



ROSTERED MINISTERS GATHERING  
*On the way - together!*

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PROGRAM BOOK

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## WELCOME!

Greetings in the name of Christ! We welcome you to the first-ever ELCA Rostered Ministers Gathering. This is the first time in the almost thirty-year history of this church that we have held a gathering for Word and Sacrament and Word and Service Ministers.

We gather under the theme of “On the Way ... Together,” using the Emmaus Road story (Luke 24:13-35) to guide our time together. This time is an opportunity to gather our Rostered Ministers from around this church to remind one another that we are far better together than we are apart. We are on our way together as a church with our ecumenical partnerships; with our continued conversations about racism and reconciliation; and towards continued reformation.

As we gather in Atlanta in the name of Jesus, the crucified and risen Christ; we will center ourselves each day around in worship. We will have opportunities to be in fellowship and to dwell in God’s Word, led by Bible Study leaders: Shauna Hannan, Jay Alanis, and Troy Troftgruben. We will hear from keynote speakers: Elizabeth Eaton, James Forbes, and Rachel Held Evans. Then we will be sent forth into this world to love and serve the world in Christ’s name.

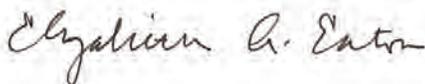
“Day of Arising” a beautiful Easter hymn based on the Emmaus Road text, has this compelling verse:

*“Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.”*

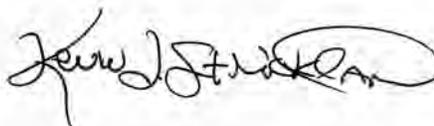
Christ indeed is our companion for this journey. This journey of life, this journey of ministry, this journey of calling us forward together to meet the needs of our neighbors for the sake of the world.

May these days together be a time for renewal, inspiration, challenge, and empowerment. Thank you for your participation in this gathering.

*On our way... together!*



The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton  
Presiding Bishop of the ELCA



The Rev. Kevin L. Strickland  
Assistant to the Presiding Bishop/Executive for Worship,  
Chair of the ELCA Rostered Ministers Gathering

## WELCOME TO ATLANTA, AND THE ELCA SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD!

Metropolitan Atlanta is made up of 146 cities and towns with a total population of over 6 million. The city has seen rapid growth in the past fifty years with people moving here from all across North America and the world. Known as a progressive center of the Civil Rights Movement, you can experience some of Atlanta's history at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, and the Carter Center. And there is plenty else to see and do in the downtown area, much of it within an easy walk or roll from the hotel, or accessible by streetcar or MARTA rail.

The Southeastern Synod is made up of 165 congregations spread across Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee – a territory of 202,484 square miles. The synod office is just two and a half blocks from the Gathering hotel. While many of our congregations in Metro Atlanta are less than 50 years old, there have been Lutherans in the Southeast from the beginning of the Georgia Colony. Our oldest congregation was organized on the Savannah River 283 years ago, and the congregation has been worshiping in the same building since 1769.

We often say that Lutherans in the South are not very dense, still, our synod congregations and people are deeply engaged in their communities and just as deeply committed to ministries of mercy and justice here in the Southeast and around the world.

We are glad you are here and hope you will enjoy and learn from your time in this vibrant and diverse city.

*The Rev. H. Julian Gordy,  
Bishop of the Southeastern Synod, ELCA*

*On the way – together!*

# Acknowledgements

## Rostered Ministers Gathering Planning Team

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## Thank You!

Presenters, workshop and worship leaders, musicians, committee members and staff.

Bishop Julian Gordy, the Southeastern Synod staff and volunteers from area congregations.

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Redeemer Singers (and their director, Sarah Hawbecker), Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Small Group Facilitators: Rebecca Ajer, Mary Anderson, Heather Apel, Mark Cerniglia, Larry Clark, Yehiel Curry, Stephen Friedrich, Katy Grindberg, Heidi Hester, Sue Rothmeyer, MaryAnn Schwabe, Kyle Severson, Dale Sillik, Phil Tonneson, Tammy Jones West, Nancy Winder.



## ARTWORK

**The Road to Emmaus**, by Robyn Sand Anderson, like many of my paintings, became something I hadn't expected. I thought it would be entirely abstract. Instead, it became a combination of abstract and representational. It became what it needed to be to tell the story of loss, human grief, our journeys and the promise embodied in Jesus' resurrection. I prepared by immersing myself in different versions of the text, reading sermons, asking clergy friends their take on it and listening to music.



I found a choral piece about the Road to Emmaus called "Abendlied" by Josef Rheinberger and used it for inspiration. Choral music is a creative trigger for me. I have had two exhibits now that interpret choral music, Buxtehude's "Membra Jesu Nostri" and Arvo Pärt's "Magnificat Antiphonen & Nunc Dimittis. I have also interpreted "O Magnum Mysterium" by Lauridsen, one of my favorites. The Road to Emmaus measures 36" x 60" and is painted with acrylic on gallery stretched canvas. RobynSandAnderson.com. The original artwork is on display in the Grand Ballroom during the opening reception and Wednesday banquet and has been enlarged to serve as a backdrop in the Capitol Ballroom where worship and plenaries take place. Opportunities to purchase prints are available. Robyn will be located in the registration area from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In case of an emergency, the main number for the Sheraton is 1-800-638-3522.

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## EXHIBITORS AND VENDORS

### **Exhibitors located on Level 1 in the Capital Ballroom pre-function area and along the hallways near Georgia Halls 1-6 and 7-15:**

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Church Mutual	Institute of Liturgical Studies at Valparaiso University
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ELCA Global Mission unit	Reconciling Works
ELCA Mission Advancement unit	Reformation 500
ELCA Outdoor Ministries	

### **Exhibitors located on Level 3 in the Grand Ballroom pre-function area:**

ELCA Campus Ministries	Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
ELCA College and Universities	Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Luther Seminary	Trinity Seminary
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary	United Seminary
Lutheran Theological Center of Atlanta	Wartburg Seminary

### **Vendors are located on Level 1 in Georgia Halls 7-9:**

Augsburg Fortress	Good Shepard Travel/Bethlehem Arise
AGAPE* (David Scherer) and Joe Davis	Peter Mayer and Brenden Mayer
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Clergy Image	Jonathan Rundman
Cotton Patch Designs	Women's Spirit/Abiding Spirit
Desert Springs Resort/Shepard Canyon Retreats	Jeff Wunrow Vestments

## GENDER NEUTRAL RESTROOMS

Gender neutral restrooms are located on Level 3 near the Grand Ballroom and on Level 1 near Georgia 7.

## PARISH NURSE/FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

DeDe Boerger will be serving as this gatherings Faith Community Nurse. She will be stationed by the registration desk, in front of the Capitol Ballroom.

## REGISTRATION AND HOSPITALITY

The registration/hospitality area is located in the Capitol Ballroom pre-function area and will be open:

Sunday	1:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday	8:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday	9:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Thursday	8:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	8:00 - 5:00 p.m.		

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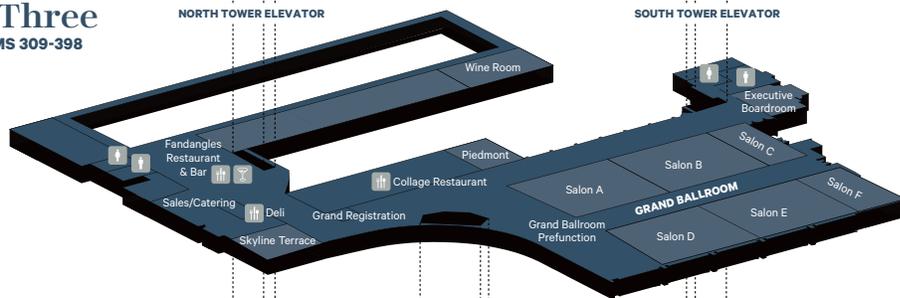


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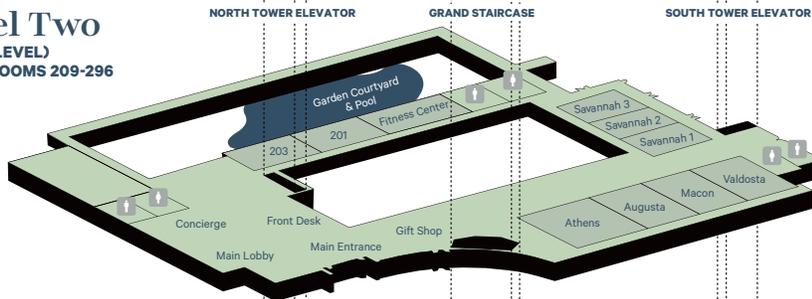
**SOUTH TOWER BOARDROOM**

