

# 2020 ASSEMBLY



May 14-16, 2020 - Columbia, South Carolina

## Listen God is Calling!

*“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.”*

(Matthew 7:7)

2020 is the Thirty-Third Assembly of the South Carolina Synod – ELCA and the 195<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lutheran Church in South Carolina. The 2020 Assembly will include several items of business for our consideration, including the election of a Bishop using the Ecclesiastical process and the presentation of Nominations for other various offices and committees.

At this Assembly we will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women with several Teaching Moments and we will celebrate the ministry of Bishop Herman Yoos with a Retirement Dinner and Celebration. We plan to share together in Worship, Bible Conversations, Discipleship Experiences. Our Keynote Presentations will be led by Dr. Andrew Root, Luther Seminary.

We have two Special Focus times planned for this Assembly. Friday afternoon everyone will have an opportunity to participate in the Discipleship Experience of their choice. Saturday morning attendees will be able to attend one workshop of their choice on Resourcing Congregations.

We look forward to gathering, listening and doing the work of ministry together. All Sessions meet in the Exhibit Hall unless otherwise indicated.

**Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center + 1101 Lincoln Street + Columbia, South Carolina**

## Registration Information

### Pick up Name Tags & Materials

5/14 beginning 10:00 am

5/15 & 5/16 beginning 8:00 am



**Please note:** You will need to register in advance of Assembly. You can pick up your credentials and materials at the Registration Desk during the times listed above.

The Registration Desk will be open each day throughout the Assembly with the exception of breaks for meals, worship and times during voting when the staff will need to prepare the Report of Registration and wait until after the voting to re-open the registration desk.

**Online Registration** will open in February. All of our registration is done online (no paperwork for assembly is mailed). Registration will close May 4, 2020. **There will not be any registration onsite this year. Please register in advance and before the deadline.**

Go to [www.scsynod.com](http://www.scsynod.com) to Register and to get up-to-date information on assembly. If you need assistance with online registration, please give us a call at the Synod Office (803) 765-0590.

Registration is set up so that individuals may register themselves or one person may register their entire group. Please note that there are several things you will need to know before you register your group. See the list to the right for those things to know. Please get that information from each person you are registering before you start.

**Early Bird Registration Deadline is March 26. No Registrations accepted after May 4 deadline.**

### Display Table Registrations:

Display Table Registration is done online and is available while the tables last. The South Carolina Synod Council must approve all applications for displays at the April Meeting. Every displayer who registers will be notified of Synod Council Action following that meeting.

**Payments:** There are two options for payments.

You can mail a check to the Synod Office within 10 days of your registration. Your check should be made payable to SC Synod with a note that says Assembly Registration. The address is 1003 Richland Street, Columbia, SC 29201 **or** you may pay online at [www.scsynod.com](http://www.scsynod.com).

### Things to know for Registration:

1. Name, Mailing Address Email Address, Phone # (Be sure to provide an email address with each registration)
2. Any Special Needs or Allergies
3. Meal Choice (Friday Lunch & Dinner is included with Registration. See Menu information for food choices)
4. Discipleship Experience Choice (see list pages 11-13)
5. Resourcing Congregation Workshop Choice (see list page 3)

### Registration Fees:

- \$150 - Voting Members
- \$135 - Early Bird by 3/26/2020
- \$135 - Retired Rostered Leaders
- \$135 - Visitors
- \$60 - Friday only Visitor

### Display Table Exhibitor Registration Fees:

- \$177 - Table Only
- \$162 - Early Bird 3/26/2020  
This includes table rental for primary contact only. Other Staff will need to register as Visitors.
- \$227 - Table with 120V electricity
- \$212 - Early Bird 3/26/2020  
This includes table rental with access to electricity for primary contact only. Other Staff will need to

## Meals

Thursday Dinner (on your own)

Friday, May 15, 2020

Lunch & Learn 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Ballroom (2nd Level)

Reception (Cash Bar) 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Ballroom Pre-function Area (2nd Level)

Retirement Dinner Honoring Bishop Yoos 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Ballroom

Retirement Celebration 8:30 - 10:00 p.m. Ballroom and Ballroom Pre-Function

*Friday Lunch & Dinner Menu Choices will be listed on our Synod Website*

Saturday, May 16, 2020

SC Lutheran Men in Mission will host Breakfast. Location & Details TBA



## Resourcing Congregations Workshops

Saturday Morning + Session 4 + 10:28 - 11:00 a.m.

Register to participate in 1 Workshop.

**Using Compensation Guidelines Excel Spreadsheet Effectively** Carolina B  
Pastor Jason Antley & Deacon Lexanne Graves

**Powerful Digital Church Tools of 2020 for Modern Day Worship** Lexington A  
The more effectively you can engage with your congregation, the bigger an impact your ministry is going to have. Join Andrew Dalamba from ELCA preferred vendor Tithe.ly to learn about the most powerful digital tools your congregation can leverage in 2020. Find out how other ELCA congregations are increasing their giving, improving their online presence, freeing up more time for admins, and boosting member engagement, without needing to be a tech expert.

Mr. Andrew Dalamba, ELCA

**The “E” Touch: Using Electronic Resources to Reach- and ENGAGE – a wider audience while spending less.** Lexington B  
Mr. Bryan Burgin, Reformation Lutheran Church Columbia

**Entrusted to Us: Congregational Property for the Care of Neighbor** Congaree A Room  
Learn how congregations can make better use of their land/property in their care for creation.

Pastor Kris Litman-Koon

**Listen! God is Calling: Hearing God’s Call to You** Congaree B Room

All Christians have been called by God. Yet, we all have different gifts, and many different things need to be done. How do we find out what God is calling us to do today? Come join Pastor Ruth Hamilton, Region 9 manager for Candidacy and Leadership, to practice ways of discovering your true vocation and using it to serve God and God’s people.

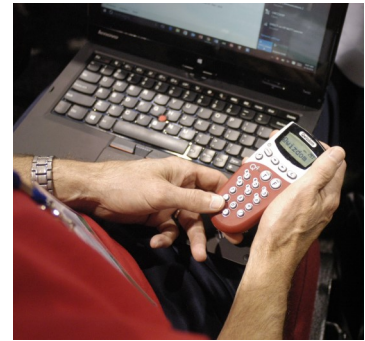
Pastor Ruth Hamilton

## Orientation for Voting Members

**May 14, 2020 12:00—12:45 pm Lexington Room**

Join Bishop Yoos & Mrs. Jean Knight from Qwizdom for information on Elections as well as use of Qwizdom Voting devices.

