

2019 SYNOD ASSEMBLY FORUMS

SESSION 1	4:15 - 5:00	SESSION 2	5:15 - 6:00	SESSION 3	6: 10 - 6:55
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Leadership Rooted in Baptism Rev. Wyvetta Bullock, Assistant to the Presiding Bishop/Executive for Administration		
MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM	FRONT CENTER	SESSION 1&2
A look at leadership from the water of baptism. Consider our call to discipleship as a call to leadership.		

Martin Luther King, Jr: Living into Becoming A Beloved Community Deacon Kathie Afflerbach, Member Anti-Racism Team		
MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM	A101	SESSION 2&3
I will present a short Martin Luther King Jr. video regarding how to live into becoming a Beloved Community followed by a question & answer session.		

Building the Beloved Community Beyond Our Walls Tracey DePasquale, Director of LAMPa		
LOWER LEVEL	ROOM E112	SESSION 2&3
When loving your neighbor leads you into the public square, let LAMPa and ELCA Advocacy accompany you. This forum will feature resources, encouragement and conversation to help us be the church together for the sake of the world.		

Boundaries 101: How They Keep Your Church Healthy Rev. Dr. Dolores E. Littleton, LMFT Advisor to the Bishop for Fitness for Ministry		
LOWER LEVEL	ROOM E103	SESSION 1&3
This workshop will help lay and rostered leaders think about setting clear boundaries that will help make congregational life safe and inviting for all of God's people to do the work of ministry, to take risk, to change and to embrace the task of living the Gospel in their community. Clarity about personal vulnerabilities and understanding expectations between clergy and congregations is often taken for granted and not understood which only creates anxiety in a congregation and keeps the ministry stuck. It is time for our churches to be intentional about understanding and maintaining a healthy congregation.		

Kingdom Building: Equipping Leaders to Effectively Partner with God Dr. Katherine L. Bittner, Bittner and Associates, LLC		
LOWER LEVEL	ROOM E111	SESSION 1&2
Equipping rostered and lay leaders to listen to God's will and partner with God for Kingdom Building is no easy task. I will present cutting edge leadership research and thinking on the personal attributes and behaviors that motivate church pastors and leaders to participate in Kingdom Building. As we seek to build God's Kingdom in the world, we will discuss the kinds of personality characteristics and leadership behaviors of both rostered and lay leaders that aid in this endeavor. Further, we will focus on lessons learned as well as practical ideas we can implement to advance God's Kingdom inside our churches and outside our four walls.		

The Five Gifts of Discipleship: A Guide for Living Our Faith in Daily Life Rev. Brenda K. Smith, ELCA Director of Faith Practices and Book of Faith		
LOWER LEVEL	ROOM E106	SESSION 1&3
In this forum participants will learn how they can use the “Five Gifts of Discipleship” as a guide as they strive each day to grow in faith, love and obedience to God’s will. There will also be a presentation on a resource titled, “Story Matters.” This resource encourages individuals and congregations to explore a biblical passage that they feel represents their faith journey at this time. Participants are given an overview of how this resource can be used to develop discipleship and mission strategies in their setting.		

Stewardship in the Beloved Community: “For where your treasure is, there you heart will be also.” Rev. Linda Norman, Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA		
UPPER LEVEL	ROOM E202	SESSION 2&3
Scripture reminds us that stewardship is not only a matter of money, but a matter of the heart of a community. “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21). Come and explore in community the gift, promise and challenge of stewardship for God’s beloved community.		

Being the Presence of Christ in the World Rev. Dr. J. Jayakiran Sebastian, Dean and H. George Anderson Professor of Mission and Cultures, United Lutheran Seminary		
LOWER LEVEL	ROOM E100	SESSION 1
We will look at examples from the global church regarding the Christ of the Margins and what that means for us here today.		

Developing a Culture of Generosity Rev. Mark Singh-Heuter, Member Synod Generosity Team		
LOWER LEVEL	ROOM E100	SESSION 3
A year-round plan to help congregations develop a culture of generosity with examples and strategies.		