## Hotel Map

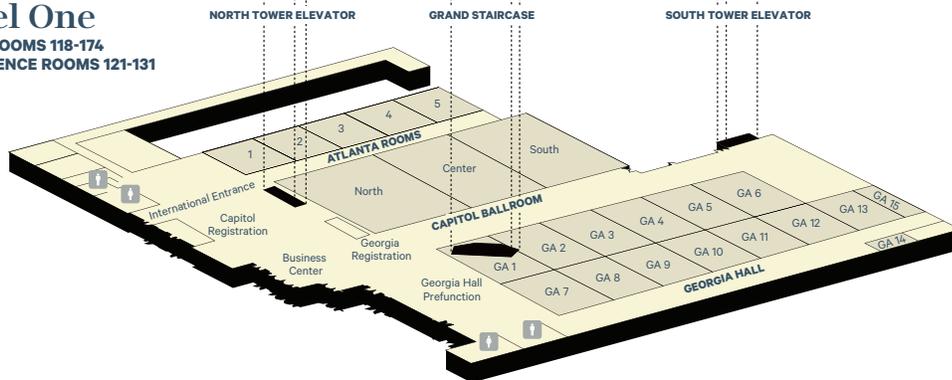
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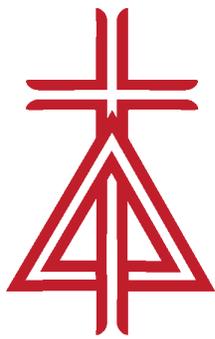


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## Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Elected as the ELCA's fourth presiding bishop at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Eaton earned a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School and a Bachelor of Music Education from the College of Wooster. Ordained in 1981, Eaton served three different congregations in Ohio as assistant pastor, interim pastor and pastor before being elected bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod in 2006 and re-elected in May 2013. At gatherings, she often shares her four emphases for the ELCA: We are church; We are Lutheran; We are church together; We are church for the sake of the world. These four emphases are fundamental to identifying who the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is. Eaton also represents the ELCA in a wide range of ecumenical and interfaith settings. Eaton's presence witnesses the commitments of the ELCA to its long-term ecumenical partners, both in conciliar and bi-lateral settings. Eaton's husband is the Rev. T. Conrad Selnick, a retired Episcopal priest. They are parents of two adult children, Rebeckah and Susannah.



## The Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr.

The Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr., is National Minister of the Drum Major Institute, Senior Minister Emeritus of The Riverside Church, The Harry Emerson Fosdick Distinguished Professor at Union Theological Seminary, and President of the Healing of the Nations Ministries (all of these institutions of New York City). Additionally, Dr. Forbes is a highly acclaimed author, scholar and nationally sought-after speaker, affectionately referred to in national and international religious circles as the preacher's preacher because of his extensive preaching career and his charismatic style. Newsweek magazine once recognized Forbes as one of the 12 "most effective preachers" in the English-speaking world. As a passionate educator, administrator, community and human rights activist and interfaith leader, Dr. Forbes was twice designated as one of America's greatest Black preachers by Ebony magazine. Dr. Forbes is a featured TEDex speaker and also a frequent guest & contributor to top national media outlets including Huffington Post, MSNBC and others.

Most recently, as Senior Minister of the Riverside Church an interdenominational, interracial, and international church built by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in 1927, Dr. Forbes led a 2,400 member church. Affiliated with the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ. Forbes, was installed as the fifth senior minister of Riverside on June 1, 1989, and retired on June 1, 2007. He was the first African-American to serve as minister of this multicultural congregation. Dr. Forbes is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches.

Before being called to Riverside's pulpit, Dr. Forbes served from 1976-1985 as the Brown and Sockman Associate Professor of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. From 1985-1989, he was Union's first Joe R. Engle Professor of Preaching. Union named him the first Harry Emerson Fosdick Adjunct Professor of Preaching in 1989, when he accepted the pastorate at Riverside. Dr. Forbes has served on the Core Teaching Staff at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York.

Dr. Forbes has earned three degrees and has been awarded 14 honorary degrees. He earned a doctor of ministry degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, NY; a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, NY; and a bachelor of science in chemistry from Howard

University in Washington, D.C. He earned his clinical pastoral education certificate from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, VA. His Alma Mater, Union Theology Seminary presented him its Unitas Distinguished Alumnus Award and Teacher's College of Columbia University award him its Distinguished Service Medal in 2003. Howard University awarded him their Distinguished Service Award in Ministry. His honorary doctorates included degrees from the following colleges and universities: Princeton, DePauw, Colgate, Fairleigh Dickenson, Lehigh and the University of Richmond.

From 1992 to 2007, Dr. Forbes was co-chair of A Partnership of Faith, an interfaith organization of clergy among New York's Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Muslim communities. He is on the board of Manhattanville College, the Interfaith Alliance, Children's Defense Fund, Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University, and the United Way. He is a past president of The Martin Luther King Fellows. Dr. Forbes is also a member of Mayor DiBlasio's Clergy Advisory Council in New York City.

Additionally, two of Dr. Forbes' songs have been published in the Silver Burdett Songbooks for schools: "For Children Safe and Strong" and "Our Families Together." Dr. Forbes has performed the narration for several large musical productions, including Mendelssohn's "Elijah" with the Riverside choir.

Dr. Forbes is currently active in "The Revival: Time for a Moral Revolution of Values", a national tour to redefine morality in American politics and challenge leaders of faith and moral courage to be more vocally opposed to harmful policies that disproportionately impact the poor, people who are ill, children, immigrants, communities of color, and religious minorities. Dr. Forbes is joined by the Rev. William Barber, II, the Rev. Traci Blackmon and Sister Simone Campbell.

Born in 1935 in Burgaw, North Carolina, Dr. Forbes is married to Bettye Franks Forbes, formerly of San Antonio, TX. They are the proud parents of one son, James A. Forbes, III and two grandchildren, Hannah Rose and James IV.



## Rachel Held Evans

Rachel Held Evans is a New York Times best-selling author and popular blogger who writes about faith, doubt, and life in the Bible Belt. Her books include *Faith Unraveled* (2010), *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* (2012), and *Searching for Sunday* (2015). With millions of visits each year, her blog has become a renowned online hub for conversations about Christianity and culture.

Rachel has been featured on *The View*, *The Today Show*, NPR, Slate, The BBC, The Washington Post, The Atlantic Monthly, and Oprah.com. She also serves on President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Her popularity as a writer also keeps her busy speaking across the country. She has spoken at The Festival of Faith and Writing, the Q Conference, Trinity Wall Street, Princeton University, Austin Theological Seminary, Eastern University, Baylor University, The Gay Christian Network Conference, The Wild Goose Festival, and a wide range of retreats, conferences, universities, and churches. In 2015, in partnership with Nadia Bolz-Weber and Jim Chaffee, she launched the Why Christian? Conference, which features fresh, diverse voices responding to the question of why they continue in the faith.

# Bible Study Leaders



## The Rev. Dr. Shauna Hannan

Rev. Dr. Shauna Hannan serves as the Associate Professor of Homiletics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkley, California. Dr. Hannan uses multiple pedagogies and is a master at involving the students in the teaching-learning process. Her teaching and mentoring of students demonstrates the depth of her vocational call to the formation of candidates for Christian ministry and public leadership in the Church. Last year she completed sabbatical research in several Spanish-speaking countries focusing on Latino/a homiletical pedagogy. This is one of the first studies of its kind and directly applies to the preparation of future generations of preachers who serve the global church.



## The Rev. Dr. Javier (Jay) Alanis

The Rev. Dr. Javier (Jay) Alanis serves as the Director at the Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. After his graduation from LSPS in May, 1992, Jay was ordained and served Trinity Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas for four years. During that time he chaired the Multicultural Committee of the Southwest Texas Synod and also served on the board of the Multicultural Commission of the ELCA. He was then invited to pursue doctoral studies at LSTC and graduated with a Ph.D. in June, 2002. Jay joined the faculty of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago at its extension program in Austin in January of 2000.

Jay's academic interests include contextual borderland theology, Latino/a spirituality and the ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King, Jr. His doctoral dissertation focused on the history of the *imago Dei* (image of God) construct as a venue for welcoming the stranger in an alien land. In 2006, he was invited to be a part of a panel that examined the subject of border walls at an international conference held in Berlin and at the Lutheran center in Wittenberg, Germany.



## The Rev. Dr. Troy M. Troftgruben

The Rev. Dr. Troy Troftgruben serves as the Assistant Professor of New Testament at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. A native of northeastern North Dakota, Troy has served as Assistant Professor of New Testament at Wartburg Seminary since 2013. Before that, he served for five years as a pastor at Calvary Lutheran church in Grand Forks, and as an adjunct instructor of religion at the University of North Dakota. He completed an M.Div. at Luther Seminary and a Ph.D. in New Testament studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, focusing on Luke and Acts. By vocation, Troy sees himself as a pastor with a specialized call: the education and formation of leaders for the ELCA through Wartburg Seminary. Troy has been married

for over 10 years to Maria. Together they have two children, Timothy and Teresa. On Sabbath time, Troy enjoys biking, camping with his kids, drinking great coffee, cooking, and practicing the discipline of hope by following Minnesota sports teams and the Chicago Cubs.

We give thanks for these talented musicians and the their gifts they will share with us throughout this gathering. Many of these musicians will be playing in worship and leading music for the Tuesday evening 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund for Leaders Beer and Hymn Concert.

