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**Workshops and Mission Expo Booklet**

**32nd Assembly of the**

**Upstate NY Synod, ELCA**

***“YOU WILL BE MY WITNESS”***

**May 30 – June 1, 2019**

**Joseph A. Floreano**

**Riverside Convention Center**

**Rochester, New York**

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**Welcome**

32nd Upstate NY Synod Assembly!

To all our delegates and guests we hope you enjoy all aspects of this event and are able to return home feeling energized to be the best witness you can be.

For your convenience in locating your destination we suggest that you

 ***print only*** ***the maps and location lists***

***for the Workshops and Mission Expo***

to carry with you.

And……don’t forget to

**Sneak Up on Hunger**

By wearing your favorite sneakers

to Saturday’s Plenary Session

**And….**

A special thank you to

Workshop Presenters

And

Mission Expo Exhibitors

**Then….**

Mark your calendar for

Upstate NY Synod Assembly 2020

June 7-9, 2020

Joseph A. Floreano Riverside

Convention Center

Rochester, NY

**Workshop Locations**

**Highland C**

*Blurring the Lines Between Sunday School and Worship...*Rev. Lori Kochanski

**Highland D**

 The Sermons We Preach Usually Are Preached In The Kitchen, Not An Elevator…Rev. Timothy Hoyer

**Highland E/F Panel Discussion**

*Know where our Mission Dollars go as We Walk Together as the Upstate NY Synod …*Fred Risser, Greg May, Lori Fedyk,

**Highland G**

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*“The Long Journey Home”; Preparing for End of Life, a Faith-Based Resource…*Rev. Debi Turley

**Highland J**

*Faith Formation for Busy People…*Dave Ekimoff, Rev. Joanne Stewart, Rev. Douglas Stewart

**Cascade A**

*Show Me the Money! – grants, fund-raising strategies, and creative programming for the care, repair and use of your church and campus in the 21st century…*Cynthia Howk

**Cascade B**

*S1 Redeemer Sanctuary Mission – Thinking Outside the Box…*Judy Mica Guerin

*S2 FAITH5: Connecting God’s Story to Your Story …* Rev. Johanna Rehbaum

**Cascade C**

*Racism and White Privilege 101…*Rev. Allan Dailey and Rev. Dr. William Wilkinson

**Cascade D**

*Systematic Organizing:…*Benjamin Lee, Signe Hoffner

**Cascade E**

*A Lutheran Witness During Slavery in the USA …*Rev. Dr. Julius Carrol and Rev. Dr. Kenneth Simurro

**Cascade F**

*Developmental Stages and Faith…* Nick Stroczkowski

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|  | **Locations for the Workshop Sessions on the Lower Level of the Rochester Riverside Convention Center** |
|  |  |  |  |  | **May 31, 2019** | **Session 1: 1 - 2 PM**  | **Session 2: 2:30 - 3:30** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  **Cascade** |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Developmental Stages and Faith… Nick Stroczkowski | A Lutheran Witness During Slavery in the USA… Rev. Dr. Julius Carrol, Rev. Dr. Kenneth Simurro  | Systemic Organizing… Benjamin Lee, Signe Hoffner | Racism and White Privilege… Rev. Alan Daley, Rev. William Wilkinson | 1st Redeemer Sanctuary Mission - Judy Mica Guerin  | Show Me the Money.. Cynthia Howk |
|  |  |  |   | (workshop is a tentative plan) |   |   | 2nd Faith 5 … Rev. Johanna Rehbaum |   |
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|   |   | **Highland** |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|   | J | H | G | F Combined with E |  |  |  |  |
| SERRV | Faith Formation for Busy People … Dave Ekimoff, Rev. Joanne Stewart, Rev. Douglas Stewart | "The Long Journey Home" Preparing for End of Life - … Rev. Debi Turley | 1st Avoiding Legal Troubles… Jeff Human | **Combined Rooms** Panel Discussion: Know where our Mission Dollars go as We Walk Together as the Upstate NY Synod  |  |  |  |  |
|   |   |   | 2nd I"ve been elected Council President … Tom Madden  |   |  |  |  |  |
|   |   | C | D | E **Combined with** F |  |  |  |  |
| SERRV | Book Store | Blurring the Lines… Rev. Lori Kochanski | The Sermons we Preach… Rev. Timothy Hoyer | … Panel members are Fred Risser, Greg May and Lori Fedyk |  |  |  |  |
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**WORKSHOP SESSIONS 2019**

