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**Rostered Ministers Equipping Event**

**November 14 - 16, 2022**

# Welcome!

We are so glad that you are here, whether you're joining us online or in person, or a little bit of both. This year, our theme is "Reimagine. Renew. Rejoice." Accordingly, we decided to reimagine, renew, and rejoice in our work together as the RME2 Team, so you will find a very different sort of event this year.

There was, in many of our childhoods, a sort of book called "Choose Your Own Adventure." In one such book, you would reach a point in the story where you could choose where the plot went next, and turn to a different page depending on where you wanted it to go. It created a different story for each person who read it, and reflected the personality and creativity of the person reading, not just the author.

This is the sort of event we have created. Rather than one keynote speaker, we asked our Bishop to welcome you to the event, and chose three workshop leaders, each offering online and in-person options. We chose the ULS Philadelphia campus so that, between workshops, adventures, and meals, you could "Choose Your Own Adventure:"

- *Excited to learn something new?* From self-care and spiritual direction to community organizing and storytelling, our three workshop leaders have a lot to teach! Choose between online and in-person options, for which you can sign up all three days.
- *Interested in spending time with colleagues?* Lull Lounge is open all three days, with comfortable seats, and coffee and tea right outside in the hallway.
- *Love dining out?* Mount Airy and Chestnut Hill offer many fun and flavorful restaurants, some of which are offering you discounts. We invite you to explore each day at lunch.
- *Looking for adventure?* From the prayer labyrinth, library, and chapel here on campus to shops, cafes, museums, and parks within walking and driving distance, we hope you will take advantage of this incredible location.

Let this booklet be your guide, and choose the adventure that best serves you, as long as it helps you to reimagine, renew, and rejoice in your faith, calling, and life. You should feel free to do as many or as few of the planned events as you wish; we do not expect any of our participants to attend every event we've scheduled.

I would like to say a special thank you to the incredible team that pulled this event together. Our Bishop, Patricia Davenport, worked hard to provide vision and guidance, even as our team held meetings, listened to their peers, ran to Target, made calls to vendors, and dreamed of what this event could be. Special thanks especially to Cynta Outterbridge, Kevin Tracey, Kathleen Kerin, Phil Krey, and Daniel Eisenberg, all of whom spent many hours preparing for this event.

Many thanks to you, too, who chose to take three days out of your busy life to attend this gathering. We are grateful for you!

