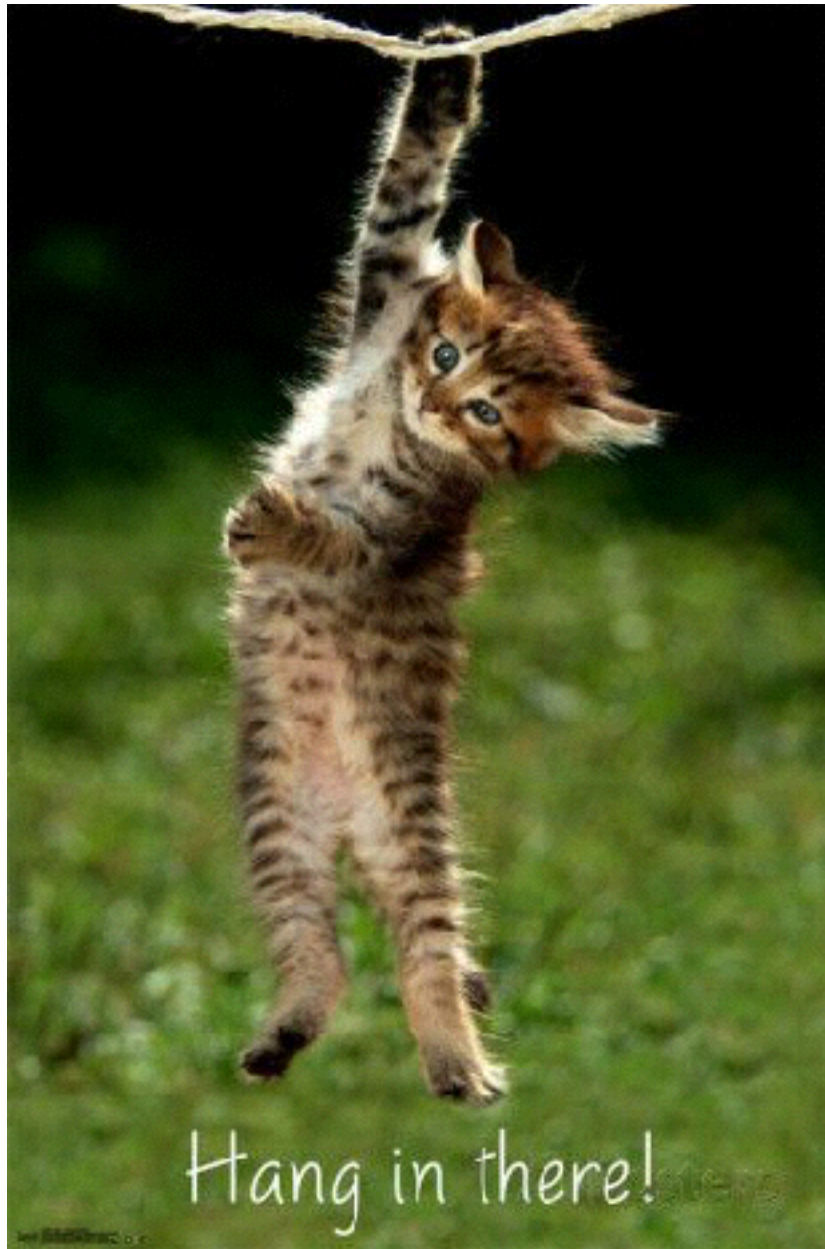
God is with us!

Imagine the love





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