



# Saint Boniface Episcopal Church

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## **An invitation to clergy, church administrators, treasurers and key leaders**

Things I wish I'd known:

- Changes in IRS regs and tax laws could add bank fees and excise taxes to parish trusts
- Boiler plate procedures can be adapted for parish trusts
- There is a cost efficient way to do parish audits without big CPA fees
- The Episcopal Church can make payroll a breeze for small and large congregations
- The Episcopal Church Foundation can tailor their programs to our needs and assist our parishioners with creative ways to support the church
- Mandatory pension and health benefits for lay employees will change soon
- A "management" audit can be a boost to ministry

These are a few of the things I learned quickly from a conversation with Karen Hanson, CFO of the Diocese of Rochester, who is spending several months of her sabbatical on Siesta Key. While focusing on her love of music and spirituality, Karen has offered her skills to us, and you are included in this invitation.

In addition to her experience in business, finance, and church administration, Karen is a key member of the Council of Diocesan Executives, and a trustee of the Church Pension Fund. She has invited two colleagues to Sarasota to present a workshop to which you are invited as our guest. In addition, you are welcome to bring other staff or lay leaders who would want to benefit from this gift. I've invited a small group of clergy and leaders who might be interested and would be happy to extend the invitation to others at your suggestion.

**Best Practices, Financial Updates, Support for Mission and Ministry**  
**10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday February 22**  
**Saint Boniface Episcopal Church, Siesta Key, Sarasota**

Presenters are:

Canon Karen Noble Hanson, Episcopal Church Pension Fund Board and CFO, Rochester  
Jim Murphy, Episcopal Church Foundation  
Thomas R. Conklin, Esq, Sarasota

To register, please see "Best Practices" at the Parish Life tab at [www.bonifacechurch.org](http://www.bonifacechurch.org) (That link should be operational by Monday January 25), or leave a message at 941 349 5616 x 317.

For questions or more information, please contact me by phone or email (see letterhead)

What we learn February 22 will be important to each of our ministries.

Sincerely,

*Ted Copland*