Wishing you a week of reimagining, renewing, and rejoicing,

Lauren Heywood Bruno  
Chair, RME2 Planning Team

# Schedule

*Workshop and Adventure Block Descriptions can be found on page 4 & 5.*

## Monday, November 14\*

10am: Gathering, registration, & breakfast | Brossman Hall

11am: Bishop's address | Benbow A & B

12pm: Lunch

- *Recommended: High Point Café & Iron Hill Pub and Brewery*

2pm: Workshops, Block 1

4pm: Adventure, Block 1

## Tuesday, November 15

9am: Gather, worship, & breakfast | Benbow A & B

10am: Workshops, Block 2

12pm: Lunch

- *Recommended: McMenamin's & Jyoti*

2pm: Workshops, Block 3

3:15pm: Adventure, Block 2

5pm: Dinner & online Happy Hour

## Wednesday, November 16

9am: Gather, worship, & breakfast | Benbow A & B

10am: Workshops, Block 4

11:30am: Lunch

- *Recommended: Mi Puebla & Golden Crust Pizza*

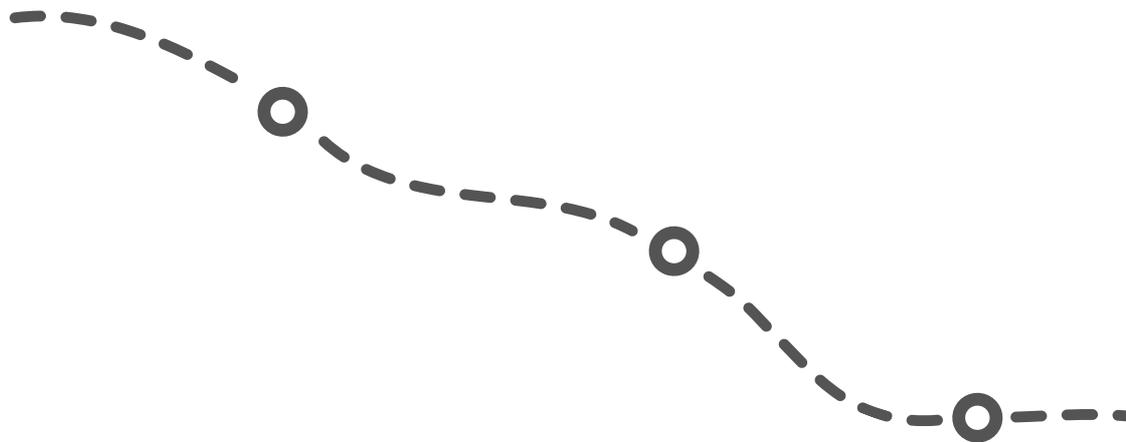
1pm: Closing worship with Eucharist | Chapel

*Don't forget that the Labyrinth and Chapel will be open all three days for prayer and reflection. We've built free time into this schedule so that you can stop by. You might even find the Bishop there, and she'd be happy to pray with you.*

*\*Individual Direction available with Dale Selover - 45-minute blocks. Sign up at the registration table.*

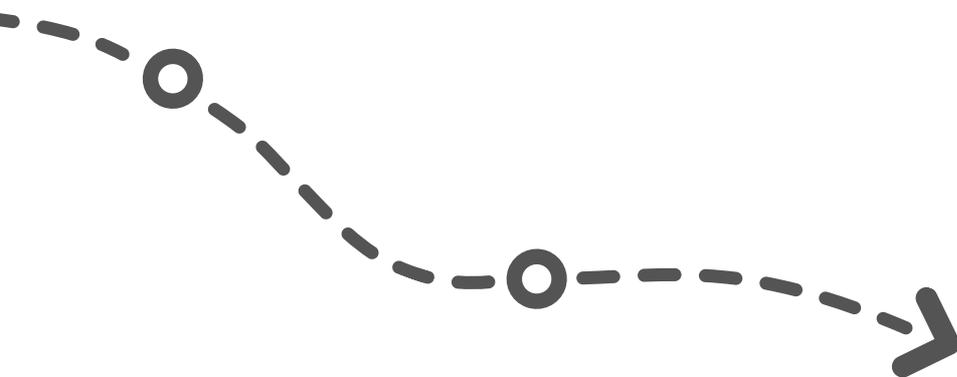
# Workshops

<b>Workshop Block 1 Monday 2pm</b>	<b>Adventure Block 1 Monday 4pm</b>	<b>Workshop Block 2 Tuesday 10am</b>
<p><b>Resting in God: Spiritual Practice as a Source of Renewal</b> Leader: Dale Selover Location: Benbow B</p>	<p><b>What? Happy Hour at Iron Hill Pub</b> Leader: meet Joey Klinger to walk up to Iron Hill at 3:30, or meet at Iron Hill at 4pm</p>	<p><b>Embodied Healing for a Sustainable Calling</b> Leader: Lena Glickman Location: Benbow B</p>
<p><b>Embodied Healing for a Sustainable Calling</b> Leader: Lena Glickman Location: online, hosted in room 320</p>	<p><b>What? Coffee &amp; pastries at the Night Kitchen</b> Leader: meet at the Brossman front desk to travel together</p>	<p><b>Resting in God: Spiritual Practice as a Source of Renewal</b> Leader: Dale Selover Location: online, hosted in room 320</p>



