

January Adventure

Spiritual Maturity in a Time of Christian Conflict and Change



December 12, 2017

Festive Greetings, Registered Adventurers!

As promised in Letter #1, in Letter #2 we're going to talk about new items in the **Program and New Event Personalities**. To give more time to featured speakers, we are also including more of our **announcements now, with reminders to be presented on the big screens before sessions and during the breaks**.

Clarification on Letter #1, Meals: If you are staying at Epworth, your meals are included in your room rate. **The meal plan is only for those staying elsewhere.** If you are staying off-campus and want to purchase meals, the application is available on the JA website (www.januaryadventure.org). Click on Venue, then "Form to Request Meals." The form must be submitted **before January 1, 2019**.

New to JA 2019

We've **doubled** the length of our **Program Handout to eight pages**, featuring cover art by St. Simons artist Laura Edenfield. The added pages give us room to include bios on our speakers, restaurant suggestions, and articles on featured musicians and special events.

Musical Three-minute warning: Instead of bells, whistles or blinking lights, our reconvening after break will be signaled with music. When you hear the fiddle, piano, or saxophone, it's time to find your chair and take your seat. Sing along if you like!

This year we're asking that **all questions** for Matthew and Christena **be written on 3x5" index cards**. We will have an ample supply of cards on the Information Desk, so pick up one or two on the way into the Auditorium. **Written questions** should be concise, printed clearly, and placed in the **???? Box** on the Information Desk **by 12:30 p.m. Saturday**.

Facilitated Small Discussion Groups will be scattered throughout Nall's Building on Saturday afternoon, with conversations beginning at 1:30 p.m. Almost 200 have signed up in advance; we have four facilitators signed up thus far. The small classrooms hold 30-35 folks and will fill up quickly. But have more room for small-group clusters in the Nall's main hall. If you would like to facilitate a group, please contact us at janeadventure237@gmail.com.

Later Start on Saturday Evening: We're starting **Session Three at 7:00 p.m.**, a half-hour later than usual.

We will begin Session Three with an **hour-long A Question and Conversation** segment featuring Matthew and Christena (the questions will be read from the podium) and, after a short break, we will continue with the **MLKjr Tribute featuring an exciting music program with exceptional artists** and remarks by **The Honorable Al Williams**, a dynamic speaker and representative to the Georgia legislature for Liberty County since 2002 (see bio below). The program will come to a rousing finish around 9:00 p.m.

On-line Survey: Last year many attendees turned in their Surveys on Saturday night only to discover they had comments regarding Sunday's program. So....This year we will be sending an on-line Survey by email to each of you a week or so after JA 2019 comes to a conclusion. Please take a few minutes to tell us what you think!

New Program Personalities



We proudly present **The XChoir of Christ Church, Frederica**, a select group of musicians formed in 2014 to serve as the musical core for XChurch, a contemplative mid-week Eucharist offered during the winter months at Christ Church. Kathleen Turner, Artistic Director of the group and Organist/Choirmaster of Christ Church, leads the ensemble in offering a wide range of music with eclectic taste. These talented, multi-cultural musicians represented the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church this past summer in Austin, TX. Says

Kathleen, “The XChoir is honored to provide music for January Adventure 2019. Please do come visit us and say hello!”
(Pictured left is the Men’s Ensemble accompanied by Kathleen.)



Al Williams began his political “career” at thirteen years of age as a door-knocker for then-candidate John F. Kennedy. He went on to march in the first March on Washington, and, in 1965, marched from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. He was jailed 17 times during the civil rights movement. Rep. Williams has served as Georgia’s representative at six Democratic National Conventions. He has represented Liberty County, Georgia, since 2002 as the first African American elected to that post. Most recently, he received the Legislator of the Year Award from the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus in March, 2018. We are truly honored to have him with us during this Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.



Michael Hulett: January Adventure welcomes vocalist and saxophonist Michael Hulett to our stage. Born and raised in Brunswick, GA, he went to Glynn Academy followed by Georgia Southern and finished off at the Art Institute. Michael has played with entertainers such as Cab Calloway, The Four Tops, and The Savannah Jazz All-Stars. He accompanied our Soul Siblings Sing Spirituals event for the early-birds this morning, and re-joins the XChoir after playing with them in Austin, Texas, over the summer.

In the final correspondence of this series, Letter #3 will include last-minute tips for JA 2019, and will be sent to you shortly after New Year’s Day.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please contact us at januaryadventure237@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page (January Adventure St. Simons Island) and our website (www.januaryadventure.org)

May the upcoming December Days be full of joy!

Your January Adventure Team