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Chris Clay and the Chris Clay Quintet

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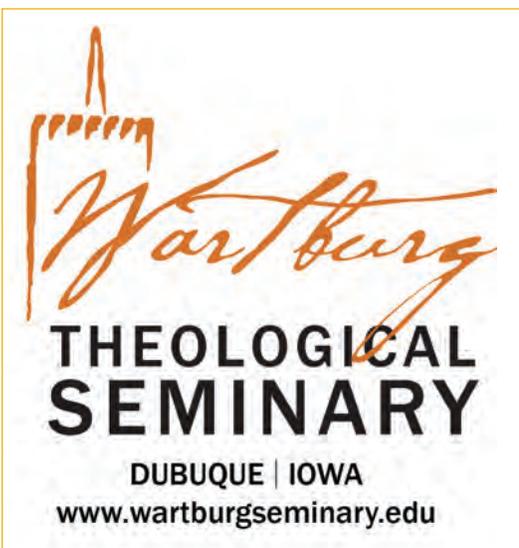
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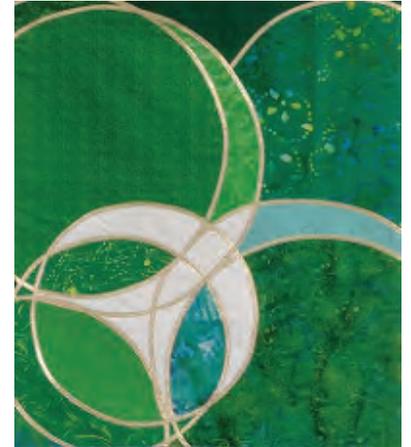




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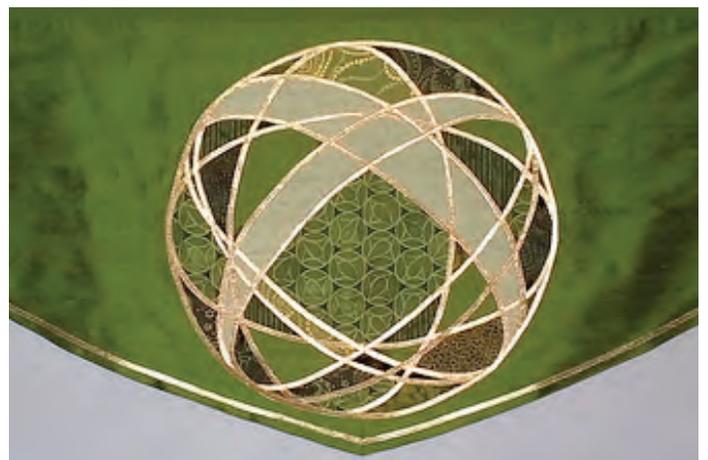
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# Daily Schedule - Tuesday, August 8

**Plan to arrive early for the morning plenary session as the musicians sing you into your day. (Capitol Ballroom)**

## TUESDAY AT A GLANCE

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Stretch and Pray

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study followed by the morning's Keynote Speaker

BREAK

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Affinity Groups and Open Space Conversation

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Options to:

- Attend workshops
- Spend time in the Interaction Center or Vendors/Exhibitors' area
- Participate in Service Learning trips (*pre-registration required*)
- Participate in a Service Learning Project (*pre-registration required*)
- Participate in Spiritual Direction sessions (*by appointment*)

5:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

8:00 p.m. Fund for Leaders 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Beer and Hymns Benefit

7:00 a.m. Registration

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Stretch and Pray (*Georgia 7-12*)

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (*The Rev. Shauna Hannon*)

10:00 a.m. Plenary One with Keynote Speaker (*Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton*)

BREAK

11:00 a.m. Small group conversations

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

12:30 p.m. D.E.M. and Stewardship Tables Lunch (*private event/Piedmont dining room*)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Affinity groups and Open Space conversations (*see page 31 for listings*)

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Interaction Center and Exhibitors and Vendor Space open

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Spiritual Direction sessions (*sign up at registration desk*)

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Service Learning Trips (*Capitol Ballroom pre-function for bus loading*)

- Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum
- Martin Luther King Historical Site
- National Center for Civil and Human Rights

- 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Service Projects (*Capitol Ballroom pre-function for van loading*)
- St. John's Food bank Ministry
  - Gateway Center/Downtown Atlanta
- 2:15 - 3:30 p.m. Workshops
- 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation (*Georgia 2*)
  - Advocacy as Public Witness (*Georgia 3*)
  - Another Century of Faithful Proclamation: Toward a Lutheran Lay Preaching Movement (*Augusta*)
  - Being a Grounded Leader: Uniting Dr. Brené Brown's Research with Church Leadership (*Georgia 4*)
  - Called to the Intersection of the Word: How Word and Sacrament and Word and Service (*Georgia 6*)
  - Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry, Eucharist (*Atlanta 1*)
  - Deconstructing the "Narrative of the Lie:" Accompaniment and Narratives of Origin and Destination (*Valdosta*)
  - ELCA Social Teaching: What's the Reformation got to do with it? (*Savannah 2*)
  - Faith Amidst Crisis: Ministry Moments in *extremis* (*Atlanta 2*)
  - How can a good constitution help my ministry? (*Atlanta 3*)
  - Leadership Development through Coaching (*Savannah 3*)
  - Might Community Development Services be in your future? (*Atlanta 4*)
  - Singing the Church's Song in "iCulture" (*Atlanta 5*)
  - The 6 ½ Worst Things You Can Do With Your Benefits (*Macon*)
  - The Church Unknown - Reflections of a Millennial Pastor (*Savannah 1*)
- 3:45 - 5:00 p.m. Workshops
- A Different Front Door (*Georgia 3*)
  - Another Century of Faithful Proclamation: Toward a Lutheran Lay Preaching Movement (*Augusta*)
  - Cross+Generational Faith Formation (*Georgia 4*)
  - Dementia through a pastoral theological lens (*Georgia 5*)
  - Dimensions of Prayer (*Georgia 6*)
  - Grow Hold Fold: Turning around faith-based organizations for the 21<sup>st</sup> century (*Macon*)
  - Lutheran-Jewish and Lutheran-Muslim Relations (*Atlanta 1*)
  - Racism and the Church: No Bigotry Allowed (*Atlanta 2*)
  - Reconciling in Christ, what does that mean? (*Atlanta 3*)
  - Sabbaticals (*Atlanta 4*)
  - Theo-Poetics: Using Poetry and Hip Hop as tools of Worship and Resistance (*Atlanta 5*)
  - We are all one in Christ (*Savannah 1*)
  - What's up with my congregation? (*Valdosta*)
  - Writing Project for Women of Color (*Savannah 2*)
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner on your own
- 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. African Descent Dinner (*private event/LTCA, Capitol Ballroom pre-function for bus loading*)
- 8:00 - 9:30 pm Fund for Leaders 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Beer and Hymns Benefit Concert (*Capitol Ballroom*)





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# Daily Schedule - Wednesday, August 9

**Plan to arrive early for the morning plenary session as the musicians sing you into your day. (Capitol Ballroom)**

## WEDNESDAY AT A GLANCE

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Stretch and Pray

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study followed by the morning's Keynote Speaker

BREAK

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Affinity Groups and Open Space Conversation

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Options to:

- Attend workshops
- Spend time in the Interaction Center or Vendors/Exhibitors' area
- Participate in Service Learning trips (*pre-registration required*)
- Participate in a Service Learning Project (*pre-registration required*)
- Participate in Spiritual Direction sessions (*by appointment*)

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Seminary Alumni Reception (*poolside*)

7:00 p.m. Celebration banquet

7:30 a.m. Registration

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Stretch and Pray (*Georgia 7-12*)

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (*The Rev. Jay Alanis*)

10:00 a.m. Plenary One with Keynote Speaker (*The Rev. Dr. James Forbes*)

BREAK

11:00 a.m. Small group conversations

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Persons of Color Ministry Conversation (*private event/Piedmont Room*)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Affinity groups and Open Space conversations (*see page 31 for listings*)

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Interaction Center and Exhibitors and Vendor Space open

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Spiritual Direction sessions (*sign up at registration desk*)

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Service Learning Trips (*Capitol Ballroom pre-function for bus loading*)

- Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum
- Martin Luther King Historical Site
- National Center for Civil and Human Rights

- 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Service Projects (*Capitol Ballroom pre-function for van loading*)
- Lutheran Services of Georgia
    - Refugee Settlement Program
    - Cultural Exchange Visit
- 2:15 - 3:30 pm Workshops
- 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation (*Georgia 2*)
  - Advancing Racial Equity Training (*Georgia 3*)
  - Best Practices for Developing and Managing Online Communities (*Augusta*)
  - Considering a Call in Chaplaincy Ministries: Military, VA and Federal Prisons (*Georgia 6*)
  - Curating Worship for a Cross-Cultural Context (*Atlanta 1*)
  - Discipleship < - - > Stewardship: Moving from got to to get to in your Journey of Faith (*Atlanta 2*)
  - Faith Formation in the ELCA (*Valdosta*)
  - How did we get here---and what do we do now? (*Georgia 5*)
  - Life of Faith: Equipping a Congregation that Equips the Baptized for Ministry (*Savannah 2*)
  - Paperless Music - A Strategy for Enriching and Enlivening Worship (*Savannah 3*)
  - Politics and Preaching: The Proclamation of the Gospel in the Midst of Difficult Times (*Macon*)
  - The church at work through Domestic Mission (*Atlanta 3*)
  - What Does it Mean to Be Lutheran in a Multi-Religious World? (*Atlanta 5*)
  - What's up with my family? (*Atlanta 4*)
- 3:45 - 5:00 pm Workshops
- Cross+Generational Worship (*Georgia 2*)
  - ELCA Mission Advancement – Resources for you! (*Georgia 3*)
  - Gender-based Violence and Lutheran Theology: Toward Liberation and Reconciliation (*Georgia 4*)
  - How did we get here---and what do we do now? (*Georgia 5*)
  - How Do We Take a Picture of That? Creative Ways to Use Story in Mission Support (*Atlanta 2*)
  - How to Think About Your Next Call (*Georgia 6*)
  - Is there a place for us in the church: Exploring the Contemporary World of Young Adults (*Atlanta 1*)
  - Leadership Development through Coaching (*Savannah 1*)
  - Life of Faith: Equipping a Congregation that Equips the Baptized for Ministry (*Savannah 2*)
  - Singing the Church's Song in "iCulture" (*Atlanta 3*)
  - Social Media and Digital Ministry (*Augusta*)
  - The 6 ½ Worst Things You Can Do With Your Benefits (*Macon*)
- 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Seminary Alumni Reception (*Poolside*)
- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Celebration banquet with live music (*Grand Ballroom*)