# and Adventures

<b>Workshop Block 3</b> <b>Tuesday 2pm</b>	<b>Adventure Block 2</b> <b>Tuesday 3:15pm</b>	<b>Workshop Block 4</b> <b>Wednesday 10am</b>
<p>Leading Through Deconstruction and (Our Own) Dysfunction            Leader: Brandi Miller            Location: 309, Board Room</p>	<p>What? Morris Arboretum            Leader: (meet Lauren Bruno at the Brossman front desk)</p>	<p>In-person Only:            Opportunities for one-on-one conversations with the Bishop</p>
<p>Online Only: Opportunities for one-on-one conversations with the Bishop</p>	<p>What? Uncle Bobbie's Bookstore &amp; Café            Leader: meet at the Brossman front desk to travel together</p>	<p>Prayer Stations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayerful Coloring in Lull Lounge</li> <li>• Walk the Prayer Labyrinth in the Library</li> <li>• Prayer space in the Chapel</li> </ul>
<p>Dungeons &amp; Dragons            Leader: Axel Kaegler            2 - 5pm; 6 maximum, sign up in advance at the registration table            Location: Lull Lounge</p>		<p>Leading Through Deconstruction and (Our Own) Dysfunction            Leader: Brandi Miller            Location: online</p>
		<p>Guided Knitting            Leader: Sarah Aasheim            Location: Lull Lounge</p>
		<p>Hike in Wissahickon Park            Leader: meet Lauren Bruno at Brossman front desk</p>



# Workshop

# Descriptions

## Resting in God: Spiritual Practice as a Source of Renewal

Dale Selover

Block 1 & 2

*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.* - Matthew 11:28

In this season of ministry, what is life-giving to you? What is life-draining?

During our time together, participants will have the opportunity to rest in God as they experience a variety of spiritual practices such as breath prayer, centering prayer, chant and holy listening.

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## "But What If It All Falls Apart?" : Leading Through Deconstruction and (Our Own) Dysfunction

Brandi Miller

Block 3 & 4

In a time of religious deconstruction, disillusionment, and questions, leaders are often confronted with their theology, but rarely with the character they lead out of as people's faith and practices unravel around them. In this workshop, we will engage with stories and tools to help us to self-manage, grow, and deepen awareness of how our ongoing formation shapes how others deconstruct and reconstruct around us.

# Workshop

# Descriptions

## Embodied Healing for a Sustainable Calling

Lena Glickman

Block 1 & 2

What can your body teach you about (re)connecting to and living into your calling? What does it mean to embody your calling? You will have a chance to get to know your nervous system, and how different nervous system states may be impacting your ministry. Then we'll turn to what nourishes and sustains you in your calling. We'll practice listening to our bodies, imaginations and each other with the aim of finding more alignment and joy in this work!



# Workshop Leaders



***Dale Selover** is the Director of the House Next Door, a spiritual direction and retreat center. Inspired by her own hunger for a deeper relationship with God, Dale provides respite for all who hunger for a safe space and a place of grace to dwell in the heart of God. Following the example of Jesus, Dale is committed to meeting people where they are and companioning them on their journey.*

*For more than ten years, Dale has provided direction for both individuals and groups. Blessed with twenty-five years of experience, Dale offers day and weekend retreats on a variety of topics, but will also create a retreat based on your individual, group, or congregation's specific needs. Along with her ministry at the House Next Door, Dale is also a retreat leader for Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Development and Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center.*

*Dale is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, serving congregations and communities throughout New Jersey for more than thirty years.*

*For more information, you are welcome to email [hnd@popnj.org](mailto:hnd@popnj.org) or visit the House Next Door's website: [www.housenextdoornj.org](http://www.housenextdoornj.org).*

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*Based out of Seattle, **Brandi Miller** is the host of Reclaiming My Theology, a space to take our theology back from ideas and systems that oppress. She is also the Chief Storyteller at Quest Church and expresses most of her ministry and work at the intersection of faith, politics and justice.*





**Lena Glickman** (she/her) is a somatic coach, bodyworker and facilitator. For the last 5 years she has worked as a community organizer, trainer and coach at POWER, a multifaith racial and economic justice organization.

She started her coaching and bodywork practice, Seedling Somatics in 2022. Learn more about the practice at [www.phillysomatics.com](http://www.phillysomatics.com).

