

2017 Synod Assembly Forums

<i>Friday, May 5</i>	<i>4:15-5:00 pm</i>	<i>5:15-6:00 pm</i>	<i>6:10-6:55 pm</i>
<i>Sanctuary</i>	Brave New Church	Brave New Church	
<i>E202</i>	Having Helpful Conversations about Race	Having Helpful Conversations about Race	
<i>A101</i>	United Lutheran Seminary	United Lutheran Seminary	
<i>E112</i>	Stewardship in Small Membership Congregations		Telling Your Stewardship Story: The Narrative Budget
<i>E103</i>	Racial Justice Q&A		Racial Justice Q&A
<i>E111</i>	Crying in the Church, a Journey Toward Reconciliation		Crying in the Church, a Journey Toward Reconciliation
<i>E100</i>		Forward Together in Urban Communities	Forward Together in Suburban Communities

2017 SYNOD ASSEMBLY FORUMS

SESSION 1 4:15 -- 5:00

SESSION 2 5:15 -- 6:00

SESSION 3 6:10 -- 6:55

Having Helpful Conversations about Race Members of the Anti-Racism Team

Talking about race is difficult, and, all too often, conversations about this unjust and painful division in our nation and our church leave participants feeling exposed and even shamed. The SEPA Anti-Racism Team has been studying ways of facilitating conversations that are more likely to lead to common understandings of our history and present reality and to generate a shared commitment to an equitable future. Learn more about what the team can offer congregations in doing this important work.

UPPER LEVEL

ROOM E202

SESSION 1 & 2

Brave New Church

The Rev. Brad Burke, Assistant to the Bishop for Youth, Young Adult and Spiritual Formation

Politics. Facebook. Millennials. The world is changing under our feet – but do our ministry models really engage the world we actually live in? More and more people aren't finding meaning in their local church. Too often, they aren't finding it at all. Why is it so hard to find purpose and connection in today's world? And why for so many is this meaning not found in church? Come learn about the changing landscape of ministry in today's world – and more importantly – what we in SEPA can do about it!

MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM

FRONT CENTER

SESSION 1&2

Stewardship in Small Membership Congregations The Rev. Tim Ness

This workshop, based on a booklet by Clark Hargus is designed specifically for congregations with an average worship of under 100. It focuses on the strengths of small congregations by focusing on activities that are Bible-based, enjoyable, relational, practical and specific.

LOWER LEVEL

ROOM E112

SESSION 1

Telling Your Stewardship Story: The Narrative Budget The Rev. Karen Sease

Your budget is a story of mission and ministry. This workshop will help you learn how to tell your story, move away from the typical numbers focused budget and motivate members to support the important work our congregations are doing.

LOWER LEVEL

ROOM E112

SESSION 3

United Lutheran Seminary: Challenges and Opportunities in Theological Education Rev. Trina Johnsten and Rev. J. Jayakiran Sebastian

The forum will offer an opportunity for those attending the Synod to receive information regarding the process leading to the launch of the United Lutheran Seminary on July 1, 2017, and have interaction with the presenters regarding challenges and opportunities in theological education that this new venture engages with.

RIGHT REAR OF MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM

ROOM A101

SESSION 1 & 2

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Racial Justice Q&A
Judith Roberts, Director Racial Justice Ministry

This is an opportunity to ask questions about the presentation presented during synod assembly and engage in further conversation on the topic of Racial Justice.

LOWER LEVEL

ROOM E103

SESSION 1 & 3

**Crying in the Church, a Journey toward Reconciliation: Relationship and Accompaniment with
American Indian Alaska Native Ministries**
Prairie Rose Seminole, Director, American Indian Alaska Native Ministries

It is my prayer that we as the ELCA will have the courage to implement the churchwide action of repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery in 2016. This journey, commitment toward reconciliation with American Indian Alaska Native people is a call to grow, learn, change and be transformed.

We'll have a discussion of current realities of American Indian Alaska Native ministries. History leading to and the work committed in the CWA 2016 resolution.

LOWER LEVEL

ROOM E111

SESSION 1 & 3

O God Our Hope for Years to Come: Forward Together in Urban Communities
Ms. Tracey Beasley, Vice President of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

In our time together you will go home with creative ideas and resources for networking, innovating, communicating, and equipping leaders within your urban congregation and neighborhood. Led by Tracey Beasley, Vice President of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and member of Reformation Lutheran Church in Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. Ms. Beasley is an advocate for the vital ministries happening throughout our synod, and she is enthusiastic about the *Forward Together in Faith* campaign, which hopes to support those vital ministries. She will be joined in leading this forum by the pastor of one of our Philadelphia area congregations that has experienced positive results from participating in the exciting initiatives offered by the campaign.

LOWER LEVEL

ROOM E100

SESSION 2

O God Our Hope for Years to Come: Forward Together in Suburban Communities
The Rev. Tim Johansen

From our time together you will go home with creative ideas and resources for networking, innovating, communicating, and equipping leaders within your suburban congregation and neighborhood. Led by the Rev. Tim Johansen, Pastor of Temple Lutheran Church in Havertown. Pastor Tim and Temple, Havertown have begun exciting new ministries as a result of their participation in the *Forward Together in Faith* campaign. Pastor Tim will be joined in leading this forum by the pastor of another suburban congregation that has gained helpful insight into their ministry through participation in the campaign.

LOWER LEVEL

ROOM E100

SESSION 3