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# Daily Schedule - Thursday, August 10

*Plan to arrive early for the morning plenary session as the musicians sing you into your day. (Capitol Ballroom)*

## THURSDAY AT A GLANCE

- 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.    Stretch and Pray  
8:30 a.m.            Morning Prayer  
9:15 - 10:00 a.m.   Bible Study followed by the morning's Keynote Speaker  
BREAK  
11:00 a.m.            Closing worship with Holy Communion

GO IN PEACE

- 7:00 a.m.            Registration  
7:00-8:00 a.m.      Stretch and Pray (*Georgia 7-12*)  
8:30 a.m.            Morning Prayer  
9:15 - 10:00 a.m.   Bible Study (*The Rev. Dr. Troy Troftgruben*)  
10:00 a.m.           Keynote Speaker (*Ms. Rachel Held Evans*)  
10:45 - 11:00 a.m.   BREAK  
11:00 a.m.           Closing worship
  - Presiding: The Rev. Kevin Strickland
  - Preaching: Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

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## PRE-EVENT GATHERINGS

### Federal Chaplains

The ELCA Bureau for Federal Chaplaincy Ministries requires all chaplains to attend the annual ecclesiastical professional development training in order to remain in good standing for endorsement unless prevented by military deployment or organizational mission requirements. This annual chaplain training is known as the Chaplain Education and Training Event. It provides a time for our military (both active duty and reserves), Veterans Affairs and Bureau of Prison chaplains a time for worship, spiritual renewal, continuing education, best practices, networking and fellowship. This training also allows our chaplains to maintain the highest level of proficiency in pastoral care ministry. This gathering will take place August 6-7.

### Young Rostered Ministers

Your ministry matters. Gather with fellow young rostered ministers to be energized, encouraged, and equipped for the work you do every day among the people of God. Be reminded that you are not the leaders of tomorrow or of the future, but the leaders of today.

This pre-gathering is intended for rostered ministers in their 20s and 30s. From the evening of Sunday, August 6 through the afternoon of Monday, August 7, you will be invited to share your story and hear the stories of your peers as we explore what brought us to this calling, how to be sustained in our ministries, and hope for the future of the church. There will be worship, a time with Bishop Eaton, presentations from fellow young rostered ministers, mini-workshops, and time to socialize and network with other participants.

## WORSHIP

As Lutherans, worship is at the heart of who we are and what we do. We will gather each day in worship, centering ourselves in prayer and song, word and sacrament, and together as the body of Christ. Monday, our gathering begins with a festival Eucharist service. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; we will begin each day with Morning Prayer. Thursday, we will end out time with another festival Eucharist service, being sent out to love and serve the world.

There will be two offerings received at this gathering. On Monday, offerings will go to: ELCA World Hunger. Thursday's offering will go to: Missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission. Offerings at this gathering may be made in cash, by check (payable to the ELCA, indicate designation on memo line) or with a credit card by visiting the registration desk at any time during the gathering or at [ELCA.org/offering](http://ELCA.org/offering).

## PRESIDING BISHOP'S RECEPTION

On Monday evening, following the opening worship, everyone is invited to attend the Presiding Bishop's reception in the Grand Ballroom (Level 3). Come and enjoy great food, live entertainment from the award-winning TAMS, greet old friends and meet new colleagues. There will be cash-bars available.

## AFFINITY—OPEN SPACE CONVERSATION

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. we offer Affinity Groups or what is sometimes called Open Space time. Different from workshops, this is an opportunity for open conversation and to learn more about a topic. The following Affinity Groups and Open Space opportunities will be offered:

### Tuesday

- 1517 Media (*Valdosta Room*)
- AMMPARO (*Georgia 2*)
- Asian Ministry Caucus (*Atlanta 3*)
- Desert Springs Resorts (*Savannah 2*)
- ELCA Coaching (*Savannah 1*)
- Federal Credit Union (*Savannah 3*)
- Latino Ministry Caucus (*Atlanta 2*)
- Portico (*Macon Room*)
- The Gift and Challenge of Cross Cultural Alliances (*Atlanta 1*)
- Word and Service Roster (*Augusta Room*)

### Wednesday

- Last Call a look at Retirement (*Macon Room*)
- LEIRN Lutheran Ecumenical Interfaith Religious Network (*Savannah 3*)
- Outdoor Ministry (*Savannah 2*)
- Seminary and Theological Conversation with Seminary Presidents/Deans (*Valdosta Room*)
- Youth Gathering (*Augusta Room*)

## BEER AND HYMNS CONCERT: 20TH ANNIVERSARY ELCA FUND FOR LEADERS BENEFIT

2017 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ELCA Fund for Leaders program. This scholarship program makes it possible for more and more people to attend seminary in a more affordable way. During this first-ever Rostered Ministers Gathering, we have an opportunity to gather for fun and fellowship on Tuesday, August 8 from 8:00-9:30 p.m. in the Capitol Ballroom for “Beer (or beverage of choice) and Hymns” concert. Jonathan Rundman, Rachel Kurtz, Peter Mayer, Brenden Mayer, Chris Clay, AGAPE\*, Joe Davis, Justin Rimbo and others will lead this event. You will hear some of our musicians songs as well as join them in singing some of the great hymns of faith. This concern is part of your event registration.

A free-will offering will be received for the ELCA Fund for Leaders programs. Donations will be received in cash, by check (payable to the ELCA, indicate “Fund for Leaders” on the memo line) or with a credit card from ‘cashiers’ during the concert, at registration throughout the event or at [ELCA.org/offering](http://ELCA.org/offering).

## FESTIVAL BANQUET

On Wednesday evening, we will gather in the Grand Ballroom (level 3) for a festival banquet and live Jazz by the Chris Clay Quintet. Join us as we give thanks for the ministries of this church and for your ministry. There will be cash-bars available.

## FELLOWSHIP OF RECOVERING LUTHERAN MINISTERS

The Fellowship recognizes addiction as primary, progressive, predictable, chronic and terminal. Addiction can be arrested at any stage of its development. Recovery from any and all addiction is a spiritual process. The Fellowship bears witness to this truth at every level in the Church. Lutheran clergy struggling with any form of addiction are welcome in this fellowship. Through FRLC ([frlc.org](http://frlc.org)), during this event, we have made space available in Valdosta for those who wish to meet. It will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. and Tuesday: 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

## INTERACTION CENTER

On Tuesday and Wednesday, stop by the Interaction Center to relax, connect and have fun. In this space you will find:

**Bold Café:** Recharge at the Bold Café oasis, hosted by the Women of the ELCA. Connect to wi-fi and charging stations for your e-devices, relax in the lounge, and grab a snack or beverage.

**Art:** This interaction center experience will be literally “hands on” as you create a small memento to take on your way from the gathering or to share with others.

**ELCA Walk for Water:** Come visit ELCA World Hunger’s Walk for Water and experience firsthand what it is like to carry a 5-gallon jug of water (41.5 pounds) through a simulated water collection experience. Throughout the simulation, you will follow one of five “stories” through a walking track and learn about the water crisis facing our world. Be part of this transformative experience that you can take back to your congregation!

**Faith Practices:** Connect with members of the ELCA Faith Practices team to learn about and take-home resources to enrich your spiritual care for yourself and others.

**Games:** De-stress as you meet new people and embrace your collaborative (or competitive) nature by playing a game. Giant Jenga? Connect4? What else will there be? Come and see!

**Prayer Labyrinth:** A meditative walk on the Labyrinth represents the path to our source and center and back out into the world. Take time to pray for and reflect on your call to ministry by walking the Labyrinth.

**Prayer Stations:** Come and encounter God in a fresh way in the Prayer Station area. Engage your senses and pray in any ancient, yet new way that is relevant to our world today. Inspire your imagination to bring back fresh ideas to your congregations. Times are available for someone to pray individually with you.

**Selfie Booth:** Millennials will know what to do. Us older folks can stop by, watch, and learn.

**Massage:** Neck/Shoulder massage stations will be available for 15 minute massages in the Interaction Center. Need we say more? Get there first!

**Social Media Consulting:** Stop by for social media consultation with folks who utilize social media in their daily ministry and can help you define your “first step” or “next step” in social ministry. Social media consultants are committed to helping you figure out a goal custom fit for your skills and experience.

**Spiritual Direction:** *“Spiritual direction is, in reality, nothing more than a way of leading us to see and obey the real Director – the Holy Spirit hidden in the depths of our soul.” – Thomas Merton*

Spiritual direction will be offered by trained practitioners at the Gathering. If you are in a time of transition, or would simply like to try spiritual direction for the first time, appointments are available at the main registration area at a cost of \$25 per session.

