



**South Carolina Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

We look forward to gathering as the South Carolina Synod in Assembly, June 8-10, 2023 at the Columbia Marriott, centering our time together around the theme: "I See Jesus!" In the Emmaus story from Luke, chapter 24 after Jesus breaks bread with the disciples, they ask one another, "*were not our hearts burning within us?*" This Assembly will give us the opportunity to share with one another the places, spaces and faces where we see Jesus, and to celebrate the ways Jesus lives and works through us as partners across this church. We will share the stories and God will fill our hearts!

During these two days we have the opportunity to share in worship, to gather in fellowship and to accomplish together the work of the South Carolina Synod. We will be discerning and voting on new leaders to serve the church in a variety of ministries. We will be inspired to look deeply into our communities and our hearts to see Jesus calling and at work in our midst. We will pray and eat and laugh and learn together. Indeed, Assembly promises to be a heartwarming and faith-filled experience!

We can't wait to see you, and we know we will see Jesus in you!

In Christ,

+*Bishop Ginny Aebischer*