



2010 ELCA-SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD ASSEMBLY
June 4-6, 2010
Chattanooga Marriott and Convention Center
Chattanooga, TN

WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP SESSION A

Friday, June 4, 2010 5:00-5:45PM

Lutheran World Relief

Meeting Room: E

Every day in 35 countries, Lutheran World Relief works to combat the causes of poverty and the dignity it robs from people's lives. Meet with Keynote speaker, Pastor John Nuñez, for a time of discussion about current and on-going LWR projects.

The ELCA's Vision and Expectations for Its Leaders

Meeting Room H

There has been much conversation in recent years about this church's expectations of leaders in the area of sexuality. That's important, but the vision for leaders and expectations of leaders also includes many other important things. Come join in a conversation with Churchwide Representative, Pastor Stan Olson, about this broad, hopeful, and challenging picture of what it means to lead faithfully.

Resolution Hearings

Meeting Room 2

Discussion on resolutions that are before the synod assembly. There will be Resolution Hearings during each Workshop Session as long as resolutions are before the assembly. Lead by members of the Reference and Counsel Committee.

Ministering to Youth

Meeting Room 3

Bring your ideas for Youth Ministry to a round-table discussion to share ideas and resources. Moderated by synod Director for Youth Ministries, Rachel Alley.

Compensation Guidelines and Synod Budget Q & A

Meeting Room 10

Overview of the 2011 Synod Compensation Guidelines and Ministry Funding Plan (Budget) being brought before the Assembly. Chairs of the synod task committees on Compensation Guidelines and Budget & Finance, Pastor Gordon Reinertsen and Mr Fred Weinhold will be on hand to lead discussion and answer questions.

Meet the Candidates

Meeting Room 11

A time of conversation with candidates nominated at this Assembly. Moderated by Synod Vice President, Wes Crenshaw.

Worship

Meeting Room 12

A chance to discuss and explore resources for congregations to enliven worship during the long Ordinary Time, with a focus on Fall 2010. Come meet with members of the synod Worship Team and glean the field for ideas and share what works where you are keeping worship alive when the parameters are still green.

WORKSHOP SESSION B

Sat, June 5, 2010 11:00-11:45AM

Congregational Best Financial Practices

Meeting Room E

Good financial practices are necessary to protect all who handle congregational funds. This workshop, led by attorney Charles Bridgers, member of Redeemer, Atlanta, GA, will provide information, examples and sample policies necessary for good stewardship and best financial practices.

ELCA Book of Faith

Meeting Room H

The ELCA has made a commitment to encourage all members of our congregation, from children to adults, to dig deeper into our book of faith, the Bible. The Book of Faith Initiative, approved by the 2007 Churchwide Assembly as a five-year initiative, recommends a new model for our church - a grass-roots approach embracing a common vision in which all are invited to open scripture and join the conversation. This workshop will help congregations understand how to go about "initiating the initiative" for those they serve. It will also highlight resources developed as part of the initiative as well as look ahead to what's in store for the coming years. Whether or not your congregation has already jumped into the Book of Faith Initiative or not, join Associate in Ministry Michelle Angalet from Good Shepherd in Woodstock, GA, and join this discussion!

Stewardship and Mission Interpretation

Meeting Room 2

How does your congregation do stewardship? How do you personally do stewardship? Is your stewardship linked to Christ's mission? Is your stewardship a joyful experience? You are invited to look at some positive and uplifting stewardship practices with Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Darrel Peterson.

Ministering to Young Adults

Meeting Room 3

Bring your ideas for Young Adult Ministry to a round-table discussion to shares ideas and resources. Moderated by synod Director for Youth Ministries, Rachel Alley.

Resolution Hearings

Meeting Room 9

Discussion on resolutions that are before the synod assembly. There will be Resolution Hearings during each Workshop Session as long as resolutions are before the assembly. Lead by members of the Reference and Counsel Committee.

Immigration Reform

Meeting Room 10

Pastor Lydia Villanueva of Sagrada Familia in Doraville, GA, leads this workshop to cover the basics of the current immigration system and how it affects the lives of immigrants who try to navigate their way through it.

Suicide Prevention

Meeting Room 11

At the 2009 Southeastern Synod Assembly, Resolution 2009-08 was adopted. This resolution encourages all synod congregations to promote suicide education, suicide prevention, and to provide ministry to those impacted by the suicide of a friend or loved one. Join Gerald and Elsie Weyrauch, founders of the Suicide Prevention Action Network, who will lead this workshop to share information and resources.

That you may be well

Meeting Room 12

Discover what it means to live well in Christ. God calls us to live life abundantly. All too often we find ourselves out of breath and out of balance as we try to keep up with our ministries and service in this fast paced world. We are confronted with living up to expectations we place on ourselves and those set by our congregations. As leaders in the church we are called to pass on our faith. We know that healthy leaders enhance lives. How can we live well, balanced and as whole people of God? Board of Pension Representative Fana Tekle helps you catch your breath and take a look at your own well-being. Healthy leaders enhance lives — let's get moving!

WORKSHOP SESSION C

Sun, June 6, 2010 9:30-10:15AM

Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the ELCA (LIFT)

Meeting Room E

The purpose of the LIFT Task Force is to develop and recommend options for the future of the ELCA in light of its identity, changes in its environment and its call to God's mission. The Task Force is guided by two questions: 1) What is God calling this church to be and to do in the future?

2. What changes are in order to accomplish these tasks more faithfully?

Join Churchwide Representative, Pastor Stan Olson, and give your input.

Southeastern Synod Disaster Preparedness and Response

Meeting Room H

Without a disaster plan in place, congregations may not survive after a catastrophic loss. Those that are prepared for disaster are much more likely to "weather the storm." Disasters come in many forms, such as a tornado, fire or a more regular occurrence such as a blackout or flood. This workshop will introduce tools and resources needed to prepare a comprehensive plan to reduce the effects of a disaster. Led by Synod Disaster Preparedness and Response Task Force leaders Pastor Morgan Gordy and Diaconal Minister Sandra Braasch.

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Financial Wellness

Meeting Room 3

What does a financially well person look like? Is it "just about money" or is there more to it? ELCA Board of Pensions plan members are on their way to achieving financial security through the ELCA Pension and Other Benefits Program. But benefits are just the start of your financial wellness journey. Join Board of Pension Representative, Fana Tekle for discussion and resources.

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Congregational Behavioral Covenants

Meeting Room 11

This workshop gets to the heart of modern congregational life: how to live creatively together despite differences of age, race, culture, opinion, gender, or theological or political position. Pastor Darryl Kiehl, from Shepherd of the Hills in Birmingham, will help explore how to grow by valuing our differences rather than trying to ignore or blend them.

Welcoming Cross-Cultural Diversity: Sunday Morning & During the Week

Meeting Room 12

The Southeastern Synod images itself for a more flourishing multicultural future. We are in the midst of a period in which more than 500,000 people of African Descent will move into the Southeastern Synod. Many of our incoming neighbors are un-churched and will seek a congregation. Our goal is to help resource those congregations who wish to be intentional in inviting these new people into the life of their congregation. This workshop will use a case-study to provide insight and tools and address cultural variations that tend to matter when people talk together cross-culturally. The attempt is to hold up culturally distinct practices and expectations about public conversations and to be aware of the impact of styles, attitudes and behavior. Facilitated by African Descent Strategy specialist Gene Lewis; former Multicultural Committee chair Cathy Crimi; President of the Georgia African American Lutheran Association Jacqui El Torro; and Pastor Nancy Christensen, synod Director for Evangelical Mission.