**Stewardship Coaching:** Experience the difference coaching can make in your ministry through an on-site coaching session. Stop by to learn more about the ELCA's Coaching Ministry and sign up for a brief coaching session as you work to address a stewardship, discipleship, or other leadership challenges in your ministry.

## SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

*(Note there is a \$10 additional cost for each service learning activity and this. These activities were signed up for at the time of registration.)*

Visit the award-winning Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum, the only Presidential Library in the Southeast. Learn about the life and career of our 39<sup>th</sup> president and experience a day in the life of a president.

Explore the work he and Rosalynn Carter have done as they traveled throughout the world following the presidency in order to fight disease and promote democracy. See the Nobel Peace Prize received for his important peace work. Enjoy a stroll on the 35 acres of beautiful grounds with two lakes and Japanese Gardens. Other traveling exhibits are also on display.

Martin Luther King, Jr., a young boy grows up in a time of segregation and becomes a dreamer who is moved by destiny into leadership of the modern civil rights movement. Come hear his story and learn about his birth home and where he played as a child. Walk in his footsteps, and hear his voice in the church where he moved hearts and minds. Marvel at how he was an instrument for social change. The Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Site is a part of the National Park System and one of Atlanta's top tourist destinations.

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights is one of the few places in the world educating visitors on the bridge between the American Civil Rights Movement and the contemporary struggle for human rights around the world. Come and explore the fundamental rights of all human beings. Through sharing stories of courage and struggle around the world, gain a deeper understanding of the role you play in helping to protect the rights of all people. Leave inspired and empowered to join the ongoing dialogue about human rights in your own community.

## SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

**Mercy Community Church project:** Spend an afternoon with Atlanta's Mercy Community Church family at St. John's Lutheran Church. Serving the Ponce Corridor for over 11 years, Mercy seeks to work along with neighbors on the streets or in low-income housing in the struggle for life. Participants in this service learning activity will spend the afternoon learning about the ministry, and will assist in preparing a meal for the Mercy family, and guests.

Sign up at the Registration desk upon check-in. There are 14 spaces available for this trip on Tuesday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Gateway Center/Downtown Atlanta:** Engage with the Gateway Center in downtown Atlanta, which provides homeless support services to over 5,000 individuals per year. Participants will receive an orientation followed by service in the clothes closet, the shelter, or meal preparation.

Sign up at the Registration desk upon check-in. There are 14 spaces available for this trip on Tuesday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### Lutheran Services of Georgia – two opportunities:

- **Refugee Resettlement program:** Spend the afternoon learning about refugee resettlement in Georgia from the staff and volunteers of Lutheran Services of Georgia. Service in the clothes closet, tutoring or direct assistance to the extensive refugee population in Atlanta will be included in this experience.

Sign up at the Registration desk upon check-in. There are 14 spaces available for this trip on Wednesday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

- **Cultural Exchange Visit with a Refugee Family:** Visit a refugee family resettled by Lutheran Services of Georgia for an exchange of cultures and friendship. Participants will gather at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church near the refugee community in Clarkston, Georgia to learn about refugee resettlement in Georgia and to prepare for the visits. A LSG staff member will accompany each group visiting a refugee family.

Sign up at the Registration desk upon check-in. There are 9 spaces available for this trip on Wednesday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

## SMALL GROUP CONVERSATIONS

In 2017 the ELCA, together with Lutherans around the world, observes the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. This significant milestone provides an opportunity for this church to look back with joy to our deep theological roots and faith traditions, on our history of being a reformed and reforming church and to a future filled with abundant hope and possibilities.

Propelled by a commitment to Lutheran traditions and to being a community of faith that is always forming and being renewed, the ELCA's presiding bishop, Church Council and Conference of Bishops initiated Called Forward Together in Christ in late 2015. The process sought to engage the ELCA in conversation about future

directions so that the Church Council might reach decisions that help this church journey faithfully and effectively together in the years ahead.

Strategic Directions 2025 is the outcome of that process. Participants in Called Forward Together in Christ – from congregations, synods, the churchwide organization and a wide range of ELCA ministries – resoundingly lifted up similar hopes, concerns and ideas about what should be given importance. The goals and priorities that emerged are not entirely new. They reflect what many in the ELCA already see to be important and draw from other discussions in recent years on the ELCA's strategic direction, especially Living into the Future Together (LIFT)1.

Called Forward Together in Christ has delivered a strategic framework that will serve shared leadership across the ELCA to realize common aspirations and better face the challenges this church faces. This can't be done by one person, or one group, or one expression of this church. This work, this visioning, this ministry; requires us all, on our way. . .together.

These small group conversations will allow you as ministers in this church to share your input and to ask for your help in making these goals, realities. You will be randomly assigned a small group and that room is located on your name tag. You will go to the same room with the same small group each day.

## STRETCH AND PRAY

Join Pastor Murray Finck Tuesday-Thursday morning from 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. for "Stretch and Pray". This will be held in the carpeted hallway outside the Interaction Center by Georgia 7-12. Finck provides a step-by-step guide to forty stretches, movements, and postures to improve physical and spiritual well-being. The book that he authored is based on this and features photographs and devotional reflections for individuals to use to create their own routines. While on a pilgrimage trek through Thailand, Finck discovered the benefits of daily stretching and quiet prayer. Wear comfortable clothing. Towels for floorwork will be provided.



# Workshop Opportunities

*As you read through these offerings, note that some workshops are offered more than once. Workshops are available to all and do not require advance registration. Space is on a first-come, first-serve basis.*

## **10 Ways to use Video Technology in Worship (Georgia 2 – Tues., 3:45)**

Video projection is widely used in worship spaces across the world today. Did you know you could do more than just put the lyrics of the songs on the screens? Participants will consider 10 different ways to harness the power of the projector and learn of many resources available for worship.

Dr. Clayton Faulkner serves as the director for worship, music and technology at Faith Lutheran Church in Missouri City, Texas.

## **500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation (Georgia 2 – Tues., 2:15; Wed., 2:15)**

Is your congregation prepared to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation? Join Bishop Guy Erwin in an interactive workshop that helps you start or enhance your congregational and synodical Reformation anniversary programs. Together, we will explore categories and examples for how you might lift up and honor what Martin Luther did to spark the Reformation, revisit the roots of our Lutheran beliefs and what those roots mean today for us and our engagement with other. Be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to give a confident and joyful witness of the life and freedom in Jesus Christ that is for all.

The Rev. Guy Erwin serves as bishop of the Southwest California synod of the ELCA.

## **A Different Front Door (Georgia 3 – Tues., 3:45)**

Come meet several of our mission developers for a look in to missional churches and how traditional churches can partner with mission developers. These partnerships may not bring people to a traditional church on a Sunday morning, but through partnerships, churches could find ways to become embedded in their communities.

## **Advancing Racial Equity Training (Georgia 3 – Wed., 2:15)**

This training will equip participants to apply a common framework and lens in identifying the many ways racism and other forms of oppression-- manifest within church and across society. Through presentation, materials and discussion--the group will acquire practical tools and strategies for implementing racial equity.

Ms. Judith Roberts serves as program director for racial justice ministries in Domestic Mission unit of the ELCA.

## **Advocacy as Public Witness (Georgia 3 – Tues., 2:15)**

This interactive workshop will examine the opportunities, obstacles and role of rostered ministers in fostering advocacy ministry in their setting. It will provide a brief overview of ELCA Advocacy priorities and how congregations can participate in public witness. There will also be focus on resources that support dialog and communal discernment across partisan divides, and how to teach and model advocacy as a faith practice and baptismal call.

The Rev. Amy Reumann serves as the director for advocacy in the ELCA. She is based in Washington, D.C.

## **Another Century of Faithful Proclamation: Toward a Lutheran Lay Preaching Movement (*Augusta – Tues., 2:15; Tues., 3:45*)**

While ordained ministers bear the responsibility for faithful proclamation, preaching is a ministry of the whole congregation. This workshop will explore how we might faithfully expand the full potential of proclamation by equipping all to preach. Biblical, confessional and contemporary ecclesial documents that support lay preaching will be highlighted.

The Rev. Dr. Shauna Hannan, serves as a professor of preaching at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA.

## **Being a Grounded Leader: Uniting Dr. Brené Brown's Research with Church Leadership (*Georgia 4 – Tues., 2:15*)**

Leading in the church has never been easy . . . and today is no exception. We know this. The challenge is to remain authentically grounded in who God created and gifted each of us to be. Based on the research and curriculum developed by Dr. Brené Brown, we will explore together how the armor we think will keep us safe in chaos may actually keep us hidden and separate instead of connected to our fellow travelers through the power of vulnerability; the power of this Emmaus walk. We will explore the power of boundaries and how to rise strong as a church leader with more authenticity, calm, and inner resiliency rooted in the love of Christ.

The Rev. Sarah Ciavarri is a certified daring way facilitator-consultant and an ELCA pastor. Sarah is the director for spiritual care at Augustana Care Health and Rehabilitation in Apple Valley, Minn.

## **Best Practices for Developing and Managing Online Communities (*Augusta – Wed., 2:15*)**

Whether they're formed intentionally or emerge organically, online communities have been around long enough for best practices to be established. Join longtime online community developer and manager, Meredith Gould to learn about: similarities and differences between virtual and face-to-face communities; the lifecycle of online communities; when and why to develop an online community; digital platform options for online community development; and key characteristics and essential skills for online community managers. If you already participate in one or more online communities, plan to chime in with your experiences of what works, what hasn't, and why.