Her somatics work draws on her training with the Somatic Therapy Center, the Strozzi Institute, a Vipassana Buddhist Meditation practice, and many other lineages and teachers. Much of her work centers around healing the old stories, limiting beliefs and trauma that surface when we show up to claim our power—and connecting to the resilience, vision and joy that is our birthright.

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# Keynote Speaker

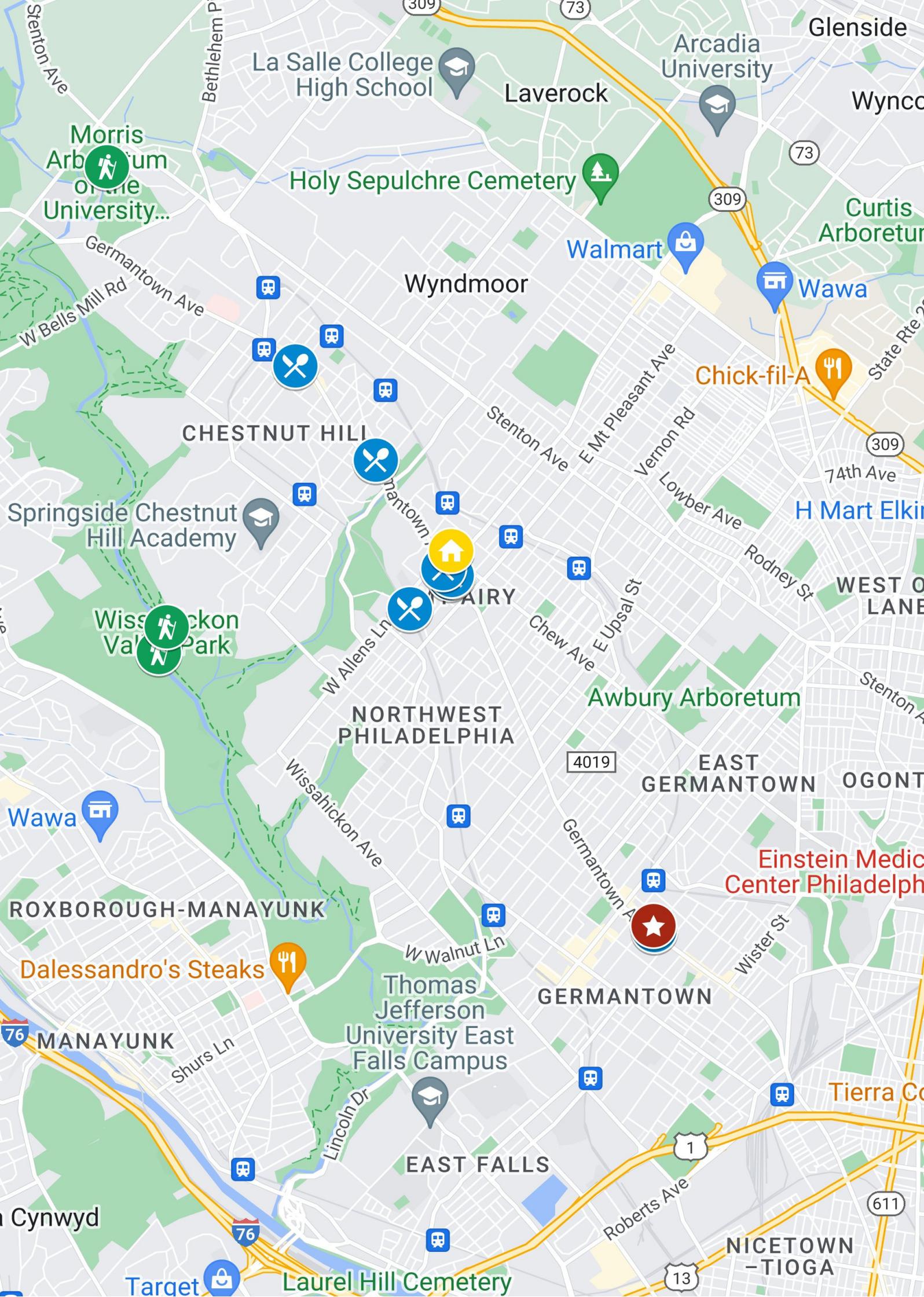
**Bishop Patricia Ann Curtis Davenport** assumed office as bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on August 1, 2018.

