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# Finance Workshop 2016

## Diocesan gathers record number to Finance Workshop

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More than 120 clergy, wardens, treasurers and vestry and Bishop's committee members gathered at the Bosque Center for a workshop in governance and proper financial management during the first weekend in February. Starting with supper on Friday evening, when participants became acquainted over refreshments in the Gathering Space, the workshop kicked off Saturday morning with a session from the Diocesan Chancellor in the North, Ms. Karen Aubrey, Esq., covering the legal obligations priests and members of vestries and Bishop's committees assume when elected or appointed to leadership positions.

Further sessions covered Fair Share and audit requirements, and Diocesan Business Manager Lisa Katz-Ricker explained the new fillable on-line audit forms that will soon be available for parishes and missions that are required to complete their 2015 audit by committee. Following lunch, two breakout sessions took place Saturday afternoon in which

Assistant Diocesan Treasurer Vic Rizzo led a seminar for treasurers and Diocesan Treasurer Guy Gronquist spoke on the responsibilities of vestries and Bishop's committees: spiritual, legal, financial, managerial, administrative and fiduciary.

The workshop, which is offered annually, is highly recommended both for individuals new to leadership positions and as a refresher course for those with experience, allowing effective networking and sharing of solutions to common challenges. The 2016 workshop experienced the highest turnout ever. According to a number of participants who completed the anonymous feedback survey the day was described as: "well organized;" "clear, succinct, helpful;" "a lot of good ideas to take back to church;" "timely;" "clarity in each presentation;" "useful content." Look for the 2017 date later this year!



Chancellor Karen Aubrey discusses workshop with Treasurer Guy Gronquist.



Diocesan Treasurer Guy Gronquist explains the ins and outs of finance as participants from the Big Bend of Texas look on, pictured on the screen.



The Rev. Susan Hutchins talks with Mike Soukup and Wendy Northorn over lunch.



Treats were ever-present



The Rev. Linda Wilson talks with Charles Hawkins.



Assistant Treasurer Vic Rizzo instructs treasurers on the fine points.



Chef Jerry Gallegos and his crew, (from left) Raquel Santisteven, Eloise Armijo and Madison Morrison, satisfied the hunger of participants.



The Very Rev. Judith Burgess poses a question.



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