Meredith Gould, PhD (@meredithgould) is a sociologist, 11x's author, and digital communications professional with wide-ranging expertise. An early adopter of social media, she's nationally known for her passionate advocacy of using online tools for ministry. For more information go to, [www.meredithgould.com](http://www.meredithgould.com).

## **Called to the Intersection of the Word: How Word and Sacrament and Word and Service Ministers Share in God's Work (*Georgia 6 – Tues., 2:15*)**

Join us for a conversation about how Word and Sacrament and Word and Service ministers serve together in ministry, including the gifts, challenges, and differences of ministry shared by both rosters in a parish context.

Pastor Josh and Deacon Shannon Johnson serve together at Faith Lutheran Church of Little Rock, Ark.

## **Considering a Call in Chaplaincy Ministries: Military, VA and Federal Prisons (Georgia 6 – Wed., 2:15)**

Are you open to a public, institutional ministry? Would you like to learn more about the needs and opportunities in federal chaplaincy? The largest young adult ministry in the ELCA is military chaplaincy. Capable, experienced clinical chaplains are needed in the largest health care system in the US – VA medical centers. When Jesus (Matthew 25) speaks about where we see Him, He includes visiting those in prison. For ELCA pastors eligible to serve – either full-time or part-time – there is a continuing need for chaplains. Here is your chance to learn more, have your specific questions addressed and begin the application process on-site.

The Rev. Eric Wester serves as the assistant to the presiding bishop and director for federal chaplaincy in the ELCA and is based in Washington, D.C. The moderator for this workshop is Cmdr. Peter Muschinske, Chaplains Corps, USNR along with with practicing pastors in military, Veterans Affairs hospitals and federal correctional institutions in the Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

## **Cross+Generational Faith Formation (Georgia 4 – Tues., 3:45)**

The church is the one place in today's busy, segregated culture in which you can find five generations together at the same time. Yet, we often shuffle each group off to their own place, missing out on the unique opportunity to learn with and from each other, and model the radically inclusive Kingdom of God. Come learn reasons for intentional cross+generational faith formation, discover techniques for crafting formational experiences that are engaging and relevant to all ages, and practice designing a sample cross+generational celebration!

Deacon Stephanie Luedtke is rostered in the Greater Milwaukee Synod and teaches music in the public-school system.

## **Cross+Generational Worship (Georgia 2 – Wed., 3:45)**

Where can you engage all of the senses, experience both kinesthetic and contemplative activities, and hear ancient words right next to new thoughts and songs? In worship, of course! Worship that is God-centered, holy, relevant, inclusive, and missional speaks to people of all ages, backgrounds, experiences, and generations. Come learn how to look at your worship experience through a cross+generational lens, and brainstorm ways to make it more authentic to who your congregation is, from the oldest member to the youngest.

Deacon Stephanie Luedtke is rostered in the Greater Milwaukee Synod and teaches music in the public-school system.

## **Curating Worship for a Cross-Cultural Context (Atlanta 1 – Wed., 2:15)**

Using case studies, participants will brainstorm how churches in given scenarios can make their worship cross-cultural and contextual. Participants will walk away with strategies to use at their home congregations for making worship more culturally diverse and contextually aware.

Dr. Clayton Faulkner serves as the director for worship, music and technology at Faith Lutheran Church in Missouri City, Texas.

## **Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry, Eucharist (*Atlanta 1 – Tues., 2:15*)**

How do we take the agreements reached in theological dialogue into the lives of our church communities? What have Lutherans and Catholics said together on these three crucial subjects—and what differences still remain? What can local communities do to claim the progress made on the way to visible unity? Goals: to introduce the Declaration on the Way in the context of 50 years' engagement between Lutherans and Catholics and to provide an opportunity to examine the Statement of Agreements, 32 common affirmations to be considered by the churchwide assembly.

Dr. Kathryn Johnson serves in the Office of the Presiding Bishop as the director for ecumenical inter-religious relations in the ELCA.

## **Deconstructing the “Narrative of the Lie:” Accompaniment and Narratives of Origin and Destination (*Valdosta – Tues., 2:15*)**

This workshop will explore how narratives are created and used to perpetuate systems of exclusion and marginalization, and the liberating power of a relational ontology in constructing “alternative realities.”

The Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla serves as executive director of the Global Mission unit of the ELCA.

## **Dementia through a pastoral theological lens (*Georgia 5 – Tues., 3:45*)**

This workshop will provide a pastoral, theological lens through which to view dementia, definitions of dementia, theological reflections on dementia, implications for the church's life and ministry, and practical guidance for pastoral ministry among this growing population.

The Rev. Christine C.R. Parham has served as a chaplain in a variety of settings and is a pastor in the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA.

## **Dimensions of Prayer (*Georgia 6 – Tues., 3:45*)**

Rostered ministers are often so busy guiding others in their spiritual lives, that they do not take the time to explore various dimensions of prayer. This workshop will offer participants the opportunity to learn about, talk about and experience various aspects of prayer. For example, two topics are the joys and challenges of prayer; and starting a prayer journal.

The Rev. Brenda Smith serves as the director of discipleship in the Domestic Mission unit of the ELCA.

## **Discipleship < - - > Stewardship: Moving from got to to get to in your Journey of Faith (*Atlanta 2 – Wed., 2:15*)**

At times in our faith journeys, those practices we do to draw closer to Christ become obligations or got to experiences, instead of being experiences that bring joy as we live out our faith in daily life. This workshop will offer a framework and resources on how our stewardship and discipleship practices can move from got to to get to experiences that are reflective of our thankfulness for the ability to give and to love and follow Jesus.

The Rev. Brenda Smith serves as director for discipleship and Mr. Keith Mundy serves as program director for stewardship in the Domestic Mission unit of the ELCA.

## **ELCA Mission Advancement – Resources for you! (*Georgia 3 – Wed., 3:45*)**

Experience some of the many resources available to your congregation from the ELCA churchwide organization – congregational toolkits, educational resources, videos, public relations and media training, use of social media, story ideas, legacy gift planning, investing for mission! And learn how, together, we are active in the world through the ministries that we share – ELCA World Hunger, Fund for Leaders, Global Church Sponsorship, Lutheran Disaster Response, the Campaign for the ELCA.

Ms. Jocelyn Fuller serves as director for strategic communications in the Mission Advancement unit of the ELCA. The Rev. Ron Glusenkamp serves as director for the Campaign of the ELCA in the Mission Advancement unit of the ELCA.

## **ELCA Social Teaching: What’s the Reformation got to do with it? (*Savannah 2 – Tues., 2:15*)**

The Reformation movement’s insistence on justification as the chief article of faith led to foundational shifts in moral and social thinking 500 years ago. But what are the implications for Christian living and how the ELCA addresses social issues? This workshop explores links between neglected social and economic dimensions of the Reformation and the ELCA social teaching and practice today.

The Rev. Roger Willer serves in the Office of the Presiding Bishop as director for theological ethics in the ELCA.

## **Faith Amidst Crisis: Ministry Moments *in extremis* (*Atlanta 2 – Tues., 2:15*)**

Pastors and deacons are needed at times of crises, when life’s worst moments strike – unexpected death, community disaster, risk of suicide or mental health crisis. Depending on your setting, it is likely you will be thrust into critical moments with an individual, a family, loved ones and caregivers facing ultimate questions. People will look to you, listen to your words and observe your action to draw strength and search for resources of faith in God. Here, you will meet ELCA colleagues in chaplaincy whose experience can be a resource for you and help you ask penetrating questions. This is a chance to listen, learn and raise a question about your ministry in extremis.

The Rev. Eric Wester serves as the assistant to the presiding bishop and director for federal chaplaincy in the ELCA and is based in Washington, D.C. Capt. John Swanson serves in the Chaplains Corps, U.S. Navy along with a panel of practicing chaplains.

## **Faith Formation in the ELCA (*Valdosta – Wed., 2:15*)**

“Imagine people of ALL ages living their faith, claiming their Christian identity, and sharing God’s love in the world in creative and unique ways. Join us to hear about current practices in Intergenerational Faith Formation including the ELCA’s benchmarks.”

The Rev. Janelle Rozek Hooper serves as the program director for ministry with children in the Domestic Mission unit of the ELCA.

## **Gender-based Violence and Lutheran Theology: Toward Liberation and Reconciliation (*Georgia 4 – Wed., 3:45*)**

Rostered ministers are in a unique position to help people see the connections between faith and what is going on in the world. Examine what gender-based violence is and how it affects everyone, and explore how theology both contributes to gender-based violence and fosters liberation and reconciliation. Gain ways to see, think about, respond to, and prevent gender-based violence locally, nationally, and globally.

Dr. Mary J. Streufert serves as director, justice for women in the Office of the Presiding Bishop.

## **Grow Hold Fold: Turning around faith-based organizations for the 21<sup>st</sup> century (*Macon – Tues., 3:45*)**

In the face of rapid changes in the importance of religion in society, lifestyles and technology how do faith based organizations (congregations, seminaries & others) make the radical shifts necessary to continue to proclaim a grace-filled Gospel while renewing and revitalizing our ministries for the 21st century? 1517 Media, the ELCA's ministry of publishing (parent organization of Augsburg Fortress, Fortress Press and Sparkhouse) has wrestled with this challenge and dramatically changed their priorities and processes in recent years. By focusing on a grow, hold, fold strategic framework combined with effective use of technology not only for delivering content, but also streamlining internal processes, they have moved from being a money-losing traditional denominational publishing house to a successful media organization creating dynamic print, digital and video content for congregations, higher education, individuals and families. In this keynote address, you will hear some practical techniques that have worked for 1517 Media to apply to your ministry.