At this Assembly we will be electing our Synod Bishop by Ecclesiastical Ballot. This Orientation will assist you in understanding that election process as well as the process for General Elections.



## Ecclesiastical Ballot for Bishop

### Constitutional Notes on NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

**S9.04.** The bishop shall be elected by the Synod Assembly by ecclesiastical ballot. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the first ballot. If no one is elected, the first ballot shall be considered the nominating ballot. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast on the second ballot shall be necessary for election. The third ballot shall be limited to the seven persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes on the second ballot, and two-thirds of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. The fourth ballot shall be limited to the three persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the third ballot, and 60 percent of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. On subsequent ballots a majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. These ballots shall be limited to the two persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the previous ballot.

*S9.04.A94. An "ecclesiastical ballot" is an election process:*

- a. In which on the first ballot the name of any eligible individual may be submitted for nomination by a voting member of the assembly;*
- b. Through which the possibility of election to office exists on any ballot by achievement of the required number of votes cast by voting members of the assembly applicable to a particular ballot;*
- c. That precludes spoken floor nominations;*
- d. In which the first ballot is the nominating ballot if no election occurs on the first ballot;*
- e. In which the first ballot defines the total slate of nominees for possible election on a subsequent ballot, with no additional nominations permitted;*
- f. That does not preclude, after the reporting of the first ballot, the right of persons nominated to withdraw their names prior to the casting of the second ballot;*
- g. In which any name appearing on the second ballot may not be subsequently withdrawn;*
- h. That does not preclude an assembly's adoption of rules that permit, at a defined point in the election process and for a defined period of time, speeches to the assembly by nominees or or their representatives and/or a question-and-answer forum in which the nominees or their representatives participate; and*
- i. In which the number of names that appear on any ballot subsequent to the second ballot shall be determined in accordance with provisions of the governing documents (or, if the governing documents are silent, in accordance with rules adopted by the assembly).*

## Retirement Celebration Honoring Bishop Herman R. Yoos, III

Friday, May 15, 2020

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Reception (Ballroom Pre-function Area Second Level)

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Retirement Dinner (Ballroom)

8:30 - 10:00 p.m. Retirement Celebration (Ballroom & Pre-function Area)

Hosted by SC Synod - ELCA Transition Team

Deacon Lexanne Graves, Pastor Wayne Kannaday, Pastor Emily Edenfield,  
Pastor Leroy Cannon, Deacon Sarah Bowers, Deacon Shelley Allen,  
Pastor Jorge Leone, Mrs. Melantha Ardrey



### SC Synod Bishop Herman R. Yoos III

**Date and place of birth:** January 1, 1952, Concord, North Carolina

**Call history and dates served:**

Ordained 1979, North Carolina Synod

1979-82: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC

1982-96: Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Charleston, SC

1996-2008: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Columbia, SC

2008 – Elected Bishop of the South Carolina Synod, ELCA

**Education:** University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, B.A., 1974; Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC, M.Div., 1979; Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, D.Min., 1997

**Family:** Married to Cindy Parker Yoos

Twins, The Rev. Drew (Pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls, WI); (Drew's spouse: The Rev. Sarah Yoos; Mikka, 1-year-old daughter)

Kristi Kendrick (Stay-at-home mom); (Kristi's spouse: Devin Kendrick; Carter, 5-year-old son; Callie, 2-year-old daughter)

Elizabeth (Kindergarten teacher at Forest Lake Elementary, Columbia); (Elizabeth's spouse: Mark McKenna; Parker Joy, 1-year-old daughter)

**Gifts Pastor Yoos brings to the office of bishop in this synod:**

- + A passion for prayer and the sharing of God's Word
- + An ability to listen and connect deeply with people who are struggling
- + An openness to creative new possibilities for ministry and mission

**Bishop Yoos' statement of understanding of God's vision for ministry for this synod:**

"I believe God is at work renewing the congregations of South Carolina and the world. The Holy Spirit is stirring up a deeper passion for being witnesses to the love of Christ in our everyday ordinary lives, and for getting outside the walls of our church to serve the communities around us. We are called to build significant friendships across all racial and cultural boundaries and to work together for God's justice and peace throughout the world."

## Assembly Worship

### Leaders and Schedule

Thursday, May 14, 2020  
5:15 p.m.

Opening Worship  
Holy Communion  
Ebenezer Lutheran Church  
1301 Richland Street

Friday, May 15, 2020  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Evening Worship Exhibit Hall

Saturday, May 16, 2020  
11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Worship with Installation of  
Synod Council

The Offerings Received at the 2020 Assembly worship services are designated by Synod Council toward the children's playground at Cristo Rey, West Columbia.

Cristo Rey is now baptizing 40 children, youth and adults every year. This is a tremendous ministry with our Latino brothers and sisters in Christ. The children of Cristo Rey have already raised over \$5,700 toward their playground goal of approximately \$12,000.

Let's help the children of Cristo Rey make their dream come true. Your generosity is appreciated!

Abundancia Gifts from Congregations will be received during the Bishop's Report.



**Chaplain: The Rev. Maria Miller Perez**

Pastor Maria Miller is a 1990 of Valparaiso University and a 2001 graduate of LTSS. She has been the chaplain of Lutheran Hospice in the Upstate for 16 years and serves as stated supply pastor at Augsburg Lutheran in Union. She is married to Pastor Sean Miller and they have a 13 year old son, Ethan.



**Necrologist: The Rev. Joanna Gragg**

Pastor Joanna serves as Associate Pastor at Mount Horeb Lutheran Church in Chapin, South Carolina. She graduated from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, and was ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament in July of 2018. Joanna is a life-long Lutheran, a second career pastor, and a history and literature lover. She lives in Lexington with her husband, Pastor Nathan Gragg and their three sons: Jonathan, James, and David.



**Chief Musician: Mr. David Turner**

David Turner is the Minister of Music and Worship at Ebenezer where he is the primary service musician and accompanist and director for the adult, children's, and handbell choirs. Recent performances include a recital at the Columbia Trinity Cathedral series in Columbia, SC, a benefit recital at the Roswell Presbyterian Church in Roswell, GA and an extended music education residency in Solidaridad, Mexico and Cange Haiti with the Lila Duo through which he co-founded The Haiti Music Project.

