



Episcopal Diocese

— OF CENTRAL FLORIDA —

Annual Diocesan Clergy Conference Agenda

Deacons – The Dechurched: Interpreting Their Needs, Concerns & Hopes

Friday, October 27 – Saturday, October 28, 2023

Canterbury Conference Center

Guest Speaker: Jim Davis

Jim Davis and Michael Graham have commissioned the largest and most comprehensive study of dechurched in America by renowned sociologists Dr. Ryan Burge and Dr. Paul Djupe. Davis and Graham's new book, *The Great Dechurched*, takes the insights gleaned from this study and drills down on how exactly people are dechurched with respect to beliefs, behavior, and belonging.

At this year's clergy conference for deacons, Davis will deliver presentations on the dechurched phenomenon with an emphasis on how to interpret the needs, concerns, and hopes of the dechurched for their congregations. Deacons will learn about the dechurched through a detailed sketch of demographics, size, core concerns, church off-ramps, historical roots, and the gravity of what is at stake. Our speakers will also explore what can be done to slow the bleed, engage the pertinent issues winsomely and wisely, and hopefully re-church some of the dechurched.

October 27 - Friday

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| 10:45 a.m. | Registration Begins |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Worship |
| 1:15 p.m. | Welcome and Announcements by Canon Dan Smith
Welcome and Overview by Bishop Justin Holcomb |
| 1:30 p.m. | Diocesan Updates |
| 2:00 p.m. | Break |
| 2:15 p.m. | Session I: The Dechurched - Jim Davis |
| 3:30 p.m. | Break |
| 3:45 p.m. | Session II: The Dechurched - Jim Davis |

October 27 - Friday (Continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Hospitality/Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:15 p.m. Diocesan Updates
- 7:45 p.m. Social Time

October 28 - Saturday

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer*
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Session III: The Dechurched - Jim Davis
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Panel Q&A With Bishop Holcomb, Canon Dan, Archdeacon Altenbach, Archdeacon Motis, and Jim Davis
- 11:30 a.m. Diocesan Updates
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Celebration of Holy Eucharist Rite II with Renewal of Ordination Vows*
- 3:00 p.m. Departure

** denotes worship service takes place in the St. Augustine Chapel.*

All other worship and plenary sessions will be held in the St. Paul's Room.