

2017 Congregational Resourcing Event Workshops Sessions & Rooms

8:30 - 9:10	Registration & coffee	Dining Hall
9:15 - 10:00	Welcome/Worship	Gymnasium
10:00 - 10:30	Keynote Presentation	Gymnasium
11:00 - 12:00	Workshop Session a	Classrooms
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch	Dining Hall & Cafeteria
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Keynote Presenter Workshop

- 0-01 **a & b** ● **blue** 1224 - Christian Witness in a Pluralistic World -- Going Deeper *The Rev. Dr. Winston Persaud, Keynote Speaker* Professor Persaud will continue to share his insights how our Lutheran Heritage informs our Christian Witness and expand on the ways we may respond to the contemporary crisis of defining and confessing the Gospel.

Administration • Council • Treasurers

- ACT-1 **a** ● **green** 1211 **Calling all Congregation Council Secretaries!** *Pr. Marilyn Hanson, Assistant to the Bishop* This workshop will be geared toward all those who are asked to take minutes at Congregation's Council, task force, or committee meetings in the church. What really needs to be included in the minutes of a meeting? What details are essential? Which aren't? What is the best format to use when writing up the minutes? These and any questions you bring along with you will be discussed. Opportunity to talk with one another and share helpful tips that have been learned on the job.
- ACT-2 **b** ● **green** 1216 **Church Administration Treasurer's Workshop** *Ms. Jennifer Prinz, ELCA Portico Benefit Services* As the benefits administrator for your organization, your pastors, rostered laypersons, and lay employees rely on you to help them navigate their ELCA benefits. Discover the resources available to help you effectively sponsor your employees in the ELCA Retirement and Other Benefits Program through Portico Benefit Services.
- ACT-3 **a** ● **teal** 1221 **Congregation Constitutions for Dummies (not really!)** *Ms. Denise Norman, Chairperson of NIS Congregation Constitution Review Committee and Mr. Frank Imhoff, Manager, Official Documentation, ELCA* At the 2016 Churchwide Assembly, several actions were passed that have impacted the Model Constitution for Congregations. This workshop will go over both what is important to know when updating your congregation's constitution and also the major changes to the Model Constitution for Congregations implemented after the 2016 Churchwide Assembly.
- ACT-4 **a** ● **green** 1216 **Congregational Treasurer's Workshop** *Ms. June Cain, Synod Bookkeeper* A review of some tasks required in your position as a congregational treasurer or bookkeeper. A handout on Resources for Congregational Treasurers will be distributed
- ACT-5 **a** ● **blue** 1225 **Leadership Conversation with Bishop Clements and Vice-President Bill Bartlett** *Bishop Jeffrey Clements and Bill Bartlett, NIS Vice-President* A critical part of the success of our congregations' ministries comes through the work of the elected leadership, ie. the Congregation Council. Bishop Clements and Vice-President Bartlett will facilitate a conversation with Congregational Leaders about what it means to be an elected leader, and talk about some models for collaboration with the staff, especially the Rostered Minister. It will also be a time to talk with Bishop Clements and ask questions about his view of leadership in the congregation. If you wish to send a question or topic in advance, that you would like to see addressed, please go to nisynod.org/cre/question.
- ACT-6 **c** ● **teal** 1220 **Rostered Leaders' Salary Guidelines** *Pastor Tom Rogers* This workshop will be on the current Rostered Leaders' Salary Guidelines. Following the presentation, with time allowing, there will be an open discussion to answer questions.
- ACT-7 **c** ● **purple** 1338 **Learn and Share Ideas for How a Mutual Ministry Committee Benefits Congregations** (previously "What is Mutual Ministry Committee and what do they do?") *Ken Reinhardt & Carol Swenson, NIS Ministry Support Committee* A Mutual Ministry Committee is an important Congregational leadership activity that affirms and strengthens the mission of the congregation and the ministry of rostered leaders (Pastors and Deacons) in ELCA congregations. Both the ELCA and the NIS Constitutions include this committee. Learn and share ideas for how a Mutual Ministry Committee can benefit your congregation.