David has presented workshops and sessions throughout the southeast on service playing and improvisation to organists and other instrumentalists including The Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians of South Carolina, The Governor's School for Arts and Humanities, and the Greenville, SC chapter of the AGO. As a member of the Association of Anglican Musicians he played host to the national convention in 2010. He is also an active member of the American Guild of Organists and has served in many leadership capacities within the organization. David has served as the President of the Downtown Symphony Club and sat on the board for the Greenville Symphony Association.

## Assembly Worship Leaders

### Worship Team Leaders



Ashton Roberts is a 2019 graduate of LTSS, where his wife, Jennifer is still a student. Their son Zion is a 6th grader at St. Peter's Catholic School in downtown Columbia. Ashton grew up near Kingsport, TN, and lived outside of Knoxville, TN, for 9 years, where they are members of St. John's Lutheran Church. He served as the stated supply vicar at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hartsville, SC, and is currently serving his internship at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Columbia.



James M. Colwell is a member of St. John, Beaufort since 1987. He has served on Church Council on two occasions and also is active as Worship Assistant. He is the Tubaist in the St. John's Brass Ensemble. Low Brass Section Leader for Lowcountry Wind Symphony, Beaufort and amember of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 12.

### Spanish Language Translator: The Rev. Alejandro Mejia

Pastor Alejandro Mejia Porras is a fourth generation Lutheran from Colombia, South America, currently serving as the Pastor Developer of Parroquia Nuestro Salvador.



He studied theology at the Lutheran School of Theology in his home country, and through the ELCA Teem Program at Pacific Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Alejandro has college degrees in administration and in music.

In Colombia, Pastor Mejia worked as a music educator at school and college. He also served San Marcos Lutheran Church. He has worked extensively in programs for children and youth living in communities at risk, and programs designed for the benefit and wellbeing of single mothers, victims of the violence, refugees, development of leadership, among others.

In his spare time, Alejandro loves to spend time with his two-year-old dog, Tomas, or doing yoga, working out, or traveling.

### Spanish Interpreter: Dr. Manuel Torres

**Thursday evening Worship at Ebenezer is open to everyone.**

**Children are welcome at Assembly. Please include your children in registration and let us know who is coming. We plan to reserve an area for parents with young children to sit together at Assembly Sessions.**

## Bible Conversation Leaders & Schedule

**Bible Conversation 1**      **Thursday, May 14th (Session 1)**      **Leader: The Rev. Dr. Mary Anderson**



**The Rev. Dr. Mary W. Anderson** is currently serving as the interim pastor at Christ Lutheran Church, Hilton Head Island, SC. A native of Columbia, SC, she has been in ministry for 37 years serving in SC and Metro Chicago Synods. Pastor Mary is a graduate of Newberry College, the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) and has a Doctor of Ministry degree in Preaching from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. She is the writer of the devotional blog *Ponder Anew* and has recently developed a website and accompanying app called *MyPocketPreacher* that seeks to provide biblical, spiritual, and theological resources for those who have not engaged in a brick-and-mortar faith community as well as those who have disaffiliated from their congregation. Over the decades she has worked at the intersection of church and society most passionately as an advocate for racial reconciliation and for our homeless neighbors. Her husband, Frank, is pastor of St. Michael's Lutheran Columbia. Their

daughter, Colleen, is a director of nursing in North Carolina and their daughter, Elise, is Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Hixson, TN.

**Bible Conversation 2**      **Friday, May 15th (Session 2)**      **Leader: The Rev. Jackie Utley**



**The Rev. Jacqueline Utley** (fondly called Jackie) is a native of Lake View, SC. Jackie graduated with honors from Coker College (Hartsville, S.C.), earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. She attained a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) in Columbia, S.C., as a non-Lutheran. Jackie is a product of the Church of God In Christ (COGIC) and Methodist (AME) traditions. In 2013 Jackie made history as the first African American to be ordained as a rostered leader of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA. At that time, she became the first African American and female pastor of the Ascension Lutheran Church, in Columbia, S.C.; where she currently serves. Jackie is energetic, passionate, and has a heart for God and for God's people.

**Bible Conversation 3**      **Saturday, May 16th (Session 4)**      **Leader: The Rev. Rachel Hoffman**



**The Rev. Rachel Hoffman** is a pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Rock Hill, SC, where she serves with her husband, The Rev. Gregg Hoffman. They have been at Grace since December 2019 and served previously at Lutheran Church of the Nativity in Arden, NC. She specializes in stewardship and outreach, children, youth, and family ministry, and faith formation. She also serves on the Advisory Board of the Winthrop Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry (WELCM), which is an ecumenical ministry supported by Grace and a local Episcopal congregation. Pr. Rachel enjoys exploring new places, time at the beach, and eating at great restaurants.



## Keynote Speaker: Dr. Andy Root



Andrew Root, PhD (Princeton Theological Seminary) is the Carrie Olson Baalson Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary.

He is most recently the author of *The Pastor in a Secular Age: Ministry to People Who No Longer Need God* (Baker, 2019), *Exploding Stars, Dead Dinosaurs, and Zombies: Youth Ministry in the Age of Science* (Fortress Press, 2018), *Faith Formation in a Secular Age* (Baker, 2017), and *The Grace of Dogs: A Boy a Black Lab and Father's Search for the Canine Soul* (Convergent, 2017).

He has also authored *Christopraxis: A Practical Theology of the Cross* (Fortress, 2014) and *Bonhoeffer as Youth Worker* (Baker, 2014). Root puts together theology and storytelling to explore how ministry leads us into encounter with divine action. His book [\*The Relational Pastor\*](#) (IVP, 2013) as well as a four book series with Zondervan called *A Theological Journey Through Youth Ministry* (titles include *Taking Theology to Youth Ministry*, *Taking the Cross to Youth Ministry*, *Unpacking Scripture in Youth Ministry*, and *Unlocking Mission and Eschatology in Youth Ministry*) break new ground in this direction.

In 2012, his book *The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry* (with Kenda Creasy Dean, IVP, 2011), was Christianity Today Book of Merit. He has written a number of other books on ministry and theology such as *The Children of Divorce: The Loss of Family as the Loss of Being* (Baker Academic, 2010), *The Promise of Despair* (Abingdon, 2010), *Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry: From a Strategy of Influence to a Theology of Incarnation* (IVP, 2007) and *Relationships Unfiltered* (Zondervan/YS, 2009).

Andy has worked in congregations, parachurch ministries, and social service programs. He lives in St. Paul with his wife Kara, two children, Owen and Maisy, and their dog. When not reading, writing, or teaching, Andy spends far too much time watching TV and movies.

