

## Lodging Information

**Pullman Plaza Hotel** - \$95.00 + tax  
1001 Third Avenue  
Huntington, WV 25701  
Phone: (866) 613-3611 or (304)-525-1001  
*Ask for Mountain Grace, Episcopal Church  
Deadline is August 17th*

**Holiday Inn** - \$92.00 + tax  
800 Third Ave.  
Huntington, WV 27501  
Phone: 1-304-523-8880  
*Ask for Mountain Grace, Episcopal Church  
Deadline is August 9th*

**Super 8** - \$79.14 + tax  
3090 16th Street  
Huntington, WV 27501  
Phone: 304-525-1410  
*Ask for Mountain Grace, Episcopal Church  
Deadline is September 2nd*

*(These locations have given special rates; other lodging is available in town. Check the internet or with travel agents for other options)*

Conference Location:  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
300 Washington Blvd.  
Huntington, WV 25701  
304-522-9105

Directions from I-64:

*Take Exit 11 onto 16th Ave. Head west on 16th Ave. to Washington Blvd. Washington Blvd. ends at Woodland Dr. Turn left on Woodland Dr. Turn right onto Norway Ave. which then turns back into Washington Blvd. Church will be on the left.*

Mountain Grace VIII  
c/o The Rev. L. Gordon Brewer, Jr.  
Episcopal Appalachian Ministries  
161 E. Ravine Road  
Kingsport, TN 37660



## Appalachian Ministry Conference

*“Set My People Free!”  
Finding Life and Health in  
Appalachia*

**September 9-10**

**St. John's Episcopal Church  
Huntington, West Virginia**

*Co-Sponsored by:*

*The Diocese of Southern Ohio  
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## Set My People Free! Finding Life and Health in Appalachia...

This conference brings together powerful Exodus stories from our own time, showing how Christian leaders and congregations are combining faith, hope, and hard work to help their communities break free of the pressures that enslave many in Appalachia today: addiction, post-traumatic stress, the huge challenges facing ex-offenders, and the low expectations that entrap our youth. You will hear front-line testimony, explore strategies your church can apply, and strengthen bonds with others in the region working steadfastly on these issues.

### Keynote Speaker Friday

**Bob Walton** of All Saints, Portsmouth, OH, will launch the conference Friday night with the story of the drug crisis in Scioto County, OH. Walton uncovered the factors that led the DEA to rank Scioto County as one of nation's ten worst counties for prescription drug dealing. Walton's story illustrates the powerful witness of the church, all the way from the funeral homily for a brutally murdered teen to striving to change state and federal law to close the pipeline of addictive prescription painkillers. All Saints serves as the hub for the county task force responding to the crisis. Its members are on the front lines of care to families wracked by addiction, incarceration, poverty and death.

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combat and back into their communities.

### Removing barriers to re-entry

**Panelists- The Rev. Betsy Walker, The Rev. Craig Foster, The Rev. Rick Rutledge**

The Rev. Betsy Walker is a chaplain at Alderson Federal Penitentiary for Women in West Virginia. The Rev. Craig Foster, has played a decisive role in mobilizing Episcopalians in successful advocacy for criminal justice reform in Ohio. The Rev. Rick Rutledge will describe his experiences in launching an Oxford House in Fayetteville, WV in the face of vicious community opposition. Speakers will highlight powerful work Episcopalians are doing from mentoring to successful advocacy for criminal justice reform tackling issues including disproportionate sanctions on people of color and unnecessary barriers to employment.

### To Register:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Parish/Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday & Saturday (\$55)

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday (\$35)

Dietary restrictions or special needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form and (check payable Episcopal Community Services Foundation) to:

The Rev. Katharin Foster  
7919 N. Coolville Ridge Rd.  
Athens, OH 45701  
(740)593-8615 or (740)541-2291(cell)  
Email: kkfoster@columbus.rr.com  
OR

Register online at: [www.diosohio.org](http://www.diosohio.org)

## Session Topics

### Building Confidence for Leadership

**Panelist- Susan Burt**

Susan Burt will tell the thrilling story of High Rocks, a dynamic West Virginia program developing the talents, intellectual confidence, and voice of high school girls at huge risk of stunted futures. Starting as a two-week summer camp for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders, it is now a year-round leadership development program which also engages the girls as mentors to elementary school students.

### PTSD - Helping military service people and their families...

**Panelists – Dr. Fredrick Peterson, Psychologist, Chillicothe VA Medical Center; The Rev. Gordon Brewer, EAM Coordinator and Licensed Marital and Family Therapist; A Military Chaplain– TBA.** This workshop will equip participants with the knowledge and tools to recognize post-traumatic stress and practical ways to respond to military personnel and their families when returning from

## Agenda

*Friday, September 9*

6:00 PM  
7-8:00 PM

Dinner at St. John's  
Keynote Address

*Saturday, September 10*

8:15 a.m.  
8:45-9:15 a.m.  
9:15-10:45 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.  
11a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
12:30 p.m.  
1:30-3:00 p.m.  
3-4:00 p.m.

Registration  
Welcome and Introduction  
Session I  
Break  
Session II  
Lunch (St. John's)  
Session III  
Closing Eucharist

**Conference Cost:** The cost of the conference is \$55 for both Friday evening and Saturday (\$35 for just Saturday) Cost includes meals. Scholarships are available through EAM's Elledge Scholarship Fund. Contact: The Rev. Gordon Brewer at [episcopalministries@gmail.com](mailto:episcopalministries@gmail.com) or 423-230-1034

**The conference is open to all faiths and those who are seeking!**