Ms. Beth Lewis serves as president and chief executive officer for 1517 Media (parent company for Augsburg Fortress, Fortress Press and Sparkhouse).

## **How can a good constitution help my ministry? (*Atlanta 3 – Tues., 2:15*)**

This session would look at what are the required, for good order, and how do we make this document a tool for good ministry. Constitutions should give structure to the work of the church. What questions might we ask of our governing documents so that they are good tools in our work.

The Rev. Chris Boerger serves as the Secretary of the ELCA and prior to this call, he served as a synodical bishop.

## **How did we get here---and what do we do now? (*Georgia 5 – Wed., 2:15, Wed., 3:45*)**

This session will explore three questions: (1) Why are Lutherans most often found in great numbers in some geographical locations in North America but not others? (2) How has this reality affected our witness and mission? And (3) What might we do differently - and what might we keep the same - as we address our mission to the world as Lutheran Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

Dr. Susan McArver serves as professor of church history and educational ministry at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C.

## **How Do We Take a Picture of That? Creative Ways to Use Story in Mission Support (*Atlanta 2 – Wed., 3:45*)**

Everyone loves a good story. The holy grail in marketing and advertising is a good story. The Church has a life changing story and every member has a role in that story. In this workshop we will learn how to tap those stories that connect us to our mission and inspire generosity and share them widely through social media and other digital tools.

The Rev. Dr. Sandra Chrostowski serves as director for D.E.M. relationships in the Domestic Mission unit of the ELCA. The Rev. Dr. Joelle Colville-Hanson serves as director for evangelical mission in the Northeastern Iowa Synod. Ms. Victoria Flood serves as director for mission support in the Mission Advancement unit of the ELCA.

## **How to Think About Your Next Call (*Georgia 6 – Wed., 3:45*)**

This workshop is a facilitated discussion considering how you might think about your next call. A synod bishop and a member of the ELCA churchwide staff present ideas about considering short- and long-term approaches to your service as a minister. This is not a session where specific openings will be discussed but a chance to identify important and relevant factors for how you might approach the arc of your career as a minister.

The Rev. Eric Wester serves as the assistant to the presiding bishop for federal chaplaincy ministry in the Office of the Presiding Bishop. The Rev. Richard Graham serves as bishop of the Metropolitan D.C. synod of the ELCA.

## **Is there a place for us in the church: Exploring the Contemporary World of Young Adults (*Atlanta 1 – Wed., 3:45*)**

ELCA Campus Ministry is currently involved in a major research project to better understand the lives and sensibilities of today's young adults. The research is also attempting to identify the most significant keys to effective ministry among young adults. The purpose of this workshop is to share some of the early findings of this research, and to propose the challenges and opportunities facing the church as it seeks to engage young adults in meaningful and life-changing ways. We hope this time together will strengthen and enhance our ministry among young adults in both campus ministry and congregational settings.

The Rev. Chris Heavner serves as campus pastor for Clemson University in Clemson, S.C.

## **Leadership Development through Coaching (*Savannah 3 – Tues., 2:15; Savannah 1 Wed., 3:45*)**

This experiential coaching workshop will introduce you to coaching as a tool for increasing your capacity as a ministry leader in your setting, as well as a resource that can help you listen to others to draw out their vocation and dreams, guide them to determine actions, and improve accountability. You'll also learn about the ELCA's Coaching Ministry and how it is working with synods to equip leaders with basic coaching skills.

The Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson serves in the Domestic Mission unit as Coordinator, Area Ministry Strategies, Coaching and Natural Church Development in the ELCA.

## **Life of Faith: Equipping a Congregation that Equips the Baptized for Ministry (Savannah 2 – Wed., 2:15; Wed., 3:45)**

Imagine a church that carries Jesus' love into the world in countless ways and places. Imagine a church that provides healing, comfort, and care for the sick and suffering—every day, near and far. Imagine a church engaged in ministry that is so far-reaching that it's impossible to count, categorize, or report. Now imagine being part of such a church without having to ask people to do anything more or to give anything more. When we see ministry as something that is shared by all God's people rather than provided to God's people by a chosen few, burdens will be lifted and we will find more joy, more freedom, and more meaning in ministry than we ever thought possible.

The Rev. Dwight Dubois is an ELCA pastor and instructor at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa and author of *The Scattering: Imagining a Church that Connects Faith and Life*.

## **Lutheran-Jewish and Lutheran-Muslim Relations (Atlanta 1 – Tues., 3:45)**

In 1994 the ELCA adopted a Declaration to the Jewish Community, repudiating Luther's anti-Judaic writings and reaching out in right relationship to the Jewish people in our communities and globally. Our commitments to opposing and preventing anti-Semitism continue to be an important part of our witness and life as a church, and our social justice work with Jewish partners is an important part of our witness historically, and into the future. Luther's relationship to the "Turks" is also a complicated part of our legacy, which must be closely examined as our Lutheran-Muslim relations become increasingly important. Over the last fifteen years, our relations have taken three primary forms: rapid response to anti-Muslim bigotry, relationship-building and dialogue, and cooperation for the common good. This workshop will equip participants with information about existing resources for study, reflection, dialogue, and cooperation and invite conversation about the unique role rostered ministers can and do play in cultivating and tending to this church's relations with Jews and Muslims.

Ms. Kathryn Lohre serves as the assistant to the presiding bishop/executive for ecumenical and interreligious relations of the ELCA.

## **Might Community Development Services be in your future? (Atlanta 4 – Tues., 2:15)**

The Community Development Services Program accompany's, assists, and provides resources for congregations, social ministry organizations, and non-profits that address matters of poverty and social justice issues; the workshop will focus specifically on accessing the Domestic Hunger Grants Program and Developmental Loan Fund, and the Missional Sustainability Program.

Mr. Joe Young serves as the program director for community development services in the Domestic Mission unit of the ELCA.

## **Paperless Music - A Strategy for Enriching and Enlivening Worship** **(Savannah 3 – Tues., 3:45; Wed., 3:45)**

Explore the ancient and new practice of paperless music leadership, sharing songs as people did before music or words were written down. Experience how singing without hymnals or screens invites group learning, deepens connection to others, and helps us rediscover our innate musicality. Notice how singing by ear and by heart strengthens our ability to sing together with paper, and can become a powerful tool to empower and awaken congregational voices.

Paul Vasile is a freelance church musician, consultant, and composer based in New York City. He also serves as the Executive Director of Music that Makes Community and is passionate about modeling and sharing leadership practices that sustain the musical and spiritual life of faith communities.

## **Politics and Preaching: The Proclamation of the Gospel in the Midst of Difficult Times** **(Macon – Wed., 2:15)**

This workshop will explore difficult questions raised in addressing public policy questions from the pulpit and effective strategies for doing so.

The Rev, Delmer Chilton, a former assistant to the bishop in the Southeastern Synod, writes the weekly Lectionary Blog for the Living Lutheran website and is the co-author of four books on preaching and the lectionary texts, as well as a contributor to the Abingdon Creative Preaching Annuals. He frequently conducts preaching workshops and seminars and currently serves as a fulltime interim pastor.

## **Racism and the Church: No Bigotry Allowed** **(Atlanta 2 – Tues., 3:45)**

If Howard Thurman is correct that a community is a place where potential is actualized, then it must also be a place of nurture. However, in our society bigotry has often truncated the actualization of potential by institutionalized and systemic processes. This workshop will explore a history of racial tension and explore through a lens of establishing heretical friendships and advocacy how to neutralize bigotry and dismantle its lingering effects.

The Rev. Ronald S. Bonner serves as the pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Atlanta, and as director of evangelical mission and assistant to the bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA.

## **Reconciling in Christ, what does that mean?** **(Atlanta 3 – Tues., 3:45)**

For 34 years, Reconciling Works has accompanied the Lutheran church and the ELCA in a journey of welcome, inclusion, and celebration of LGBTQ people and their families through the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) program. Learn and share about what it means to be RIC and how to extend hospitality, care, and support to LGBTQ members of your congregation and community through words and actions.

Ms. Aubrey Thonvold serves as the executive director for Reconciling Works.

## **Sabbaticals (*Atlanta 4 – Tues., 3:45*)**

The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary provide grants of up to \$50,000 to congregations to support their pastors taking a 3-4 month renewal leave. Up to \$15,000 of that money can be used by the congregation to cover costs while the pastor is away. Come find out more about these programs, the benefits of clergy sabbaticals, and insights on best practices for applying.

Dr. Robert Saler is executive director for the Center for Pastoral Excellence and research professor of Lutheran Studies at Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) in Indianapolis. He has directed the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs, which CTS administers on behalf of Lilly Endowment Inc. since 2012.