**Keynotes will be presented during Friday Morning & Afternoon Sessions, and on Saturday Morning. Some of Dr. Root's books will be available for sale in our Registration Area during Assembly.**

**The Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla,  
Executive Director  
of Global Mission**



**ELCA  
Representative**

The Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla serves as Executive Director of the Global Mission program unit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). In this capacity, he oversees the ELCA's worldwide program, which gives expression to the accompaniment model for mission through the deepening of relationships and cooperation with Lutheran churches in approximately 90 countries. ELCA Global Mission expends about \$35 million annually, including grants to companions, international scholarships, and financial and programmatic support for the work of over 166 missionaries, including Young Adults in Global Mission and volunteers in other countries and 35 Chicago-based staff (two staff members working in the Lutheran Office for World Community located in New York).

Prior to becoming ELCA Global Mission's Executive Director in 2003, Pastor Malpica Padilla served the Division for Global Mission in several positions from 1993 to 2003. Before being called to churchwide service in the ELCA, Pastor Malpica Padilla served as bishop of the ELCA's Caribbean Synod from 1987-1993 and as a parish pastor in Puerto Rico following his ordination in 1981. Pastor Malpica Padilla holds a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Puerto Rico (1977 Cum Laude) and a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (1981). He has been awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees by Newberry College in South Carolina in 1989, the Academy of Ecumenical Indian Theology and Church Administration in India in 2006, Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 2010, and The Serampore College (University) in India in 2019. In 2013, the Caribbean Synod Council awarded him the title Bishop Emeritus of the ELCA Caribbean Synod. Pastor Malpica Padilla's extensive international and ecumenical experience includes serving as an election observer with the US Congregational Delegation in Haiti and El Salvador, member of the executive committee of Church World Service, member of the board of directors of Lutheran World Relief, advisor to the Council of Lutheran World Federation, and member of the Lutheran World Federation team that negotiated with the State of Israel for the tax case of Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem.

Working with companion churches in Latin America and the Caribbean Pr. Malpica Padilla developed *Accompaniment* as the theology for mission guiding the work with churches in the region. This theological approach was adopted by the Division for Global Mission in 1998, and subsequently became the preferred mode for missional engagement in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Pastor Malpica Padilla is married to Luz D. Malpica, an occupational therapist who works with children with learning disabilities.

## Discipleship Experiences

Friday Afternoon + Session 3 + 3:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Register to participate in 1 Experience

### 1. Shoal We Gather at the River

**Leader:** Pastor Kris Littman-Koon

**Location:** Riverfront Park (312 Laurel Street, Columbia) **Transportation provided**

**Description:** Enjoy a walk at Riverfront Park and learn about the rare Rocky Shoals Spider Lily, which will be in bloom. The paved walkway begins with a hill but the remainder is flat, offering visitors beautiful views of the convergence of the Saluda and Broad rivers into the Congaree. After free time to individually explore, we will regroup for a discussion of the area's unique geology, ecology, and the work of the SC Synod's Creation Care Task Force.

### 2. Taking Einstein to Youth Ministry: Faith, Science, and the Faith Formation of Young People

**Leader:** Dr. Andrew Root, Luther Seminary

**Location:** Convention Center TBA

**Description:** For many, the scientific story about a massively expanding, fourteen-billion-year-old universe with black holes and supernovas, makes belief in a personal God who answers prayers difficult. Science, it seems, engages with what we can see, touch, and measure, while Christian faith asks us to believe in what ancient texts tell us about an immeasurable spiritual experience. Young people often find themselves wondering what to believe. Too often they've asked their big questions, about evolution or the big bang, to a youth worker to find only silence, anxiety, or shutting down responses. This presentation will give you a better handle on why and how to respond, preparing you to wrestle with the claims of science for the sake faith formation.

### 3. How the Church can be Good News to Sexual Assault Survivors

**Leader:** Sarah Goode, Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands

**Location:** Convention Center TBA

**Description:** The following workshop and discussion are focused on sexual assault and abuse.\* With the ongoing exposure of sexual abuse and exploitation both outside and inside faith communities, clergy and lay leaders must understand the impact of sexual trauma, spiritual questioning survivors face, practical ways to support and encourage survivors, and what can be done to protect those in their care from sexual violence. In this interactive workshop, we will discuss ways to support survivors of sexual violence and discuss how trauma impacts a survivor's life and spirituality. We will also explore how faith communities can employ a comprehensive approach to sexual violence and ensure that the Church is a safe place.

### 4. Making Difficult Conversations Easier

**Leaders:** Rev. Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

**Location:** Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Voigt 1 **Transportation provided**

**Description:** The work of reconciliation requires us to be able to have difficult conversations well. If relationships are to be authentic and deep, they must deal with bumps in the road. This discipleship experience aims to impart insights and skills for navigating those bumps with grace. Using resources from the Harvard Negotiation Project, participants will gain an understanding of what makes conversations difficult and learn skills for showing up well in conversations where the facts are in dispute, emotions are running high, or one or more conversation partners' core identity feels threatened. Examples will come from conversations in daily life as well as difficult conversations in church contexts.

## Discipleship Experiences Descriptions Continued...

### Friday Afternoon + Session 3 + 3:45 - 5:45 p.m.

#### 5. Mindfulness and Meditation

**Leader:** Vicky Henderson, Muse & Means Creative and Wellbeing

**Location:** Convention Center TBA

**Description:** What IS mindfulness? It's paying attention on purpose, and there are many ways to be mindful. One of the ways we live faithfully is by intentionally being present with God and with others. In this interactive session you'll experience a variety of ways you can bring more mindfulness into all that you do so that we can (1) be more fully present, and (2) respond to the world, one another and ourselves more fully from our true nature and as a called child of God.

#### 6. Retreat! How to Plan a Group Retreat Experience that Creates Holy Space for Relationship, Insight, and Impact

**Leaders:** Philippe Rosse and Deacon Mitzie Schafer, NovusWay Ministries

**Location:** Convention Center TBA

**Description:** As God's people we know in our core that opportunities for fellowship deepen our relationships. Often we long for intentional and purposeful time to gather away from the busyness of life and work. Retreats are a great way to create experiences that deepen relationships and have impact on faith formation or ministry. In this discipleship experience you'll receive a Retreat Planning Guide you can apply to your next congregational or group retreat to help ensure you meet the goals of deepening discipleship and relationships. In addition to this step-by-step planning guide, we will review and discuss ways to set the tone for the event, develop expectations and maximize the outcomes and impact for participants.

