



## Leadership Academy - Council Training 2024 Agenda

Saturday, February 17, 2024  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Bethesda, MD

9-9:30 am – Registration

9:30 am-10:50 - Session 1 Structure of Church/Synod

- Opening Prayer
- What/Who is the Synod - Bishop Leila Ortiz
- What the Synod Helps With and What it Doesn't - Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey, Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy and Mobility and Pastor Jason Shank, Director for Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop
- The Why - Aligning Mission and Ministry – Pr. Shank
- How to Run an Effective Meeting centered on the Why
  - Building an effective agenda

10:50-10:55am – Break

10:55am - Session 2 Policies and Procedures

- What is the obligation of serving on a Congregational Council - John Van De Weert, Synod Attorney (via Zoom)
  - Roles and Responsibilities
  - Liabilities
  - Policies
- Constitutions - Barbara Bilodeau, Metro D.C. Synod Secretary
- Finance and Budgets - Bishop Ortiz and Julie Hamre, Metro D.C. Synod Treasurer
  - What is Mission Support (not benevolence/tithing)
  - What is important to include in a budget
- Membership and the Parish Register – Katharyn Wheeler, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop
- Synod and ELCA reports

12:00 - 12:45pm Lunch provided by the Synod

12:45pm – 2:15pm Session 3 – Support, Opportunities, and Networking

- Importance of Mutual Ministry and Personnel Committees
- Reaching Across the Synod – Networking based on Council Roles
- Synod Opportunities
- Q & A

2:15pm Closing Reflections and Prayer