



Metro D.C. Synod Assembly • June 16-17, 2017

## WORKSHOPS

Multiple workshops on Friday are planned to enrich our ministry in the Metro D.C. Synod. The most up-to-date information, including room locations, will be provided on site.

### **CIRCLE OF WELCOME: CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT WITH IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

Presenters: Kiersten Rossetto Nassar, Director of Community Relations, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSS/NCA); and Alicia Wagner, Regional Director, LSS/NCA; with the Rev. Leila Ortiz, Assistant to the Bishop

A video will debut in our synod featuring bishops of the Metro D.C. Synod and Delaware-Maryland Synod discussing the gospel call to respond to our current reality. Ways for congregations to get more involved and intentional about their work among neighbors who live in fear of separation from their families or who are now in a new and foreign land will be highlighted.

### **NEW CONNECTIONS CAMPAIGN: GROWING YOUNG AND DIVERSE**

Presenters: The Rev. Phil Hirsch, DEM/Assistant to the Bishop; and Christy Hartigan, New Connections Campaign Director

As this new, exciting venture launches in our synod, learn more about how in our richly diverse communities we will renew our congregations and establish new connections. The opportunities to live out our faith, to be God's hands and feet in our communities are significant. We aim to connect 3,000 new people—a 10% growth across our synod—to engage in the ministry in our existing congregations.

## WORKSHOPS and ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (subject to change)

### **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AS SPIRITUAL CALLING**

Presenters: The Rev. Dr. Richard A. Hoehn and the Rev. Dr. Michael Kuchinsky

Our 2016 Synod Assembly voted that congregations should study the 17 U.S. Sustainable Development Goals, pertaining to hunger and poverty, health, education, gender and the environment. You will learn how to schedule and introduce your congregation to the goals as a spiritual calling and mission opportunity.

### **WHEN RACISM TAKES OVER MY SACRED PLACES**

Presenters: Racial Equity Team members

A search to find openness, honesty, fairness and respect using caucusing and contemplative prayer.

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### **ORIENTATION FOR NEW MEMBERS**

Facilitators: Rick Ahlberg, Parliamentarian; and the Rev. Margrethe Kleiber, Chair of Synod Assembly Planning Team

On Friday morning at 10 a.m., equip yourself to fully participate in our Synod Assembly whether you are a new Voting Member or just want a refresher.

### **MISSION SPENDING PLAN DISCUSSION**

Facilitators: Synod Finance Team members

On Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m., before the Plenary begins, you are welcome at a workshop to discuss our synod's proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Mission Spending Plan.