#### 7. Authentic Cultural Diversity: An Exploration of "Unchained"

**Leaders:** Pastor Leroy Cannon and Pastor Jackie Utley

**Location:** Convention Center TBA

**Description:** The documentary *Unchained: Generational Trauma and Healing* shares powerful stories about the roots of American racism and the courage needed to bring lasting reconciliation. Participants in this discipleship experience will watch the movie *Unchained*, divide into diverse groups for discussions, and then together seek answers to the question *where is God leading us?*

#### 8. Military Ministry: Serving Those Who Serve

**Leaders:** Pastor Thomas Cassem and Pastor Phil Clark

**Location:** Convention Center TBA

**Description:** Military members in our communities are facing many needs and challenges. Both active duty and reserve military personnel are being deployed into dangerous combat areas in high numbers. They and their families are making tremendous sacrifices to keep us free. How can we help them feel supported? How can we make our churches be more military friendly and welcoming? When they leave military service, some veterans make smooth transitions to civilian life, but others do not. How can we help them make better transitions, get connected and access needed resources, assistance, and housing, and lead more fulfilling lives? Together we will explore ways in which congregations of various denominations are already networking to help military members in their communities. Participants will receive information on military ministry resources and ideas about how their congregations can get more involved.

## Discipleship Experiences Descriptions Continued...

### Friday Afternoon + Session 3 + 3:45 - 5:45 p.m.

#### 9. Refugees Seeking Safety

**Leader:** Bedrija Jazik, Lutheran Services Carolinas

**Host:** TBA

**Location:** Ebenezer, Columbia (1301 Richland Street) **Transportation provided**

**Description:** Our world is facing a migration crisis. More than 70 million people around the globe are facing displacement. Nearly half are considered *children on the move*—refugees, migrants or internally displaced. These children leave their homes, sometimes alone, fleeing violence, war and fragility. They arrive at their destinations seeking safety, familiarity and hope after a journey filled with trauma, violence and loss. They arrive hoping to be welcomed. LSC offers welcome, helps children find safety and reunite with their families. This discipleship experience includes a simulation that helps to educate participants on the issues facing refugees around the world, especially focusing on unaccompanied minors fleeing gang violence, domestic abuse, and drug cartels in their home countries.

#### 10. Statues, Flags, Rallies, and more: What is our church's role in society?

**Leader:** Rev. Robert Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod of the ELCA

**Host:** TBA

**Location:** Convention Center TBA

**Description:** Marches, demonstrations, fears about violence even in our own backyards – the news headlines can be overwhelming. But in the midst of turmoil, what is God calling us as the church to do? Bishop Bob Humphrey of the Virginia Synod, whose home state has recently experienced significant anxiety over public gatherings and protests, guides a discussion on how prayer, intentional Bible study, and holy conversation can equip us to wrestle with societal unrest and political discord.

#### 11. Live Gratefully, Die Generously: Encouraging Giving for a Lifetime and Beyond

**Leader:** Stephanie Burke, Regional Gift Planner ELCA Foundation

**Host:** TBA

**Location:** Convention Center (room suggestion: Carolina B)

**Description:** If you could make a difference in the lives of your loved ones and for ministry, both now and in the future, would you? Better yet, would you know *how*? During this interactive session, Stephanie Burke with the ELCA Foundation, will share information on how to encourage Legacy and Stewardship Plans in your congregation. This presentation will not only get you thinking about the gifts you've received in your lifetime and how your family and ministry can benefit from these gifts, but how to encourage your members to do the same. God calls us to boldly share our faith story during this lifetime. Our Legacy Plan allows us to share it beyond this lifetime. Now, let's talk about *how*.

#### 12. Back to the Future in Acts: Being a Reconciling In Christ Congregation

**Leaders:** Pastor Brad Bellah, Pastor Tim Bupp, Pastor Susan Crowell

**Host:** TBA

**Location:** Reformation Lutheran Church, Columbia (1118 Union Street) **Transportation provided**

**Description:** As denominations' numbers across the US dwindle and the relevance of the church is being called into question by many, especially millennials, we believe the Book of Acts lays out a "roadmap" that is founded on inclusivity for the 1st and 2nd century church. Could this be a key for today's church in the fluid paradigms of the 21st century? Come join us for this exciting, interactive Discipleship Experience workshop about being a Reconciling In Christ congregation, and become part of the conversation. After a short presentation, we will break out into small groups for Bible studies around stories from Acts, then come back together and discuss what we learned in those passages.

#### 13. Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks: Experiencing God's call in worship

**Leader:** Rev. Kevin Strickland, Bishop, Southeastern Synod of the ELCA and former Assistant to the Presiding Bishop and Executive for Worship of the ELCA

**Host:** TBA

**Location:** Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (4201 N. Main Street, Columbia), Chapel

**Transportation provided**

**Description:** Surrounded by the beauty of Christ Chapel at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, come and join Bishop Kevin Strickland in a discipleship experience filled with a variety of ways worship helps us pray, praise and give thanks. Through these experiences we'll find and make ways to listen to God's call and voice in our lives. We will practice ancient and new forms of worship experiences, sing songs of faith that are familiar and beautifully new, and learn what resources can best support the worship life of our own congregations.

# 2020 General Elections



The Nominating Committee will present two names for each of the following positions. We will also receive nominations from the floor for any of these positions. All Terms end in 2023 unless otherwise designated.

