

Announcing the SC Synod Rostered Ministers Convocation

at Lutheridge in Arden, NC
October 21-23, 2024

Dr. Jacqueline Bussie

Writer, Theologian, Public Speaker

Dr. Bussie will speak about her current work on resurrection, resilience, community, discipleship, and the power of love in the midst of trauma and grief.

Dr. Jacqueline Bussie is an award-winning author, professor, public theologian, and student of life in all its messy beauty, as well as a much sought after speaker and workshop facilitator. Her first book, *The Laughter of the*

Oppressed won the national Trinity Prize. Her 2nd book, *Outlaw Christian: Finding Authentic Faith by Breaking the Rules* won the 2017 Gold Medal Illumination Award for Christian Living and received a coveted starred review from Publishers Weekly. Her latest book, *Love*



Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for a Love with No Exceptions won the Reader's Favorite Bronze Medal International Book Award for Christian Living, the 2020 IAN Outstanding Religion Book of the Year Award, and 3rd Place IAN Non-Fiction Book of the Year Award. Also, Publisher's Weekly named *Love Without Limits* "a must-read for all Christians interested in inclusivity for their communities."

Jacqueline spent the last twenty years teaching religion to undergraduates at ELCA colleges and serving as the founding Director of the *Forum on Faith and Life* at Concordia College. Her favorite things to do are dance, walk on the beach, read good books, ride in the front car of roller coasters, spend time with friends, and travel to any place she's never been before.

Dr. Brent Driggers

Professor of New Testament
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

Dr. Driggers will serve as Bible study/discussion leader.

Dr. Driggers teaches courses in biblical studies, including a Bible survey and various courses on the canonical Gospels and biblical theology (for example, the theme of violence in scripture).



His academic publications focus primarily on the Gospel of Mark, investigating this Gospel's distinctive contributions to Christian theology and spirituality. He is also a contributor to *Working Preacher*, an online resource for church leaders.

Dr. Driggers seeks to present scripture in a way which cultivates intellectual growth and Christian discipleship. He encourages respect for historical context(s) of scripture while, at the same time, placing interpretation in conversation with the Christian theological tradition. He emphasizes the indispensable role of contemporary and diverse cultural perspectives in the practice of interpretation (for example, African American, womanist, feminist, LGBTQIA+), framing interpretation as a communal endeavor.

Brent enjoys preaching and teaching in local churches, reading (theology, history, culture, and fiction), listening to music (all genres), hiking, and spending time with his family.



**The Rostered Ministers Convocation
is an annual gathering of pastors and deacons
from across the synod for renewal of the spirit.**

**All congregations are encouraged
to support their rostered ministers
in participating in this opportunity
for renewal, learning, and
growth in collegiality.**

**The event is held at
Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center,
located in Arden, North Carolina.**

**The program runs from Monday, October 21, 2 pm
through Wednesday, October 23, late morning.**

**SC Synod rostered ministers
are asked to please mark your calendars now!
Registration for the event will begin in July.**

**A number of Dr. Bussie's books
will be available for purchase at the event.**



A message to leaders from Bishop Ginny Aebischer:

Convocation is one of the only times in the calendar year when our rostered leaders have the opportunity to gather with one another for worship, fellowship, and learning. Your presence at convocation is a blessing to others, and you are truly missed when you are not there. Please make it a priority to participate in the mutual upbuilding of our South Carolina Synod ministerium so that, together, we can all be renewed by the Holy Spirit for the ministries to which we are called. If you can't be present for the entire event, come for part of it. If you are having a challenge affording the cost of registration, let us know and we will do everything possible to assist you!