Communication • Technology

- T-1 **Canceled** NIS Communicators - We're All Communicators *Deacon Karin Graddy, NIS Communication Director*

Education

- E-1 **a & c** ● **purple** 1340 **Building a Tutorial Program with a Partnership Elementary School** *Randall Larson, Our Savior's, Rockford. Retired Elementary with 52 years experience* Explain how to organize and implement the largest volunteer tutorial program District 205. In the 2014-2015 school year we had 8 tutors from OSLC. In the present school 2016-2017 we have 41 weekly tutors in the Our Savior's partnership program.
- E-3 **a** ● **green** 1217 **Faith Statement Book** *Pr. Sarah Wilson, St. John's, Hebron* Many churches have their confirmation students write their faith statements--what they believe as Christians and why. But what happens when the adults want to get in on the action? The result for St. John's was a book of faith statements from a variety of members that showed the range of ways we can understand God. The presenters will talk about how the book was created and how it's impacted the church and the community.
- E-4 **c** ● **green** 1211 **Growing in Faith through diakonia™** *Denise L. Rode, NIS diakonia™ and NIS diakonia™ graduates & students* Learn

about the NIS diakonia™ program from its students, graduates, teaching pastors, and coordinators. The diakonia™ journey is offered at several locations across the synod. Find out more about this two-year course of study that can support your faith journey.

- E-5 **b & c** ● **yellow** 1244 **Katie Luther: A Reformation Life** *Judy Engebretson* A portrayal of Katharina Von Bora Luther as a nun, wife, farmer, nurse, mother, and main support of Martin Luther. Their life together in the 16th century in the midst of the Reformation is one of courage, extreme hardships, and abiding love.
- E-6 **a** ● **red** 1357 **Mark It Up -- Intro to Manuscript Bible Study** *Pastor Lucy Wynard, Open Arms, Rockton* Learn a great method for going deeper in bible study, both personally and with others. Manuscript study digs for the treasures in the text and invites you to question the story and discover God's word for your community today.
- E-2 **b** ● **red** 1357 **Digging Deeper - Manuscript Bible Study part 2** *Pastor Lucy Wynard, Open Arms, Rockton* If you've been introduced to manuscript study before and want to learn more, this workshop will go deeper into asking good questions, applying what you discover in Scripture, and leading others in manuscript study.
- E-7 **a & c** ● **blue** 1268 **Preparing Your Church for Disaster** *Joy Medrano, Director of Lutheran Disaster Response Illinois* Traditionally churches have been a place of refuge in a disaster, but what happens when disaster strikes the church. Are you prepared as a church to handle a major disaster? Do you have a communication plan in place? Have you held an evacuation drill? Come and listen to what Lutheran Disaster Response-IL is doing to help congregations prepare for times of crisis. You will walk away with a planning template to help your church in its first steps to becoming disaster-ready!
- E-8 **a & b** ● **teal** 1222 **Vacation Bible School for Church and Community** *Marguerite Kruse, Calvary, New Windsor* Planning VBS that serves not only the host church - but also nearby churches and the community in general.