Synod Council – Lay Man Northern Area 3 year Term (2023)	Jimmy Reynolds	Jeffrey Stringer
Synod Council – Rostered Minister At Large 3 year Term (2023)	Rachel Hoffman	Erin Morris
Synod Council – Rostered Minister Central Area 3 year Term (2023)	Tim Bupp	Deborah Poole
Synod Council – Lay Woman POC/LOE 3 year Term (2023)	LaTynia Taylor	Alexandra Lautenschlaeger
Synod Council – Lay Man At Large 3 year Term (2023)	Tex Davis	Robert Epting
Synod Council – Lay Woman At Large 3 year Term (2023)	Patti Addison	Cheryl Smith
Synod Council – Lay Woman Eastern Area 3 year Term (2023)	Cindy Davis	Jean Siewicki
Synod Council – Lay Man POC/LOE 2 year Term (2022)	LaVone Griffin	Jerry Strother
Committee on Discipline Rostered Minister 6 year Term (2026)	Katie Holland	Ashley Twitchell
Committee on Discipline Lay Man 6 year Term (2026)	Ryan Johnson	Richard Moose
Committee on Discipline Rostered Minister 6 year Term (2026)	Roy Butler	Fred Suhr
Committee on Discipline Lay Woman 6 year Term (2026)	Janet Boatwright	Sebrena Matthews
Consultation Committee Rostered Minister 6 year Term (2026)	Jim Nichols	Greg VanDyke
Consultation Committee Lay Man 6 year Term (2026)	Mike Metzler	Mike Taylor
Consultation Committee Rostered Minister 6 year Term (2026)	Ashlyn Cox	Dot Jeffcoat
Consultation Committee Lay Woman 6 year Term (2026):	Shirley Counts	Jan Redden
Mission Endowment Fund Grant Committee Lay Man 3 year Term (2023):	Ron Kensey	Ron Redd
Mission Endowment Fund Grant Committee Lay Woman 3 year Term (2023)	Leslie Connor	Diane Pitts
SC Lutheran Retreat Centers Lay Woman 3 year Term (2023)	Norma Mackey	Beverly Smith

The full Nominations Biographical Booklet can be found on our Synod website [www.scsynod.com](http://www.scsynod.com)

## Celebrating SC Synod - ELCA Women Pastors

### SC Synod – ELCA Women ordained into the Ministry of Word & Sacrament

(This list includes those women who went through Candidacy and were ordained in the SC Synod, who may have been called to serve in other Synods; and those ordained in other Synods and are currently serving or retired on the Roster of the SC Synod – ELCA. (R) denotes Retired)

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Ordination Date:</b>	<b>First Call:</b>	<b>Current Synod:</b>
<b>1970's</b>			
The Rev. Beth Neubauer	5/23/1976	Catoctin Lutheran Parish, Maryland	SC(R)
<b>1980's</b>			
The Rev. Kathleen Panning	2/3/1980	St. Peter's/St. Stephens's, Camp Douglas, WI	SC(R)
The Rev. Beverly Alexander	5/24/1981	St. Paul's Columbia, SC	NC(R)
The Rev. Mary Sue Dreier	8/30/1981		SC
The Rev. Amaretta Onstad	5/30/1982	Our Saviour, West Columbia, SC	NC(R)
The Rev. Jann Boyd	11/13/1982	St. Peter's, Manhattan, New York	SC(R)
The Rev. Beverly Aurd	1/1/1983	St. Paul's, Hazelwood Parish, Luray, VA	SC
The Rev. Mary Anderson	5/27/1983	St. Mark, Prosperity, SC	SC
The Rev. Christine Blice-Baum	12/15/1985	First English, Oshkosh, WI	SC(R)
The Rev. Alice Harvey	10/15/1986	Sandy Run, Swansea, SC	SC(R)
The Rev. Marguerite Rourk	5/17/1987	Redeemer, Columbia, SC	NC
The Rev. Pamela Mitcham	5/29/1987	Mt. Tabor, West Columbia, SC	CSIS
The Rev. Jane Mitcham	6/6/1988	Assistant to the Bishop, NC	SC(R)
The Rev. Timothea Sharpe	6/19/1988	Faith, John's Island, SC	SC(R)
The Rev. Kathleen Chartier	12/4/1988	Christ, Columbia, SC	SC(R)
The Rev. Deborah Wood	1/8/1989	Trinity, Georgetown, SC	SC(R)
The Rev. Judith Drysdale	9/17/1989	Atonement, Laurens, SC	NC
The Rev. Virginia Aebischer	9/17/1989	Redeemer, Charleston, SC	SC
<b>1990's</b>			
The Rev. Rachel Connelly	6/8/1990	Good Shepherd, Goldsboro, NC	SC
The Rev. Mary Peters	6/26/1994	Trinity, Shamokin, PA	SC(R)
The Rev. Susan Crowell	5/26/1995	Trinity, Greenville, SC	SC
The Rev. Linda Anderson	6/1/1995	Stoney Man Lutheran Parish, Luray, VA	SC
The Rev. Sherry Teves	12/5/1995	Morning Star Evangelical, Hepners, VA	SC
The Rev. Thulisiwe Beresford	12/16/1995	Salem, Flint, MI	SC
The Rev. Ina Hoover	5/12/1996	St. John's, Charleston, SC	SC(R)
The Rev. Nancy Oliver	7/28/1996	Trinity, Russellville, MO	SC(R)
The Rev. Lori Hefner	8/18/1996	St. Stephen's, Lexington, SC	NC(R)
The Rev. Melissa Chappell	10/9/1996	St. James, Chilhowie, VA	SC
The Rev. Karen Hawkins	12/15/1996	Christ the King, Columbia, SC	SC
The Rev. Karen Young	6/15/1997	St. David, West Columbia, SC	SC
The Rev. Linda Hatcher	7/20/1997	Green Acres Country Care Ctr., New Branch, MN	SC(R)
The Rev. Christina Wendland	12/3/1997	Good Shepherd, Columbia, SC	SC
The Rev. Angela Jennings	6/5/1998	Resurrection, Columbia, SC	SC
The Rev. Christine Parham	2/7/1999	Gethsemane, Columbia, SC	SC(R)
The Rev. Debra Boyton	5/9/1999	Our Shepherd, Hartsville, SC	NWWI
The Rev. Pamela Cook	10/9/1999	King of Glory, N. Myrtle Beach, SC	SC

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**The 2020 SC Synod Assembly will offer us several opportunities to learn about and celebrate the Anniversary of Ordaining Women to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Lutheran Church.**

**Teaching Moments will include various stories on Thursday & Friday.**

**Lunch & Learn on Friday will include history and more stories.**

**Bible Conversations and Opening Worship will be blessed by leadership from the Roster of Women Pastors in the SC Synod.**

