

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Developing Competent Leadership in a diverse, changing world

A Workshop for Diocesan and Congregational Leaders

Presenter: The Rev. Eric H.F. Law

October 12-14, 2011

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Workshop training will include an exploration of what Culture is and why are there cultural differences; cultural differences and the impacts on leadership; theological reflection on multicultural leadership; skills, models and processes for building inclusive community; and developing a spirituality for leadership in a diverse, changing world. This training will fulfill the requirement for Anti-Racism training for all clergy, professional staff and those elected or appointed to positions of leadership on committees, commissions, agencies and boards, in compliance with General Convention resolutions.

Eric H.F. Law an ordained Episcopalian priest, is founder and director of the Kaleidoscope institute (www.ladiocese.org/ki), established to develop competent leadership in a diverse, changing world. He is an internationally known consultant and trainer in multicultural ministry and the building of inclusive communities. He is also a photographer, playwright, and composer of church music.

The training sessions will commence on Wednesday, October 12 at 7 p.m. and conclude Friday, October 14 by Noon.

The \$25 registration fee includes Thursday lunch and your choice of a book by Eric Law. You may pre-order your book or make a selection on site.

Housing information will be included with Convention registration information. For questions or information about registration, housing, and/or scholarship assistance, please contact the Diocesan Office (diocese@episdioc.org; 541-298-4477)

Schedule for Workshop:

Wednesday, October 12	7:00 p.m.	Session I
	8:45 p.m.	Compline
Thursday, October 13	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	9:00 a.m.	Session II
	Noon	Lunch
	1:00 p.m.	Session III
	5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Friday, October 14	8:30 a.m.	Opening prayers
		Session IV
	Noon	End of workshop

Registration Form
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Please complete a separate form for each person attending.

Name _____

Parish _____ City _____

Home Address _____

Phone: daytime _____ cell _____ e-mail _____

If available, I am interested in home hospitality as a lodging option.

Registration fee: \$25

Make checks payable to **Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon.**

Mail registration form and check for registration to EDEO, P.O. Box 1548, The Dalles, OR 97058

Please register no later than **October 1** so that we can provide an accurate count for lunch and materials.

To pre-select a book by Eric Law, please see choice below and on back of sheet, mark your choice. We will order a book for you if your registration by **September 8**. For registrations received after that date, we will set aside your book of choice, as available, from our order.

The Word at the Crossing. Eric Law believes that we are called by God to actively seek encounters with people who are different from us because at the crossings of our differences of race, culture, gender, sexual orientations, ability, economic class, and theology, lies the opportunity to widen our understanding of the gospel. But how do we open our hearts and our minds to such pluralism and live as God intends us to live? How can we be transformed by our differences as we seek to align ourselves with God? Eric Law invites readers to follow him on a journey of discovery, a path to connect with Christ's way, truth, and life. He encourages us to stop denying the conflicts that arise out of the differences within us and between us and to name these conflicts, allowing differing perspectives to affirm, enrich, or challenge one another. He proposes practical disciplines, models, and techniques to help us communicate openly, honestly, and without judgment with ourselves, with others, and with nature. Law shares his personal stories and experiences and calls us to explore our own stories, frameworks, and God-concepts that we may grow in and live the Good News. For those called to serve in God's church, *The Word at*

the Crossings includes an appendices with specific exercises and techniques for Christian educators and pastors, including a sermon preparation model

____ *Finding Intimacy in a World of Fear* is written in the context of 9/11 and the Katrina hurricane-events that have transformed much of the nation marked by a climate of fear. Individuals may not understand nor know how to cope with their fears, but marketers, media, and politicians certainly understand how to take advantage of fear and use it to sell products, gain attention, and win election support. This has us doubting our abilities to cope, not trusting anyone, and unable to become intimate with other people. This reduces life to simple risk management. Law offers a journey through the landscape of fear and a path to follow and minister for Jesus in trust and intimacy. He sees how fear operates in our lives, how we address fear through rituals, rules, and technology, and the roles we find ourselves in as fear-exploiters, fear-bearers, and fear-conquerors. Law seeks to lead us to follow Jesus in becoming fear-miners, discovering in our fears gifts and possibilities for ministry.

____ *Inclusion*, says the author, is a discipline of consciously extending the boundaries of our communities to embrace and affirm people of diverse backgrounds and experiences. In this resource for ministers and church leaders, Law provides models, theories, and strategies that are both practical and theologically sound for moving faith communities toward greater inclusion.

____ *Sacred Acts, Holy Change*. Eric Law draws on his years of experience with congregations of all denominations to spell out processes for achieving genuine transformation in a congregation attempting to be multiculturally inclusive.

____ *The Bush was Blazing, but not Consumed*. Best-selling author Eric Law shows how to work with the dynamics of diverse cultures to create a truly inclusive community.

____ *The Wolf Shall Dwell With the Lamb*. This groundbreaking work explores how certain cultures consciously and unconsciously dominate in multicultural situations and what can be done about it.