## **Singing the Church's Song in "iCulture" (*Atlanta 5 – Tues., 2:15; Atlanta 3 – Wed., 3:45*)**

It is fitting that the Holy Communion section of ELW begins (p. 89) with an image of the Emmaus story: a stranger is welcomed, the word heard, a meal shared, Christ recognized, and we go to tell others. Liturgy is something the church does together and publicly, yet our words about worship often focus on individual tastes, preferences, and labels that advertise rather than invite. This workshop invites participants to think about how all rostered ministers—not just musicians—might break open some of the casual labels and language that sometimes obscure our sense of what it means to worship on the way together, both in our local communities and across the wider church.

Mr. Chad Fothergill is a church musician and currently working on a PhD in music in Philadelphia, Pa.

## **Social Media and Digital Ministry (*Augusta – Wed., 3:45*)**

Like it, love it, or tolerate it—social media is a must-have for today's church. Newcomers, as well as experienced users, are invited to join Meredith Gould for a lively workshop about current best practices in digital ministry. Learn about: starting with strategy and developing tactics before choosing tools; generational differences that matter – and ones that don't; must-use social networking platforms. Bring questions, concerns, and examples of pesky challenges you've encountered for practical, actionable problem-solving. No irritation too minimal; no challenge too big—or weird. This workshop is an opportunity to receive consultation from a pioneer in digital ministry.

Meredith Gould, PhD (@meredithgould) is a sociologist, 11x's author, and digital communications professional with wide-ranging expertise. An early adopter of social media, she's nationally known for her passionate advocacy of using online tools for ministry. For more information go to [meredithgould.com](http://meredithgould.com).

## **The 6½ Worst Things You Can Do with Your Benefits (*Macon – Tues., 2:15; Wed., 3:45*)**

Have you made any of these mistakes? If so, you're not alone. (Trust us.) Join Rev. Jeff Thiemann, president of Portico Benefit Services, as he shares his top tips –and a few enlightening stories – to help you make the most of your ELCA retirement and health benefits.

The Rev. Jeff Thiemann is the president of Portico Benefit Services.

## **The church at work through Domestic Mission (*Atlanta 3 – Wed., 2:15*)**

The Domestic Mission Unit of the ELCA invites rostered ministers into a conversation about how together we can focus on vitality as we plant and support congregations and communities of Jesus in their mission in the world in a time such as this. We will pay particular attention to the formation, nurture and growth of leaders for this mission, as well as lifelong faith formation for the discipleship of all the baptized for this mission. We want to hear your experience and vision, as we will also share some initiatives to support the ministry of our rostered ministers and the places they serve. We will also pay attention to the context in the global\local public arena, today's mission field.

The Rev. Stephen Bouman serves as executive director for Domestic Mission of the ELCA.

## **The Church Unknown - Reflections of a Millennial Pastor (*Savannah 1 – Tues., 2:15*)**

This workshop will explore reasons why many members of the Millennial generation have fallen away from the church and what keeps them from coming back. These challenging realities will be discussed from the perspective of a Millennial pastor, Rev. Seth Nelson, who argues that young adults struggling with church attendance have important things for church goers to hear. Rev. Nelson will discuss that while there are many unknown aspects of the Millennial drift from church, there is also an unknown future in which they may be invited to help re-imagine the problems that the church is facing in the present.

The Rev. Seth Nelson is serving as a parish pastor in the Montana Synod of the ELCA.

## **Theo-Poetics: Using Poetry and Hip Hop as tools of Worship and Resistance (*Atlanta 5 – Tues., 3:45*)**

In this interactive workshop, National Performing Artists David Scherer (AGAPE\*) and Joe Davis explore what it means to use the creative arts to speak prophetically and pastorally to our church and our world. Through performing, worshipping, and writing we will be invited into a deeper conversation about faith and justice into which only art can bring us.

## **We are all one in Christ (*Savannah 1 – Tues., 3:45*)**

This workshop will discuss the growing net of diversity and the dimensions around pastoral care as a model of accompaniment.

The Rev. Idalia Negrón Caamaño serves as pastor at San Pablo Lutheran Church in Puerto Rico and as director of evangelical mission in the Caribbean Synod of the ELCA. Dr. Ivonne Moreno Velazquez, PhD in Psychology, and the Rev. Joseph Castañeda also join in leading the conversation.

## **What Does it Mean to Be Lutheran in a Multi-Religious World? (*Atlanta 5 – Wed., 2:15*)**

As we look beyond 2017, how do we understand and live out our inter-religious commitments as Lutherans living in a rapidly-changing, religiously-diverse world? Goal: Using a case-study approach, touch on the

ecumenical nature of the observance and how we approach being Lutheran in a world of other religions. Equip people with knowledge of the history of ELCA inter-religious relations and ideas of activities for their contexts.

Ms. Kathryn Lohre serves as the assistant to the presiding bishop/executive for ecumenical and interreligious relations of the ELCA.

## What's up with my congregation? (*Valdosta – Tues., 3:45*)

Congregations and ministers have challenges which were unimagined just a few decades ago. In many cases, there is a common expression of loss – loss of direction, loss of people, loss of money. We know of congregations who seem to have found a way toward thoughtful and hopeful creativity. We know of other congregations who seem to be stuck in a quagmire of sameness. This workshop will explore ways to support leaders and ministers as they face congregational stuck-ness and challenge.

Deacon MaryAnn Schwabe serves as national systems coordinator in the Office of the Presiding Bishop. The Rev. Dr. Emlyn Ott serves as associate professor of ministry and pastoral leadership at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.



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## What's up with my family? (*Atlanta 4 – Wed., 2:15*)

Family stressors are part of the normal landscape of life. Yet, when tension spikes, reactions tend to run high and thinking tends to run low. Family (natural) systems theory is a lens which offers a path toward less reactivity. This workshop will engage in a conversation about steering through the sometimes choppy water of family relationships.

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## Writing Project for Women of Color (*Savannah 2 – Tues., 3:45*)

The Rostered Women of Color Writing Project captures stories of women of color from the various racial ethnic communities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. These stories give a window into the joy and pain experienced by these women as they journeyed from discernment to call to placement in this church. Come hear stories and share your own. We will also take a look at research data from the 45th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the ELCA. For women of color, it is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Rev. Wyvetta Bullock serves as assistant to the presiding bishop/executive for administration in the Office of the Presiding Bishop. The Rev. Cheryl Pero serves as the director of the Multicultural Center at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.



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Alma Cocina	Latin American	\$\$	191 Peachtree St.	404-968-9662	Lunch: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Dinner: 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Atlanta Braves All Star Grill	American	\$\$	200 Peachtree St.	404-205-5257	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Atlanta Grill	Southern	\$\$\$	181 Peachtree St. (in the Ritz Carlton Hotel)	404-221-6550	6:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
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McCormick & Schmick's Seafood CNN Center	Seafood, Steak, American	\$\$	190 Marietta St. (in the CNN Center)	404-521-1236	Monday - Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 10:00p.m. Sunday: 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Nikolai's Roof	Contemporary American, French American	\$\$\$	255 Courtland St. (on the 30 <sup>th</sup> floor of the Hilton Hotel)	404-221-6362	Tuesday - Saturday: 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Lounge open until Midnight.
Polaris Lounge	Contemporary American	\$\$	265 Peachtree St. (atop Hyatt Regency Hotel)	404-460-6425	Tuesday - Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Kitchen closes at 11:00 p.m.
Ray's in the City	Seafood	\$\$\$	240 Peachtree St.	404-524-9224	11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sun Dial Restaurant & Bar	Contemporary American	\$\$\$	210 Peachtree St. (atop Westin Peachtree Plaza)	404-589-7506	Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Bar open 4:00 p.m. - close
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## Atlanta History Museum ([atantahistorycenter.com](http://atantahistorycenter.com))

The Atlanta History Center is located in one of Atlanta's most vibrant communities where the stories and mysteries of our region thrive. Our 33-acre experience features award-winning exhibitions, historic houses, enchanting gardens, interactive activities and a variety of year-round adult and family programs. With ticket admission, our guests enjoy complimentary parking and all-inclusive access to Atlanta History Center destinations.

- Cost: \$16.00/adult | \$13.00/students (age 13+) | \$11.00/youth (age 4-12)

## The Swan House ([atantahistorycenter.com](http://atantahistorycenter.com))

Swan House, traditionally known as one of the most recognized and photographed landmarks in Atlanta, is an elegant, classically styled mansion built in 1928 for the Edward H. Inman family, heirs to a cotton brokerage fortune. The mansion, designed by famed Atlanta architect Philip Trammell Shutze, provides a glimpse into the lifestyle of this Atlanta family during the 1920s and 1930s. Explore the many rooms of this beautifully restored historic house and enjoy gardens, fountains and breathtaking views on the Swan House grounds. We offer a variety of experiences at the Swan House including Open House Experiences and a special Capitol Tour.

Entrance into the Swan House is included in the ticket price of the Atlanta History Center.

## The High Museum of Art (high.org)

The High Museum of Art, located in Atlanta, is the leading art museum in the Southeastern United States. Located on Peachtree Street in Midtown, the city's arts district, the High is a division of the Woodruff Arts Center.

- Cost: \$14.50/(age 6+)

## Centennial Olympic Park

Centennial Olympic Park not only serves as a legacy of the 1996 Olympic Games, but is the center of a thriving tourist district with neighbors that include the College Football Hall of Fame, the Center for Civil & Human Rights, the World of Coca-Cola, Georgia Aquarium, CNN Center and Imagine It! The Children's Museum. This downtown Atlanta park is an urban oasis offering an abundance of activities and things to do for visitors, families, convention attendees and locals. Entrance is free.



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