**2000's**

The Rev. Christine Stoxen	5/14/2000	Pisgah, Lexington, SC	SC
The Rev. Michele Fischer	9/9/2000	Redeemer, McLean, VA	SC
The Rev. Llewellyn Drumbor	11/19/2000	Grace, Phillipsburg, NJ	SC(R)
The Rev. Janey Blakely	2/4/2001	Peace, Danville, CA	SC
The Rev. Maria Miller	6/17/2001	Trinity, Georgetown, SC	SC
The Rev. Vickie Powell	11/4/2001	St. Paul, Hamlet, NC	SC
The Rev. Kathy Campbell	11/11/2001	St. Luke, Florence, SC	SC(R)
The Rev. Denise Seymour	2/2/2002	St. Timothy, Camden, SC	SC(R)
The Rev. Kara Stewart	7/27/2002	Redeemer, Charleston, SC	SC
The Rev. Bonnie Mefferd	8/4/2002	Shepherd of the Woods, Jacksonville, FL	SC(R)
The Rev. Susan Briner	5/18/2003	St. Luke, Summerville, SC	SWTX
The Rev. Beth Costlow	10/11/2003	St. Paul's, Warren, PA	SC
The Rev. Delores Watson	11/22/2003	Trinity, Columbia, SC	RM(R)
The Rev. Anne Christiansen	1/10/2004	Christ, Columbia, SC	CSIS
The Rev. Andrea Rice	5/28/2005	Nittany Valley/Sugar Valley Parish, Loganton, PA	SC
The Rev. Marilyn Crosby	6/18/2005	Christ the King, Greenville, SC	FL/BA(R)
The Rev. Mary Finklea	9/25/2005	Cross & Crown, Florence, SC	SC
The Rev. Kathy Harris	1/28/2006	Bethlehem, Pomaria, SC	SC
The Rev. Patricia Covington	7/22/2006	River of Life, Shenandoah/Stanley, VA	SC(R)
The Rev. Danielle Shealy	11/18/06	University, Clemson, SC	SC
The Rev. Karen Gibson	1/14/2007	Bethany, Lexington, SC	RM(R)
The Rev. Laurie Gay	7/27/2007	Breath of Life, Blythewood, SC	SC
The Rev. Sandra Jones	8/25/2007	Manantial de Vida, Columbia, SC	TXLA
The Rev. Donna Florio	9/8/2007	Our Savior, Altus, OK	SC(R)
The Rev. Kathleen Miko	10/15/2007	Reader & St. Paul's, Timberville, VA	SC
The Rev. Patti Sue Burton Pye	6/22/2008	Providence, Lexington, SC	SC
The Rev. Christi Pursey	7/26/2008	St. John, Goliad, TX	SC
The Rev. Venning Stringer	7/27/2008	St. Michael, Greenville, SC	SC
The Rev. Pamela Turfa	3/29/2009	Corinth/St. Mark, Prosperity, SC	SC
The Rev. Emily Willhide	6/6/2009	Incarnation, Columbia, SC	SC
The Rev. Christine Buyok	12/13/2009	St. John, Pomaria, SC	SC

**2010's**

The Rev. Emily Edenfield	3/27/2011	St. John, Spartanburg, SC	SC
The Rev. Ashley Twitchell	8/3/2012	Joy, Moore, SC	SC
The Rev. Virginia Litman-Koon	9/14/2012	Mt. Horeb, Chapin, SC	SC
The Rev. Jacqueline Utley	6/2/2013	Ascension, Columbia, SC	SC
The Rev. Lisa Isenhower	3/22/2015	Faith, Batesburg, SC	SC
The Rev. Rebecca Lord-Phillips	6/28/2015	Grace, Rock Hill, SC	SC
The Rev. Gina Metze	1/31/2016	St. James, Summit, SC	SC
The Rev. Diane Bowker	2/20/2016	Lower Cape Fear Hospice Mercy Care	SC
The Rev. Diana Edis,	4/24/2016	Breath of Life, Blythewood, SC	ELCIC
The Rev. Rachel Hoffman	5/22/2016	Nativity, Arden, NC	SC
The Rev. Megan Lineberger	7/2/2017	Redeemer, Charleston, SC	SC
The Rev. Joanna Gragg	7/7/2018	Mt. Horeb, Chapin, SC	SC
The Rev. Rebecca Wicker	2/9/2019	St. Matthew's, Charleston, SC	SC
The Rev. Erin Morris	7/14/2019	St. John, Spartanburg, SC	SC

**We are Church, We are Called****A Snapshot of some Historical Moments from 1970 - 2020**

First Woman Ordained in the Lutheran Church, The Rev. Elizabeth Platz November 22, 1970

First Latina Woman Ordained in the Lutheran Church, The Rev. Lydia Rivera Kalb March 4, 1979

First African American Woman Ordained in the Lutheran Church, The Rev. Earlean Miller August 26, 1979

First Woman elected Bishop, The Rev. April Larson June 12, 1992

First Woman elected as Presiding Bishop, The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton August 14, 2013

First African American Women elected as Bishops, The Rev. Patricia Davenport & The Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld May 5 -6, 2018



## Assembly Committee Leaders

### Nominating Committee Chairperson



**The Rev. Dr. Angela Ryan Jennings** serves as Pastor at Lord of Life Bluffton, SC. Pastor Angela enters her 22nd year of ordained ministry this year looking forward to many years to follow.

### Conduct of Elections Committee Chairpersons



**The Rev. Michael Watson** lives in Lexington, SC, with his wife Alyssa. He serves as the pastor of Nazareth Lutheran Church, Lexington, SC. He is a 2002 graduate of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He has served on the Conduct of Elections Committee the last two years and was also on the committee in 2015. He is the treasurer for the Saxe Gotha Conference Rostered Leaders Group. He is in an ecumenical breakfast group with a number of Church of God, Baptist, and Non-Denominational pastors. They hold a joint community worship service in November where they pool their money and prepare over 500 food bags to hand out in their community at Thanksgiving. They also partner with Lexington

District 1 School system to provide clothing and school supplies to the District 1 schools who have the greatest need for these items.

**The Rev. Gina Metze** is a 2013 graduate of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Gina serves as the pastor of Mount Hermon Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC. She previously served as Pastor at St. James, Summit, SC.



She lives in Lexington with her husband, Dion. They have one daughter, Breanna.

### Reference and Counsel Committee Chairperson:



The Rev. Jason Schafer serves as pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Prosperity, SC, where he has been for 10+ years. His previous call was as Mission Developer for Crossroads Lutheran in Indian Land, SC. His community service and outreach includes serving on the Board of Directors for the South Carolina Retreat Centers, teaching a portion of the Mid-Carolina Middle School Release Bible Study program, and playing music with colleagues at local Nursing Homes monthly. Jason is a graduate of Lenior-Rhyne College and the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He enjoys attending concerts with his wife, Deacon Mitzie Schafer, reading, building musical instruments, and camping with Mitzie, Ella (daughter, 16) and Micah (son, 14).