Evangelism • Outreach • Hospitality

- EOH-1 **a** ● **yellow** 1242 **"Holy Currencies" - A Networking Conversation** *Pr. Mike Thomas* After the Professional Leadership Conference ended, there were requests by many of those attending for the opportunity to gather with others to continue the conversation. This is your chance! Whether you have already begun trying out on or more of the Holy Currencies or whether you want to connect with others to talk about how to do use the Holy Currencies, this is a time to have that conversation.
- EOH-3 **a** ● **teal** 1220 **Lutheran Trump Cards: Playing Our Best Hand in the 21st Century** *Pastor Dave Daubert, Day 8 Strategies* This year is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and Lutherans need to find ways to talk about our faith in clear and contemporary ways. Based on the popular book "Lutheran Trump Cards," this workshop is a great chance to find out how to share the best of Lutheran faith in fun and insightful ways.
- EOH-4 **a** ● **green** 1218 **Outreach through Social Media** *Pr. Rob James, GPS Faith Community, Machesney Park* This is the same workshop that was offered at Synod Assembly by the Outreach Committee. We will assume you have basic social media experience, and talk about how to use the church social media page/account to reach out to the larger community.
- EOH-5 **b** ● **teal** 1220 **The Invitational Christian** *Pastor Dave Daubert, Day 8 Strategies* Congregations renew but often fail to grow. Why? The answer lies in the ability to invite and accompany new people. Based on the author's newest book *The Invitational Christian*, this workshop will give the participants clear insights and specific skills to help congregations think about growth and invitation in new ways.
- EOH-6 **b** ● **green** 1218 **Visual Faith Project** *Pastor Rob James, GPS Faith Community, Machesney Park* At GPS Faith Community we are piloting a new project from Vibrantfaith.org. The belief is that connecting images to scripture opens up greater conversation and helps us remember and apply scripture in more powerful ways. Images are provided for bible study, preaching, social media posts and whatever other creative ways you can use them. Come learn more.
- EOH-7 **b** ● **blue** 1268 **Who's Missing from Your Table? - An Introduction to #decolonizeLutheranism** *Francisco Herrera and Pr. Kwame Pitts, Redeemer (ELCA), South Holland, IL* Since its appearance on the scene in April of last year, #decolonizeLutheranism has become a focal point for hopes of inclusion, renewal, and justice among many confessional Lutherans in the U.S. Come learn a bit about how it got started, its theology and praxis, and how you might get involved where you are.

Global • Interfaith

- GI-1 **a & b** ● **yellow** 1245 **Jesus, Muhammad, and Martin Luther** *Pr. Brant Clements and Ahmad El-Ahmad* Pastor Brant Clements and Ahmad El-Ahmad discuss Lutheran/Islamic relations. Time will be given for your questions to be answered. Resources for understanding Islam will be available.
- GI-2 **b** ● **purple** 1338 **The Nursing Project - Tanzania** *Ms. Minnette Scott, Pr. Gary Erickson, Tom Champley, Jan Champley, and Art Milton* The Nursing Project - Tanzania is the newest project the NIS is involved in with our companion synod in Arusha Tanzania. This presentation will outline the project and give you ways that you can help be a part of this very important ministry.

Leadership

- L-1 **a & b** ● **white** 1249 **Here I Am Lord - Discerning a Call to Rostered Ministry** *Pr. Rob Kinnear, Candidacy Chairperson and Members of*

Candidacy Committee Workshop will present an overview of ELCA Candidacy Process. There will be an explanation of the Word and Sacrament Roster and the Word and Service Roster.

L-2 **b & c** ● **teal** **1221 The DreamLeaders Initiative: Inspiring Hope and New Dreams in Today's Church!** Pr. *Jeff Linman, DreamLeaders Initiative & First, Monmouth and Pastor Vince Marolla* Eph. 3:20 teaches us that by the power at work within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine! Because attitude impacts outcome, inspiring renewed faith and hope in seasons of decline or transition is a key step in any congregational renewal effort. Learn the basic concepts of an Eph. 3:20-inspired DreamLeaders programs that includes elements of encouragement (naming our fears), inspiration (dreaming about greater Kingdom impact), and challenge (identifying the obstacles). A unique plan to apply these concepts at First in Monmouth will also be shared.

L-3 **b** ● **green** **1211 What's Next? The Call Process of the Northern Illinois Synod** Pr. *Marilyn Hanson, Assistant to the Bishop* When a pastor leaves a congregation, it can feel like a very uncertain time for a congregation. Come and hear how the synod staff will walk alongside you and guide you through the process. We'll discuss the appointment of an interim pastor, completing a Ministry Site Profile of the congregation, tips for interviewing, the congregational vote, and welcoming the new pastor once a call has been accepted.

Social Justice

SJ-1 **c** ● **yellow** **1245 Faith, Sexism, Justice: Conversations toward a Social Statement** Pr. *Jenna Couch* Learn more about the new ELCA Social Statement on Faith, Sexism, and Justice

SJ-2 **a & b** ● **red** **1356 Loving Your Neighbor (pt. 1) - The Challenges of a Changing Community - Updated** Dr. *Peter Kivisto, Chairperson, Racial Justice and Multicultural Ministries Subcommittee, Pr. Robin Caldwell, and Pr. Andre Williams* Hear the keynote presentation from this Fall's Discipleship Gatherings: "Half-Full or Half-Empty - Where are we 50 years after the Civil Rights Movement?" and Voices from the Pew and Pulpit: Testimonies from NIS members about their experiences as people of color.

