

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS AND CHURCH COUNCIL
March 4-9, 2020
Eaglewood Resort
Itasca, Illinois**

JOINT MEETING AGENDA

The Bishops and Church Council Members of Region 8 will be chaplains and worship leaders for this meeting.

Wednesday, March 4

Lunch on your own

- 2 – 6 p.m. Synod-Churchwide Relations Committee Meeting, Pentecost
6 p.m. Executive Committee of the Conference of Bishops dinner meeting

Thursday, March 5

Breakfast on your own

- 8 a.m. Synod-Churchwide Relations Committee Meeting, Pentecost *(if needed)*
9 – 10 a.m. Conference of Bishops Executive Committee and Administrative Team, Epiphany I
10 a.m.–1 p.m. Assignments to synods
Region 1 – Council
Region 3 – Epiphany I
Region 5 – Epiphany II
Region 6 – Advent
Region 7 – Pentecost
Region 8 – Lent
Region 9 – Easter
10:30 a.m. Executive Committee of the Church Council, Augsburg
12:00 p.m. **LUNCH** – 11th Floor and Augsburg
Region 4 Assignments – 11A
Region 2 Assignments – Luther
1:30 – 4 p.m. **CHURCH COUNCIL BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS**, Lent
1:30 – 4 p.m. **CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS COMMITTEES MEET**
Academy – Advent
Bishop Formation – Epiphany I
Roster – Epiphany II
Theological and Ethical Concerns – Easter

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Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations – Luther
DM: Leadership – Council
DM: Congregation Vitality – Pentecost
Global Mission Liaison – Will Herzfeld Conf. Room, 10th Floor

- 4 p.m. Break
- 4:15 p.m. **HOLY COMMUNION**, First floor Chapel
Presiding: Bishop Tracie Bartholomew
Preaching: Bishop Leila Ortiz
Assisting Minister: Mr. Ismael Castillo-Danforth
Lector: Mr. Noah Roux
- 5:30 p.m. Buses depart Lutheran Center for Eaglewood Resort in Itasca
- 6:15 p.m. **DINNER** – Burnham’s Dining Room
- 7:15 p.m. Farewells and Celebrations with Beverages (*Conference of Bishops only*), Linden Room
- 7:30-9:30 p.m. Retro-Style Bowling and Billiards (*Church Council only*), Kegler’s Bowling Alley

Friday, March 6

Breakfast available at hotel kiosk (Opens at 7:00 a.m.; Outside Red Oak Room)

Chaplain for the Day: Bp. Jim Dunlop

- 8:30 a.m. **JOINT SESSION ONE**, Red Oak Room
- 8:30 a.m. Devotions, Bp. Michael Rhyne
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Vice President Bill Horne and Bp. Tracie Bartholomew
- 9:20 a.m. Report of the Presiding Bishop
- 9:50 a.m. Report of the Vice President
- 10:15 a.m. *Break*
- 10:45 a.m. Report of the Secretary
- 11:30 a.m. Report of the Treasurer
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**, Burnham’s Dining Room
Ready Bench Lunches
Middle East – Hollyhock
Immigration – Arrowhead
International – Indigo
Domestic – Hydrangea
Care of Creation – Violet
Justice is Not Just Us – Aster

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- 1:30 p.m. **RETREAT SESSION ONE**, Red Oak Room
- 1:30 p.m. Strategic Conversation on “Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action”–Mary Streufert
- 2:00 p.m. Vision & Expectations Conversation: Pr. Phil Hirsch
- 3:00 p.m. *Break*
- 3:30 p.m. Health Care Benefits Conversation: Pr. Jeff Thiemann, Lori Fedyk, Bp. Jim Dunlop
- 4:15 p.m. Sanctuary Conversation: Mary Campbell
- 5:00 p.m. Announcements
- 5:15 p.m. Bishop’s Concerns (*Conference of Bishops only*)
- 6:00 p.m. **DINNER**, Burnham’s Dining Room
Board Development Committee meets, Bluebell (*working dinner*)
- 7:15 p.m. Farewells and Celebrations with Beverages (*Conference of Bishops only*), Linden Room
- 7:30 p.m. Optional campfire s’mores (*Church Council only*), outdoor fire pit near Prairie River Restaurant

Saturday, March 7

Breakfast available at hotel kiosk (Opens at 7:00 a.m.; Outside Red Oak Room)