Overwhelmingly elected by the Synod Assembly on May 5, 2018, she is the first African-American woman to be elected a bishop in the 3.8-million-member ELCA. She was recently elected Vice-Chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops.

Bishop Davenport is leading SEPA Synod in making disciples through information, education and inspiration that leads to transformation. She believes this is the way the Synod makes a difference in the five-county area she is called to serve.

She has served the national church in a variety of capacities, including co-chair of the ELCA's Guiding Coalition, member of the Congregational Vitality and African Descent Strategy teams, and secretary of the board of Lutheran Services in America. She is a lifetime member of the Philadelphia chapter of the African Descent Lutheran Association and is active with the Black Clergy of Philadelphia, Metropolitan Christian Council, and Christians United Against Addictions.





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Awbury Arboretum

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## Restaurants

 7301 Germantown Ave

 Jyoti Indian Bistro



Mi Puebla Restaurant &  
Bakery

 Golden Crust Pizzeria



Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant

 The Night Kitchen Bakery

 High Point Cafe



Uncle Bobbie's Coffee & Books

 McMenamin's Tavern

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## Activities



Morris Arboretum of the  
University of Pennsylvania



Wissahickon Valley Park



Forbidden Drive



Lest We Forget Museum of  
Slavery

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# Your Local Guide!

## Restaurants

Mi Puebla | 7157 Germantown Avenue.

*About?* Mexican restaurant. Amazing chorizo.

Golden Crust Pizza- 7153 Germantown Avenue.

*About?* Pretty standard pizza place with good pizza and sandwiches.

*Special Available: Tell them you are from the seminary event*

Large pizza \$12

Medium pizza \$8

Cheesesteak \$7

Cold Subs \$7

High Point Cafe | 7210 Cresheim Road.

*About?* Great little coffee place with some nice pastries too.

Night Kitchen | 7725 Germantown Avenue.

*About?* Bakery. Get some sweets!

*Special Available: 10% discount on your order when you tell them you are from the seminary event*

Iron Hill Brewery | 8400 Germantown Avenue.

*About?* Nice lunch spot with a decent selection of beers.

Jyoti- 7220 Germantown Ave.

*About?* Indian restaurant. Great for takeout.

McMenamin's | 7170 Germantown Avenue. | **Closed Mondays.**

*About?* Standard pub fair.

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## Freetime Activities

Uncle Bobbie's | 5445 Germantown Avenue. | **Closed Mondays.**

*About?* Fantastic bookstore and cafe. Great coffee and pastries.

Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery | 5501 Germantown Avenue. | **Closed Mondays.**

*About?* Featuring artifacts from slavery era, Jim Crow era, and today. (Tickets are \$20 per adult) Please plan ahead and book your tour before you go:

<https://lwfsm.com/index.php/lwfs-museum/>

Morris Arboretum | 100 E Northwestern Avenue.

*About?* Tickets are \$20 per adult

Wissahickon Valley Park | Valley Green Road.

*About?* Beautiful trails. Check out forbidden drive!

## At United Lutheran Seminary

Chapel | the chapel will be open throughout the week for personal prayer and reflection time.

Labyrinth | on the top floor of the library you will find a prayer labyrinth. You may walk this space and for prayer and reflection time.



# A Note on Your Welcome Bag

*We are so glad you are here to reimagine, renew, and rejoice with the rostered ministers of South East PA. Please be sure to grab a welcome bag from the registration table. You'll find an assortment of items, some useful and some just for fun!*

*You are encouraged to reuse this bag throughout this event (and beyond!). Please feel encouraged to take advantage of the blank canvas the outside presents and express your creativity with any of the art supplies scattered about.*



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