

COMMISSION FOR MINISTRY WITH SINGLE ADULTS

Single adults in the Diocese of Lexington are invited to participate in the ministry and fellowship of Solo Flight. Truly a ministry, not simply addressing the social needs of single people, we model singularity as a norm in church and society. We are based in spirituality and theology.

Each year we gather on Labor Day weekend at Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, North Carolina for an annual conference. Participants from 25 dioceses arrived from all parts of the nation on August 31, 2007 and the Diocese of Lexington was represented both by participants from St. Michael's and St. Raphael's and staff members. The founder of Solo Flight, Dr. Kay Collier McLaughlin was Coordinator and Presenter and the Rev. Dr. Jan Dunnavant served as Chaplin. We were eager to see old friends from years past and eager to make new friends. This was the seventeenth conference and our theme was "Flying Solo - on pilgrimage". The Rev. Dr. Brett Webb-Mitchell, founder and director of The School of the Pilgrim, was Keynoter. His book, "Follow Me: Christian Growth on the Pilgrim's Way" was the basis of our workshops.

Re-writing My Story recovery workshops are a vital part of our ministry. They are conducted by professional people in the field of psychology and always include a member of the clergy to address the views of the church and scripture on aspects of single life.

Solo flight partnered with Christ Church Cathedral to co-host an evening of Art at the Cathedral in November. There were works by local artists and, excitingly, a presentation of the art and music from General Convention in Columbus was shown in the Great Room.

Our Commission hopes that 2008 will bring better communication and support for this ministry to an under served population and more fellowship and growth for all of us. It will certainly bring Solo Flight XVIII to Kanuga on Labor Day Weekend. All single adults are urged to put that date on their calendars.

Respectfully submitted,
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