Chaplain for the Day: Bp. Michael Lozano

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| 8:30 a.m. CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS SESSION , Red Oak Room | 9:00 a.m. CHURCH COUNCIL SESSION , Linden Room |
| 8:30 a.m. Devotions, Bp. Matthew Riegel | 9:00 a.m. Executive Session: Legal Briefing |
| 9:00 a.m. Size and structure of synods | 9:15 a.m. Report of Legal and Constitutional Review Cmte |
| | 9:25 a.m. Report of Budget and Finance Cmte |
| 9:45 a.m. <i>Break</i> | 9:45 a.m. Report of Program and Services Cmte |
| 10:15 a.m. Assignment/Call Process | 10:15 a.m. <i>Break</i> |
| | 10:45 a.m. Conversation with Ethnic-Specific Ministry Association Presidents/Representatives |
| 11:15 a.m. DEM Proposal: Pr. Phil Hirsch | 11:30 a.m. Process observation |
| | 11:45 a.m. Announcements
Hymn and Prayer |

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- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**, Burnham's Dining Room
Optional lunch conversation about resource center on ELCA website: Jocelyn Fuller and Jon Beyer - Red Oak Room
- 1:30 p.m. **RETREAT SESSION TWO**, Red Oak Room
- 1:30 p.m. Mission Support Experiment Synods Conversation: Lori Fedyk, Bp. Jim Hazelwood
- 2:15 p.m. ELCA Innovation Lab Conversation: Mikka McCracken
- 3:15 p.m. *Break*
- 3:45 p.m. Congregational Vitality Conversation: Bp. Guy Erwin presenting for Region 2
Bp. Jim Dunlop presenting for Region 8
- 4:45 p.m. **CHURCH COUNCIL DEADLINE**, *Removal of Items from En Bloc*
- 4:45 p.m. **CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**, Linden Room
- 5:20 p.m. Bishop's Concerns (*Conference of Bishops only*), Linden Room
- 6:30 p.m. **REGIONAL DINNERS, CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS & CHURCH COUNCIL**

Sunday, March 8

Breakfast available at hotel kiosk (Opens at 7:00 a.m.; Outside Red Oak Room)

Chaplain for the Day: Bp. Bill Gohl

- 8:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal (*open to all*), Linden Room
- 9:00 a.m. **WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**, Linden Room
Presider: Pr. Khader El-Yateem
Preacher: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Assisting Minister: Vice President Bill Horne
Lector: Mr. Kevin Anderson
Offering: International Women Leaders
- 10:15 a.m. **RETREAT SESSION THREE**, Red Oak Room
- 10:15 a.m. Anti-Racism and Authentic Diversity Conversation: Pr. Al Starr, Judith Roberts
- 11:45 a.m. Debrief of Joint Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**, Burnham's Dining Room
Liaison Bishops Lunch, Arrowhead
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| 1:30 p.m. CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS SESSION , Red Oak Room | 1:30 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL SESSION , Linden Room |
| 1:30 p.m. Seminary Relationships – Expectation/Agreements:
Bp. Suzanne Dillahunt | 1:30 p.m. Unfinished Business
2:30 p.m. Process observation
2:45 p.m. Evaluation and debrief
3:00 p.m. Announcements/Adjournment |

2:30 p.m. **BISHOPS AFTERNOON AND EVENING FREE**

3:30 p.m. Church Council Departure: Bus leaves for O'Hare Airport – meet in lobby

Monday, March 9

Breakfast available at hotel kiosk (Opens at 7:00 a.m.; Outside Linden Room)

Chaplain for the Day: Bp. Kurt Kusserow

7:00 a.m. New Bishops to meet with Secretary Rothmeyer and Bishop Burk, Fenthistle

8:30 a.m. **CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS SESSION**, Linden Room
Devotions, Bp. Barb Collins
Executive Session: Roster Committee: Bp. Tom Aitken
Legal Update: Tom Cunniff, Office of the Secretary

Please provide Jennifer Johnson (Jennifer.Johnson@elca.org) with written/digital reports for posting to my.elca.org

9:30 a.m. *Oral reports for this meeting will be as needed/requested:*

Written reports only, posted to my.elca.org

DM: Congregation Vitality: Bp. Gerald Mansholt
Theological and Ethical Concerns: Bp. Guy Erwin
Bishop Formation: Bp. Michael Girlinghouse
DM: Leadership: Bp. Susan Candea
Synod-Churchwide Relations Committee: Bp. Suzanne Dillahunt
Synod and Rostered Leader Care: Bp. Jim Hazelwood
Academy: Bp. Paul Erickson
Global Mission Liaison: Bp. Jim Gonia

10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

11:00 a.m. Report of the Executive for Synod Relations: Pr. Walter May

11:15 a.m. Report of the Director for Mission Support: Victoria Flood

11:30 a.m. Committee Reports - continued

12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**, Burnham's Dining Room

1:30 p.m. Report of Portico Benefit Services: Pr. Jeff Thiemann

2:00 p.m. Remaining business:
 Agreement/Vote on assignment process
 Next steps on size and structure of synods

3:15 p.m. Closing remarks and sending prayer: Bp. Tracie Bartholomew

3:30 p.m. Departure: Bus leaves for O'Hare Airport – meet in lobby