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South Carolina Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Bishop

The Rev. Dr. 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

Bishop Yoos is married to Cindy Parker Yoos

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

"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."



-The Rev. Dr. Herman R. Yoos, III

About the ELCA South Carolina Synod

We Lutherans in South Carolina are part of a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace — and there's room for all here. Your questions, curiosity, passion and complexities are part of who you are, and you are a beloved child of the living God!

In the South Carolina Synod, we seek to respond to God's love by loving him and serving the people he has created. There are ministries for — and with — all ages, not only in the state of South Carolina, but in many parts of the globe.



Mission and Vision

God's purpose for the people of the South Carolina Synod:

Joining neighbors, serving boldly, loving all, through Christ.

Our Four Missional Priorities:

Equip congregations to engage in their communities

Deepen discipleship

Engage congregations and the synod in addressing issues of education in their communities

Engage congregations and the synod in addressing issues of poverty in their communities.

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SERVING BOLDLY
LOVING ALL
THROUGH CHRIST**



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South Carolina Synod Fact Sheet



The **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)** is comprised of 3,600,000 members in 9,252 congregations.

The **South Carolina Synod** is one of 65 synods in the ELCA. The synods are organized into nine regions, and the South Carolina Synod is part of **Region 9**.

Congregations are divided into nine geographic **conferences**. Each conference has a **Dean**.

The Office of the Bishop in Columbia, South Carolina

Governance: The South Carolina Synod is governed by the annual **Synod Assembly** with the **Synod Council** serving as the synod's board of directors and as the interim legislative authority between meeting of the Synod Assembly. Synod Council members are elected to assure geographical representation.

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