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“Called to Serve – the Episcopal Church Responds to Domestic Poverty” is the theme for the national conference of three Episcopal institutional groups, Jubilee Ministry, Episcopal Community Services in America and National Episcopal Health Ministries to be held on April 27 – 30, 2010 at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, NJ.

Members of these groups and interested parties from around the Episcopal church will come together to hear speakers address various aspects of domestic poverty and the many ways Episcopalians are working to alleviate poverty in their communities. The keynote address will be given Wednesday morning by the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori.

Other speakers include Kristen Lewis presenting The American Human Development Project Report, *The Measure of America*. Churck Fluharty founder of the Rural Policy Research Institute will speak about Poverty Alleviation & Rural/Urban Partnerships. Nationally renowned author, therapist, and minister Wayne Muller will discuss insights from his recent book *A Life of Being, Having, and Doing Enough*. A culturally diverse panel discussion will be offered focusing on the affects of poverty on identity.

Episcopalians involved in poverty alleviation, social services, health, and wellness will have the opportunity to engage each other in deeper conversations following the keynote addresses and bible study. Other activities will include:

- A number of workshops addressing topics such as mission and enterprise, board development, HIV/AIDS, sustainable funding development, caregiving, and more.
- An exclusive screening of the documentary “Jubilee Park & Community Center, Dallas”
- Worship opportunities each day
- A welcoming service at the cathedral of Trinity and St. Philips followed by a reception and welcome from the Ft. Rev. Mark Beckwith
- A Eucharist at the House of Prayer
- A tour of the Plume Homestead
- Site visits of the Apostles’ House

Don’t miss your opportunity to attend this unique conference combining these Episcopal institutional groups and those interested in being a catalyst of change in their communities. Registration is \$150 and a limited number of guest rooms are available at The Robert Treat Hotel at \$99.00, single or double occupancy.

Conference registration link:

<http://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=CALL27E>