



DaySpring
EPISCOPAL CENTER

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God's Word, Your Light, Our Legacy

From the Cabinet Chairs

After five years of assessment, visioning and detailed work culminating in a Diocesan House at DaySpring and a county-approved ten-year Master Plan, the DaySpring Development Committee, appointed by the Bishop, has completed its work. While the construction aspects are in good hands with our Owner's Representative and diocesan staff, the attention turns to awareness and cultivation of new relationships to support the evolving vision for DaySpring Episcopal Center.

The Bishop's Cabinet was established in April 2016. This carefully selected group of leaders will determine new paths for working with congregations to increase awareness and involvement in the five essential purposes of DaySpring Episcopal Center – a Sacred Space for experiencing Leadership, Spiritual Strength, Transformation, thereby increasing Congregational Vitality.

Together with the other Cabinet members, we look forward to sharing our DaySpring stories with those around the diocese who have been a part of the legacy started 35 years ago, and to those who have just begun to learn about our diocesan treasure.

Our DaySpring Awareness and Connection Tour is underway and will continue over the upcoming years. We look forward to our time with each local community, to share stories of experiences with our hidden treasure—DaySpring. And more importantly, to connect with those who may not yet know about our diocesan resource. We welcome you to join us in our efforts to celebrate and realize the full potential of the mission and ministry started a generation ago—"to be a sacred place in the heart of our diocesan community that exists to enrich and empower all people in Christ."

Michael Kline
Chair, Bishop's Cabinet

Lana Fitzgerald
Vice Chair, Bishop's Cabinet



A New Day at DaySpring

The Program Center is receiving the finishing touches, on schedule for hosting its first event in November. Then the demolition of the old building will make room for the pool and greenspaces rounding out our Youth and Program Sector. Our first programmed opportunities to experience this amazing new space are receiving registrations now:

- **New Beginnings #60** – November 11-13, 2016
The 30 year anniversary edition of a beloved retreat for middle school youth
- **Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Annual Meeting** – November 17, 2016
A gathering of all diocesan ECW groups
- **Hospitality of the Heart** – November 18-19, 2016
"A way of life that changes lives and congregations"
Open registration for adults
- **Advent Quiet Day with Bishop Smith** – November 29, 2016
A day of pre-holiday reflection led by Bishop Smith

More information about these events and more at
www.episcopalswfl.org



2017 DaySpring Catalog

We've never had one, but now we do. Check out the 2017 DaySpring Catalog for ideas on how you can experience DaySpring. Or, make a recommendation of your own. We'd love to hear how Your Light can shine at DaySpring.



DaySpring Program Center



Donor Spotlight: Our 77 Congregations of Southwest Florida

The first \$2.5M pledge is a special one—the most significant in many ways. This is a pledge of the capital apportionment given by all of our 77 congregations. Ten percent of every dollar raised for a local capital project is dedicated to diocesan capital needs. In 2015, diocesan leaders dedicated the capital apportionment for the next five years to Phase 1 of the DaySpring Master Plan. This enabled us to start a necessary building replacement with the new Program Center, and to implement the most fun part of our project to many —the pool!

Our churches are in various stages of capital projects and campaigns. From the extra envelopes marked 'building fund'

to the lead gift of a multi-million-dollar renovation campaign, such contributions to the diocesan vision at DaySpring in this way place the members of our congregations at the start of our list of stakeholders. And so our first donor spotlight and heartfelt thank you goes to our congregations.

Each member and each congregation should consider DaySpring their home, their resource, their treasure. We invite you to come and discover what this treasure can mean for your family and congregation. Contact us at cabinet@episcopalswfl.org to get connected.

Through the tender mercy of our God,
With which the DaySpring from on high
has visited us.

— Luke 1:78

2016 Diocesan Vestry Retreat



Program Center & Pool Dedication

~ Sunday ~

February 26, 2017

2 pm – 6 pm

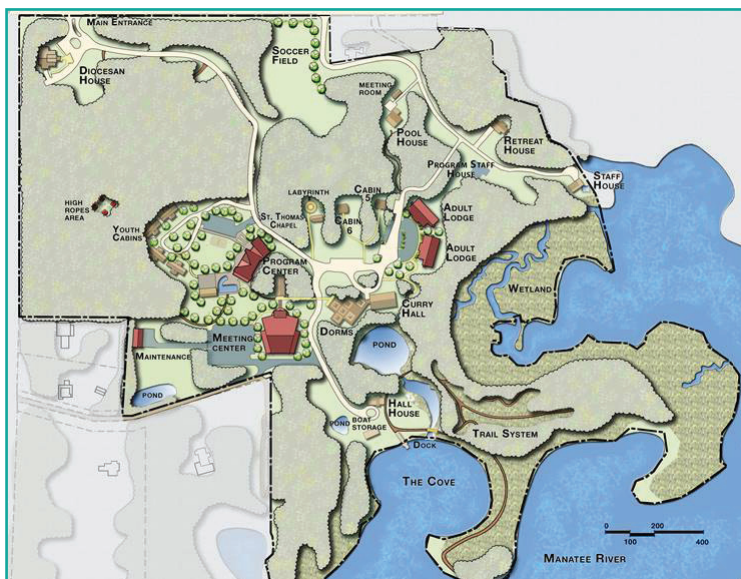
"A Celebration of
Our Diocesan Family"
Food, live music, pool and
games for families



Celebrating Our Progress

Our project is well underway and making an immediate splash with the Program Center and Pool opening soon. The future phases of the master plan, including a large and more formal Meeting/Worship Center and two adult lodges are in the planning phases. As we contemplate our planned facilities to expand our abilities to host a wider variety of programs and guests, we realize we are but scratching the surface of the potential for transformational programming at DaySpring. Bishop Smith summarized the work of DaySpring in these words to the combined Diocesan/DaySpring staff: "Our work is to care for creation, care for bodies, care for souls."

DaySpring Master Plan with new buildings highlighted in red



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CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Lord God, we thank you for giving us the many precious memories of DaySpring, which we know is holy ground. We are mindful that dayspring means the beginning of day. As we venture boldly into this new beginning, we pray that those of us who are blessed will open our hearts and recognize how we can be a blessing for generations to come. As we discern our direction we beseech you to always be in our midst. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

For information about the DaySpring Master Plan and the work of the Bishop's Cabinet, please contact us at cabinet@episcopalswfl.org

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