

2015

Synod Assembly Workshops & Hearings

During the 2015 Synod Assembly, seven workshops will be offered around the overall assembly theme of “Walking together in Christ: For the sake of the world.” Each workshop is 75 minutes in length and will focus in-depth on some aspect of our call to be servants of God in the world. Since each workshop is being offered only once, we suggest that voting members from a congregation split up and sign up for a different workshop so that between them they can experience as many workshops as possible and “take home” suggestions for the benefit of their congregations. During the same time period, there are also two hearings. The workshops and hearings will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015, from 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. at the Ocean City Convention Center. Please sign up for one of them as part of your registration process.

#1: “Ask Me Anything:” A Conversation with Dr. John Nunes

Come and engage in a conversation with Pastor Nunes, our keynote speaker for the 2015 Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly. Here is your chance to react to his keynote from Thursday afternoon, give him feedback and ask him questions.

THE REV. DR. JOHN NUNES, the Emil and Elfriede Jochum University Chair for Christian Values and Public Life at Valparaiso University in Indiana and former president of Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

2: Music and Mission: Embrace and Welcome All People

Embrace and welcome all people through inclusive worship and music. Explore global and local context in our sacred speech and song. This workshop focuses on using creative liturgy and global music to communicate mission in the congregation. It is designed for pastors, musicians, and worship leaders.

Led by the GLOCAL MUSICIANS, ELCA

3: Global Companions: Meet Our International Guests

Hear about the ELCA Global Companions program which has kept the Delaware-Maryland Synod connected to three partners for more than 20 years: the Mara Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, the Tampere Diocese of the Church of Finland, and the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church.

THE REV. CHARLES ZANG, chair, Tanzania Taskforce, THE REV. MATTHEW FUHRMAN, chair, Finland/Estonia Taskforce, and international guests from Finland and Estonia

4: World Hunger: Feeding God’s People

Through programs of relief, education, advocacy and sustainable development, ELCA World Hunger accompanies people in poverty with the aim of eradicating hunger. In this workshop, we

will learn together about the ways that Lutheran faith motivates wise, loving action in the world; how accompaniment shapes the ELCA's hunger-related ministries; and the resources and activities available for congregational leaders.

THE REV. MARK HUFFMAN, chair, Delaware-Maryland Synod Hunger Taskforce and members of the ELCA "GLOCAL" TEAM

5: Restoring Creation: A Call to Action

The Lutherans Restoring Creation Team of the Delaware-Maryland Synod will present ways in which congregations can help sustain the earth both inside and outside their buildings. Come and be inspired, then take action!

Members of the LUTHERANS RESTORING CREATION TEAM

6: "Grace-ful Giving:" Tools for Stewardship

Tired of the same-old, same-old approach to congregational stewardship? This workshop will present a tool box full of ideas that will strengthen giving in the congregation as a response to God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ.

THE REV. KATI KLUCKMAN-AULT, Director of Evangelical Mission

7: Cross-Generational Engagement

Empower youth and all ages within the congregation for a local and global connection. Discover ways to meaningfully weave all generations into the life of mission. This workshop offers approaches beyond traditional, age-segregated classroom settings and is intended for Sunday School teachers, youth and childrens' ministry practitioners, parents, godparents and all caring adults.

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Hearing # 1: 2016 Synod Spending Plan

An opportunity to engage the proposed 2016 Synod Budget in detail, ask questions and discuss how this spending plan funds the mission God has called us to do as a synod.

DAVID ROBERSON, chair, Budget Development Committee, THE REV. ROBERT HARVEY, Synod Treasurer

Hearing # 2: Q & A with the ELCA Rep

The Rev. Daniel O. Rift serves at the churchwide offices in Chicago and is attending our Synod Assembly as the official ELCA representative. Come and hear the latest updates from the ELCA and engage Dan in conversation about mission and ministry ... and anything else you'd like to know about.

THE REV. DANIEL O. RIFT, executive director, ELCA World Hunger