EOH-2 **c** ● **red** **1356 Loving Your Neighbor (pt. 2) - Next Steps** *Deaconess Cheryl Erdmann, Assistant to the Bishop and a panel composed of congregation pastors and leaders who have begun to engage with their communities, from sharing space to fellowship events to joint activities.* Learn how some of the NIS congregations have begun to share their space and build relationships with others in their community, in order to know our neighbors and work together for the good of all.

SJ-3 **a, b & c** ● **purple** **1339 The ELCA and Lutheran Christians in the Holy Land - Lost or Connected in Hope?** Ms. *Beth Nelson Chase, Executive Director, Bright Stars of Bethlehem* Learn the up-to-date relationship of Christians in the Holy Land, especially Lutherans, in light of the recent ELCA Assembly actions. What and how do the events of the Middle East inform us as congregations and individuals in living our faith in partnership. What actions and positive steps can congregations take in understanding the relationships of Muslims, Christians and Jews in the Holy land in our U.S. context today.

SJ-4 **b & c** ● **blue** **1225 WELCA-Sponsored Human Trafficking Forum** *Joan Soltwisch, WELCA Social Justice Chairperson; Kimberly Choin* Forum with elected and local officials will discuss human trafficking education, and discussion about how churches can bring this education to the forefront of ministry awareness. The forum will focus on the victim-centered approach.

SJ-5 **b & c** ● **green** **1217 Walk for Water Simulation** *Becky Wright, Co-Chair, World Hunger Subcommittee* Clean water is one of the most powerful ways to create change in the world. Learn about a world hunger activity that raises awareness of clean, safe water around the world and experience a walk designed to simulate the experience of collecting water miles away from home.

SJ-6 **b** ● **white** **1247 Church and State: A Primer in Advocacy and Civic Engagement** *Erin Clark* This work shop with provide information about how to engage in advocacy on a state and national level. Information will also be provided about Lutheran Day.

Spirituality • Prayer • Health & Wellness

SPHW-1 **b & c** ● **yellow** **1242 Diving Deeper into the Lectionary: A How-To (and Why-To) Start a Small Group Study Focused on the Lectionary** Ms. *Julie Lee, Director for Congregational Ministries, Prince of Peace, Freeport* Looking to start a new small group study? Let the lectionary be your guide! Discover deeper connections, identify themes, discuss imagery, ask hard questions, engage in scripture! Learn how "Second Sundays at 6" evolved into a thriving small group study. Techniques, resources, and other helpful information will be shared.

SPHW-2 **a & b** ● **green** **1201 Dwelling in the Word** Pr. *Janet Hunt, First, DeKalb* Practice and adopt a tested process for deep listening to God, one another, and your neighbor. Live into a Bible passage over time and see how it shapes your imagination and vision for God's mission and your church. Learn what happens to persons and churches who practice this habit.

SPHW-3 **a & b** ● **pink** **1363 Healthy Boundaries between Congregation and Pastor: What a Congregation Needs to Know** *Pastor Jon Pedersen, Bishop's Task Force on Healthy Boundaries* Healthy relationships between congregations and their leaders are essential for carrying out the mission of the church. An understanding of proper boundaries is a major part of these healthy relationships. What does a congregation need to know in order to maintain those proper boundaries.

SPHW-4 **a & c** ● **yellow** **1243 The Forbidden Well** Pr. *Jim Roberts* How the path of the great mystics are medicine for the soul. Bringing our mystical tradition into the crowded schedule of religious leaders and into the worship life of parishioners hungry for spirit – invigorating the daily journey to the well. How to begin, various pathways.

Stewardship

S-1 **b & c** ● **pink** **1364 Caring for the Earth, to the Glory of God (a Spirituality of the Environment)** *Pastor Carol Soderholm - The Edward F Vassallo Land and Water Reserve of the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission* For the first time in human history, vast numbers of people have lost a connection with nature. As Christians and called to be stewards of God's creation, we will explore what a spirituality of the environment is, how we have lost touch with that, and how to recover a reverence for and connection with the Earth. We will discuss how best to take care of God's creation in our own surroundings.

