



The Rev. Amy Thompson Sevimli

ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

2008 - present



The Rev. Amy Thompson Sevimli has been Assistant to the Bishop of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod of the ELCA since January 1, 2008. She finds administration to be a ministry in which she feels blessed to serve, especially by the collegiality and laughter she shares with her synod office colleagues as they tend a small part of the kingdom here in D.C.

Before joining the synod staff, Pr. Sevimli's first call was as Associate Pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Arlington, Virginia. She has a particular interest in young adults' faith, and how the church connects in the 21st century. She is also interested in how the church engages all people who don't affiliate with the church.

Pr. Sevimli has a love for ecumenical, interfaith and discipleship dialogue. She is involved in a network of discipleship-focused small groups across the country, which she brought to our synod. She is also interested in visioning the impact of ecumenical relationships in the future.

In 2003, Pr. Sevimli completed a Master of Divinity at Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina. Included in her studies was a year at the University of Bonn in Germany. She received a Bachelor degree from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, an ELCA institution of higher education. After graduating, Pr. Sevimli was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study and teach in Germany. In 2008, she completed a Master of Sacred Theology (STM) in New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Gettysburg.

She has published eight articles in Duke Divinity School's online magazine, Faith & Leadership, in 2010 and 2011 including: "Spiritually out of touch" and "Younger clergy and the new economic normal." In 2009 she was a Lewis Fellow with the Lewis Center for Church Leadership of Wesley Theological Seminary, and in 2014 she was a featured speaker at the Rethinking Faith Formation event at Luther Seminary. Presently she is a member of the ELCA Nominating Committee.

Pr. Sevimli is married and has two sons. She enjoys co-opping at her sons' preschool.

"We already have everything we need in the love, mercy and promise of Christ. Now, we just have to find ways to share it in ways that connect with those outside our doors."

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