



Southeastern Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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2018 Leadership Convocation
Lutheridge, Arden, NC
October 16 – 18, 2018

PRE-CONVOCAATION GATHERINGS

Monday, October 15

1:00 PM Dean's Meeting - Upper Efird
 First Call Gathering Begins - Lower Efird

6:00 PM Dinner - Dining Hall

7:30 PM Worship - Mission Hall

8:30 PM Fellowship - Upper Efird

Tuesday, October 16

8:30 AM Breakfast - Dining Hall

9:00-12:00 Dean's Meeting & First Call Gathering Continue

12:00 PM Lunch - Dining Hall

LEADERSHIP CONVOCAATION

All events in Faith Center unless otherwise indicated; Mission Hall will be open for prayer throughout the event.

Tuesday, October 16

9:00 am Check-In for Leadership Convocation - Efird

1:30-2:30 **Opening Eucharist**

2:30-2:50 Break

2:50-4:30 **Welcome and Presentation 1: Mark's Ongoing Influence on How (and Why) we Gather**

4:30-4:45 Break

4:45-6:00 **Workshops****

6:00-7:00 Dinner - Dining Hall

7:00-8:15 **Bishop's Address**

8:25-8:50 **Evening Prayer – Mission Hall**

8:50 Reception to Thank and Honor Rachel Alley/Back porch of Dining Hall

Wednesday, October 17

7:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Mission Hall
8:00-8:55	Breakfast - Dining Hall
9:00-10:30	Presentation 2: Table and Font...or is it, Font and Table?
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:45	Around the Synod Updates
11:45-12:00	Break
12:00	Lunch - Dining Hall
1:00-6:00	Free Time
6:00-7:00	Dinner - Dining Hall
7:00-8:15	Workshops**
8:30-9:00	Evening Prayer – Mission Hall
9:00	Fellowship - Back porch of Dining Hall

Thursday, October 18

7:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Mission Hall
8:15-9:00	Breakfast - Dining Hall
9:00-9:30	Check out of rooms
9:30-11:00	Presentation 3: Bishop Burk's Current Musing
11:00-11:30	Closing Thoughts
11:30 -12:30PM	Closing Worship
12:30 PM	Sack Lunch (Dining Hall) and Depart

POST-CONVOCATION GATHERINGS**Thursday, October 18**

1:00PM	Boundary Training – Lower Efird
2:00PM	Interim Pastor's Gathering - Upper Efird
6:00	Dinner - Dining Hall
8:00	Fellowship - Upper Efird

Friday, October 19

8:30AM	Breakfast - Dining Hall
9:30	Gathering Continues - Upper Efird
11:30	Depart (Lunch on your own)

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****Workshops, Tuesday, 4:45-6:00 pm and Wednesday, 7:00-8:15 pm**

The Rev. Delmer Chilton and Deacon Terri Endres - Retirement: How to Prepare for the Next Act.

Is retirement in your near future? Wondering what you need to be doing to get ready for when full-time ministry is not your full-time gig? Join this conversation about how you can begin to prepare to write your next chapter. *Faith Center*

The Rev. Lewis Groce - We have a Welcome Statement! Now what?

Thinking about becoming a Reconciling in Christ Congregation and wonder what that means for your congregation's ministry? Come hear how four different congregations in the Southeastern Synod live out their Welcome Statement within their unique contexts and how your congregation might welcome all. *Upper Efird*

The Rev. Josh Linman - Preaching Good News Through the Big Screen

We are a visual culture, dominated by screens, and yet the church continues to communicate predominantly through the spoken word. Martin Luther used the modern technology of his day, the printing press, to communicate the Gospel more clearly. Come explore ways to use movies and YouTube and other visual media to share the Good News today. Participants will get to watch clips from movies (like Moana, Lars and the Real Girl, Hook, Les Miserables, Philomena) and see how they highlight the biblical theme. Participants will also get a behind the scenes look at preparing for a message grounded in scripture and supported by visual media. *Faith Center*

The Rev. Terri Stagner-Collier - Clergy Effectiveness in Growing Congregations

Given that there are only 202 growing congregations in the ELCA, Pastor Terri Stagner-Collier's sabbatical study set out to discern if there are consistent hallmarks (practices, gifts, passions, etc.) of the senior pastors of these growing congregations. In this workshop, she will share the results of her study and facilitate discussion around the pastor's role in church growth and how the laity can support and participate in the proclamation of the Gospel. This workshop will NOT be a "how-to" guide to growth, but consideration of the passions and perspectives exhibited by these pastors. *Lower Efird*

The Rev. Karen Stevenson - Pivot or Persevere

Pivoting and persevering are concepts associated with lean startup business endeavors. Persevering means to stay the course with minimal adjustments to a product, and pivoting means trying a very different strategy. In our current culture of Church decline, we will investigate how these business concepts are applicable to the larger Church, congregations, and mission developments. In this session, participants will have the opportunity to evaluate what they are currently doing in their context or learn how to brainstorm a new idea by applying lean startup techniques. *Lower Thornburg*

The Rev. John Tirro - Sing a New Song

This is an introduction to new hymns and liturgies that Southeastern Synod Pr. John Tirro has written – if you are looking for mid-week worship liturgies or new Eucharistic settings, come learn how to apply these and the new hymns in your context. *Mission Hall*