## Welcome the Newest Leaders to the South Carolina Synod - ELCA Roster

Pastor Mary Peters, retired

Pastor Donna Florio, retired

Pastor Beth Costlow, Our Saviour, Greenville

Pastor Don Costlow, Our Saviour, Greenville

Pastor Bruce Kreutzer, Hope, Vance

Pastor Bill Trexler, retired

Pastor Beth Neubauer, retired

Pastor Kara Stewart, Tricounty Family Ministries, Charleston

Pastor Josh Kestner, University, Clemson

## Information about Memorials and Resolutions listed below

Memorials and resolutions enable our Churchwide Organization to address broad policy issues or issues important to God's mission in the world. **Memorials** address broad policy issues, while **Resolutions** have a narrower focus, requesting consideration or action by individual offices, units, or the Church Council. A Memorials Committee, appointed by the ELCA Church Council, receives memorials from synod assemblies and makes appropriate recommendations for assembly action. The Memorials Committee meets after all synod assemblies are over and approximately six to eight weeks before a Churchwide Assembly.

Memorials and Resolutions for consideration at the 2020 SC Synod—ELCA Assembly are due no later than **Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at 12:00 noon**. These should be emailed to Secretary Ozzie Herlong at

[ozzie@scsynod.com](mailto:ozzie@scsynod.com).

### Hotel Lodging Information

You can make lodging reservations for Assembly at the SpringHill Suites Columbia Downtown

511 Lady Street + (803) 978-2333 April 13, 2020, is the last day to make these reservations at the rate of \$129 + taxes + hospitality taxes

Rooms can be reserved as long as they are available. Mention: SC Synod Assembly

**To Find: The Report of the Committee on Agenda & Program, The Nominations Booklet with Biographical Information, The Proposed Budget, Information about writing Memorials & Resolutions, The Bulletin of Reports and a host of other support documents related to Assembly please go to our website [www.scsynod.com](http://www.scsynod.com)**

## Celebrating 50 years of Ordination

**The Rev. James W. Addy & Mrs. Celie**                      **Ordained June 1, 1970**                      **Retired March 1, 2005**

Pastor Addy has served: SC Lutheran Retreat Centers, St. John (Clinton), Orangeburg Lutheran, Faith (Batesburg-Leesville), St. Andrew's (Charleston), Redeemer (Greer)

**The Rev. William C. Ebener & Mrs. Margaret**    **Ordained June 1, 1970**                      **Retired July 1, 2006**

Pastor Ebener has served: Corinth & St. Mark (Prosperity), Lutheran Homes of SC , SC Christian Action Council, Union (Leesville), Batesburg/Leesville Senior Center, Transfiguration (Cayce), Redeemer (Atlanta), Faith (Batesburg), St. Mark's (Charlotte), St. Paul's (Mt. Pleasant) and interims

**The Rev. Al Potter & The Rev. Timothea Sharpe**    **Ordained June 1, 1970**                      **Retired June 1, 2000**

Pastor Potter has served: Mt. Hebron (Leesville), Lutheran Homes of SC, Bethel (White Rock), Resurrection (Augusta, GA), St. James (Graniteville), Peachtree Road Lutheran (Atlanta), Jerusalem (Rincon, GA) and various interims

**The Rev. Dennis L. Setzer, Jr. & Mrs. Jeanne**                      **Ordained June 7, 1970**    **Retired September 1, 2010**

Pastor Setzer has served: St. Philip (Myrtle Beach), Resurrection (Rocky Mount, NC), Cross of Christ (Concord, NC), Grace (Bessemer City, NC), Zion (Hickory, NC) and St. Paul (Burlington, NC)

**The Rev. Gerald W. Smith & Mrs. Christy**                      **Ordained June 1, 1970**    **Retired April 1, 2009**

Pastor Smith has served: Our Saviour (Greenville), Beaver Lake Lutheran (St. Paul, MN), Mt. Calvary (Excelsior, MN) and Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran (St. Paul, MN)

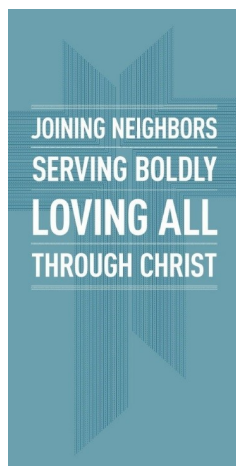
**The Rev. Dr. William Trexler & Mrs. Karla**                      **Ordained June 1, 1970**                      **Retired August 1, 2009**

Pastor Trexler has served: First Lutheran (Norfolk, VA), Florida-Bahamas Synod Bishop, St. Mark's (Jacksonville, FL), Immanuel (Greenwood), Division for Parish Svcs (LCA), St. Peter's (Miami, FL) and various interims including Holy Trinity (Hickory)

## South Carolina Synod - ELCA Congregations

<b>275 Years</b>	<b>Zion Lutheran Church</b>	<b>Lexington</b>	<b>Organized in 1745</b>
<b>175 Years</b>	<b>St. David Lutheran Church</b>	<b>West Columbia</b>	<b>Organized in 1845</b>
<b>175 Years</b>	<b>Colony Lutheran Church</b>	<b>Newberry</b>	<b>Organized in 1845</b>
<b>150 Years</b>	<b>Wittenberg Lutheran Church</b>	<b>Batesburg-Leesville</b>	<b>Organized in 1870</b>
<b>100 Years</b>	<b>St. John Lutheran Church</b>	<b>Clinton</b>	<b>Organized in 1920</b>
<b>75 Years</b>	<b>Atonement Lutheran Church</b>	<b>Laurens</b>	<b>Organized in 1945</b>
<b>75 Years</b>	<b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b>	<b>Georgetown</b>	<b>Organized in 1945</b>

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## Agenda Overview

Thursday, May 14, 2020

**Session 1 + Exhibit Hall + 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Opening Worship + Ebenezer Lutheran Church + 5:15 p.m.

Friday, May 15, 2020

**Session 2 + Exhibit Hall + 8:10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Session 3 + Exhibit Hall + 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Discipleship Experiences (Various Locations) + 3:25 - 5:45 pm

Evening Worship + Exhibit Hall + 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Reception (with Cash Bar) + Ballroom Pre-function + 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Retirement Dinner Honoring Bishop Herman Yoos + Ballroom + 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Retirement Party + Ballroom 8:30—10:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, 2020

**Session 4 + Exhibit Hall + 8:30 a.m. – until closing**

Including Worship with Installation of Synod Council