



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

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2016 Synod Assembly “For the Healing of the Nations”

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Gaithersburg, Maryland

AGENDA

Saturday – June 18, 2016

- 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration – Ms. Katharyn Wheeler & Seminary Interns
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast & Visual Display
Room: Shepherd's Hall
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Orientation for New Voting Members – Mr. Richard Ahlberg
Room: 204/206
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Worship Assistant Training – The Rev. Heidi Moore
Room: Sanctuary
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Synod Council
Room: Library

Festive Eucharist 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

With a commitment to address racial justice in our synod and wider community, today's offering will be used this year for training of our Racial Equity Team and synod members in awareness and skills to help God work through us for the healing of the nations.

Plenary Session 1 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Opening of Assembly
Report of the Registrar – Mr. Kevin Anderson
Seating of Voting Members
Approval of Absences
Adoption of Agenda
Adoption of Rules of Procedure
Adoption of 2015 Minutes
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Racial Equity Team Video – All Saints Lutheran Church, Bowie, MD “JUST gRACE”
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. BREAK

Plenary Session 2 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- 10:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. Recognition of Ecumenical Guests
- 10:55 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. The Report of the Bishop – The Rev. Richard Graham
- 11:05 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ELCA Representative – The Rev. Cherlyne V. Beck, Program Director,
Support of Rostered Leaders and Schools
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. The Report of the Nominating Committee – The Rev. Albert Triolo
- 11:35 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. The Report of the Director for Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop
– The Rev. Phil Hirsch

- 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Racial Equity Team Video – Good Samaritan Lutheran Church and Dominion Apostolic, Lexington Park, MD "The Encounter: Pastor Watney and Pastor Barber"
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Instructions & Prayer – The Rev. Leila Ortiz

Lunch **12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

- 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Group A – Lunch in Shepherd’s Hall – sponsored by Mission Investment Fund
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Plenary Session 3 **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

- 1:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. “New Connections” Synod Campaign
- 1:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Report of the Treasurer – The Rev. Tom Knoll
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. First Reading of the Mission Spending Plan – Finance Committee Chair Karen Consiglio
- 2:10 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. The Report of the Vice-President / Synod Council – Dr. John White
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Introduction to Compensation Guidelines – Dr. John White
- 2:20 p.m. – 2:25 p.m. Introduction to Voting Devices – Mr. Jacob Wood
- 2:25 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. The Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards
- 2:35 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. The First Ballot – The Rev. Mitch Watney
- 2:40 p.m. – 2:45 pm Anniversaries – Congregations and Rostered Leaders
- 2:45 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. The Report of the Elections Committee & The Second Ballot – The Rev. Mitch Watney
- 2:50 p.m. – 3:05 p.m. Racial Equity Team Introduction and Live Chat – Rev. Karen Brau, Luther Memorial Place, DC and Rev. James Philips, Our Redeemer, DC
- 3:05 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. BREAK w/Snacks, return forms

Plenary Session 4 **3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

- 3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The Report of the Assistant to the Bishop – The Rev. Amy Thompson Sevimli
- 3:35 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. Discussion of Mission Spending Plan
- 3:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Report of Reference and Counsel – The Rev. Mark Edwards
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. The Report of Elections Committee & Third Ballot – The Rev. Mitch Watney
- 4:05 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Adoption of Mission Spending Plan
- 4:15 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
- 4:20 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Unfinished Business

Closing Worship **5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** with Installation of Elected Leaders & Closing of Assembly