S-2 **a & b** ● **red** **1351 Climate Change and Stewardship of Creation** Pr. *Scott Ralston* Our mission is to increase awareness of the present planetary crises and to reconnect the faithful people of the church to the rich diversity of life on earth and our responsibility to revive and restore it. The workshop is intended to reinvigorate our call to be stewards of God's amazing creation, and to provide tools to reach and teach our congregations and communities.

S-3 **c** ● **yellow** **1241 Stewardship: Telling Your Story** Pr. *Katie Gallagher and Synod Stewardship Committee* The first two sessions will be spent interviewing random people (Jay Leno Style) in the hallways about what's your why...why do you give. The 3rd session will be in a class discussing the importance of telling your story.

Worship

W-1 **b & c** ● **white** **1251 Churches and Copyright: How to be a Weekend Publisher and Stay Out of Prison** Mr. *Michael Moore, Copyright Specialist Content Management, 1517 Media (Augsburg Fortress)* In a live presentation via Skype, Michael Moore will cover what copyrights are, how long they last, what churches can do without licenses, what they can do with licenses, and then take questions. This very important information is helpful and informative for every congregation.

W-2 **a & b** ● **orange** **1330 Emergent Worship** *Pastor Jessica Harren* It's not about worship style! Come and discover the possibilities for worship when the worldview is flipped, and learn to apply these in your own context.

W-3 **a** ● **yellow** **1244 Humor in the Bible/Holy Hilarity Sunday** *Pastor Arlyn Tolzmann* Helping persons see humor in the Bible. Giving the history of and ideas for Holy Hilarity Sunday (Risus Paschalis).

W-4 **a & b** ● **orange** **1333 Season of Creation** Pr. *Jeff Schlesinger, Immanuel, Compton & First, Lee* The Season of Creation is a four week liturgical option which brings together worship and the stewardship of creation. Attendees will hear how Pastor Jeff Schlesinger has incorporated this into the worship life of his congregations and get ideas on how they might use it at their own congregations.

Youth • Family • Children

YFC-1 **c** ● **orange** **1333 Cross+Gen Education Is EPIC** *Amanda Schanze, Region 5 Facilitator* Come learn about what our church has learned about cross+gen ministry, and experience what that means to us! You'll learn the Biblical tradition of cross+gen ministry, why that is important now, and a few practical ideas for how to bring it to your congregation.

YFC-2 **c** ● **orange** **1330 Dream the Impossible Dream -- Enrich Marriage, Family, and the Church** *Pastor John Heins* This workshop is presented by couples of the Lutheran Marriage Encounter community from various Lutheran Churches in Northern Illinois. Using stories, video, and couple sharing, the presentation will describe the Marriage Encounter experience and its positive effects on couples, their families, and the church.

YFC-3 **a & c** ● **orange** **1326 Godly Play: Teaching the Tablet Generation to Breathe** Pr. *Neal Cannon, Christ, Belvidere* Godly Play is a ministry for children based on the Montessori method of teaching. In this session we will learn how the Godly Play counter-cultural approach to ministry is an effective way to communicate the Christian story.

YFC-4 **c** ● **green** **1201 Houston, We Have a Gathering** *Peg Miller* June 27 – July 1, 2018, we will be gathering in Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. Come learn about plans and ideas for attending the Gathering. Beginning information about transportation, costs, etc. will be shared.

YFC-5 **a** ● **yellow** **1241 Ministry Opportunity - Kids Hope USA** *Annette Forster, Partnerships - IL Director KHUSA and Jeanne Tolzmann KHUSA* is a faith based mentoring program, matching one congregation with one school. Congregations provide directors and mentors. Each mentor works with one child for one hour each week, making a difference, one child at a time.

YFC-6 **a** ● **purple** **1338 Leadership among the LYO** *Audrey Adams* Do your young people want to become leaders? Hear from our young leaders about their experience at the National Youth Leadership Summit which focuses on leadership development, faith formation, and building connections for high school in the ELCA.

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