



# Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## 2017 Synod Assembly

### **DRAFT AGENDA K**

**16-17 June 2017**

**The National Conference Center, Leesburg, VA**

**"Freed in Christ, Bound by Love"**

### **Friday, June 16**

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Synod Council  
Room: Belmont B (Breakfast for Council in Belmont C)
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Registration – Ms. Katharyn Wheeler, Interns & Candidates
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 p.m. Orientation for New Voting Members  
Mr. Richard Ahlberg & The Rev. Margrethe Kleiber  
Room: Grand Ballroom C & D
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 p.m. Worship Assistant Training/Choir Rehearsal  
Synod Worship Team  
Room: Grand Ballroom A & B
- 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Childcare  
Room: Potomac C
- 11:00 a.m. – to end Quiet Room for Assembly Chaplain and for Prayer  
Room: Belmont C

### **Opening Worship: 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.**

Preaching: Bishop Richard Graham

### **Plenary Session 1 11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Room: Grand Ballroom A & B

- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Opening of Assembly  
The Report of the Registrar – Mr. Kevin Anderson  
Seating of Voting Members  
Approval of Absences  
Adoption of Agenda  
Adoption of Rules of Procedure  
Approval of 2016 Minutes

11:45 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	Recognition of Ecumenical Guests
11:55 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	The New Connections Campaign
12:15 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.	ELCA Representative –The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop ELCA
1:10 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Instructions for lunch and workshops – Mr. Larry Evans/Ms. Gretta Williams Meal prayer – Assembly Chaplain Deacon Erin Swenson-Reinhold

**Break and Lunch pick up 1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Workshops 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. (75 minutes)**

- 1) *New Connections: Growing Young and Diverse*  
Room: Loudon A, B & C  
Presenter: The Rev. Phil Hirsch & Ms. Christy Hartigan
  
- 2) *Circle of Welcome – Congregational Engagement with Immigrants and Refugees*  
Room: Potomac D & E  
Presenters: The Rev. Kevin Jacobson, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services; Kiersten Nassar, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area
  
- 3) *When Racism Takes Over My Sacred Spaces*  
Room: Ballroom C & D  
Presenter: Racial Equity Team
  
- 4) *Sustainable Development as Spiritual Calling*  
Room: Potomac A & B  
Presenters: The Rev. Dr. Richard Hoehn & the Rev. Dr. Michael Kuchinsky

**Plenary Session 2 3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

2:55 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	We lift our voices in song and prayer — Synod Worship Team & Assembly Chaplain Deacon Erin Swenson-Reinhold
3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	The Report of the Nominating Committee – The Rev. Albert Triolo
3:10 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	The Report of the Treasurer – The Rev. Thomas Knoll
3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	The Report of the Synod Vice President & the Report on Compensation Guidelines – Dr. John White

3:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Introduction to Voting Devices – Mr. Dana White
3:40 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	The Community of St. Dysmas – Deacon Deb Haynes
3:45 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.	The Report of the Synodical Bishop—The Rev. Richard Graham
4:05 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	500 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation – The Rev. Richard Graham

**Break w/snacks**                      **4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Refreshments sponsored by Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area

**Plenary Session 3**                      **4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

4:25 pm – 4:30 p.m.	We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly Chaplain Deacon Erin Swenson-Reinhold
4:30 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.	Ministry Moment -- New Connections
4:35 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Introduction of Mission Spending Plan – Finance Committee Chair
4:45 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	First Ballot – The Rev. Mitch Watney
4:50 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.	The Report of Reference and Counsel—The Rev. Mark Edwards
5:05 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Amendments to Synod Constitution—Mr. Kevin Anderson
5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area—Ms. Lynn Tedesco
5:30 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.	The Report of the Director for Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop, The Rev. Phil Hirsch
5:50 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.	Welcoming new Synodical Authorized Worshipping Community
5:55 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Evening Instructions & Meal Prayer – Assembly Chaplain Deacon Erin Swenson-Reinhold

**Buffet Supper**                      **6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**

Buffet line: Loudoun Room

Seating: Ballroom C & D

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Special Training Session—New Connections
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Room: Belmont B

**Holy Communion**                      **7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Room: Grand Ballroom A & B

Preaching: Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Meet & Greet w/Bishop Elizabeth Eaton 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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## DAY 2

### Saturday, June 17, 2017

- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
Buffet Line: Loudoun Room  
Seating: Ballroom C & D
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Plenary ELCA Q & A—The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop  
Room: Grand Ballroom A & B
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Workshop on Mission Spending Plan  
Room: Belmont B  
Presenter: Synod Finance Committee
- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Childcare  
Room: Potomac C
- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Quiet Room for Assembly Chaplain and for Prayer  
Room: Belmont C

### Plenary Session 4 **9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

- 9:25 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. We lift our voices in song –Synod Worship Team
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m. Opening Prayer – Bishop Richard Graham
- 9:35 a.m. – 9:37 a.m. The Report of the Registrar – Mr. Kevin Anderson
- 9:37 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. The Report of the Elections Committee & Second Ballot – The Rev. Mitch Watney
- 9:50 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Special Guest Dr. Reggie Williams, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, McCormick Theological Seminary (55 minutes)
- 10:45 a.m. – 10:55 am *Stand and Stretch and Sing Break*
- 10:55 a.m. – 11:25 am Q & A with Dr. Reggie Williams (30 minutes)
- 11:25 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Ministry Moment - New Connections
- 11:30 a.m.—11:45 a.m. The Report of the Assistant to the Bishop – The Rev. Leila Ortiz
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. The Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards
- 12:05 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. Report of Elections Committee & Third Ballot – The Rev. Mitch Watney
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. Milestones in Ministry
- 12:25 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch instructions and meal prayer—Assembly Chaplain Deacon Erin Swenson-Reinhold

### Lunch **12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**Plenary Session 5**                      **1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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| 1:10 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | We lift our voices in song and prayer – Synod Worship Team & Assembly<br>Chaplain Deacon Erin Swenson-Reinhold |
| 1:15 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. | Ministry Moment - New Connections  |
| 1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Adoption of a Mission Spending Plan  |
| 1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. | United Seminary – the Rev. Dr. Angela Zimmann  |
| 1:45 p.m. – 2:25 p.m. | Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards  |
| 2:25 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Unfinished Business  |

**Closing Worship & Installation of Synod Council 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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