FRIDAY MAY 31st

First Session 1:00-2:00 Second Session 2:30-3:30

**Blurring the Lines Between Sunday School and Worship**

We will share resources designed to integrate faith formation practices in congregational worship experience. Hands on practice of intentional faith formation exercises for use in corporate worship and a time to plan how you may integrate this work in your setting.

**Presenter**: Rev. Lori Kochanski, UNYS Director for Faith Formation

 **Location**: Highland C **(BOTH SESSIONS)**

The Sermons We Preach Usually Are Preached In The Kitchen, Not An Elevator

When we are in our kitchens with family or friends, then we are told of events in their lives, their fears, their worries, and the mistreatment they experienced that day. That is when we get to preach to them. So this workshop will give us the ability to see the problem, to see what their

hearts trust, how they are judged, and then offer them Jesus so they trust him and can use his gifts to deal with the events in their lives. And see if that can be said in 127 words or less.

**Presenter**: Rev. Timothy Hoyer

 **Location**: Highland D

**(BOTH SESSIONS)**

**Know where our Mission Dollars go as We Walk Together as the Upstate NY Synod** In the true spirit of the origin of the word “synod” and what it means to walk together, a panel made up of members from our Synod Finance Committee as well as our ELCA Treasurer, Lori Fedyk will focus on our current financial health as a synod, provide attendees with insight into how their mission dollars are used in the Upstate NY Synod and within the greater Church through the ELCA. We will aim to give guidance into the plethora of resources and benefits available to you as a member of a synod congregation: Followed by a Q&A dialogue around financial aspects of our synod and the role that we each play in its financial health.

 **Presenters:** Fred Risser, Greg May, Lori Fedyk, Rev. Marlene Hyden, Rev. David Cleaver-Bartholomew

 **Location:** Highland E/F **(BOTH SESSIONS)**

**Avoiding Legal Troubles for Your Congregation**

A workshop led by the Synod Attorney discussing current legal issues for congregations including understanding the congregation as a legal entity, conducting congregation member meetings, the role and responsibilities of the church council, considerations in adopting policy statements for congregations, tax issues for congregations and building use issues.

**Presenter:** Jeff Human, Legal Counsel to the UNYS

**Location:** Highland G **(FIRST SESSION ONLY)**

**I’ve been elected Council President – what do I do now?**

Learn useful helps for congregational presidents and vice presidents, as well as those contemplating or aspiring to those offices. Topics include constitutions, Robert’s Rules of Order, chairing meetings, handling motions, amendments and voting, managing discussions, and your relationship with the pastor. Time will be allowed for Q&A to cover topics of particular interest to attendees.

**Presenter**: Tom Madden, Synod Vice President

 **Location**: Highland G (**SECOND SESSION ONLY)**

**“The Long Journey Home”; Preparing for End of Life, a Faith-Based Resource**

Few of us welcome thoughts about the end of our lives. And yet, planning for end of life decisions can offer opportunities for deeply meaningful conversations with loved ones, as well as life-giving reflection about the legacy of love we wish to leave behind. In this workshop, we will explore an end of life planning resource, The Long Journey Home, written by Pastor Turley. The resource touches on topics such as legacy, legal documents such as Living Wills and Health Care Proxies, funeral planning, spiritual considerations and practical issues that must be addressed at the time of death. The resource will be available to take home for a donation of $10 to Lord of Life Lutheran either in cash or by check.

**Presenter:** Rev. Debi Turley, Author, Synod Secretary

 **Location**: Highland H **(BOTH SESSIONS)**

**Faith Formation for Busy People**

Exploring and growing in faith can be very challenging and at times, intimidating. This is especially difficult these days when everyone has too many things to do and too little time to do them. How can you find time? Where do you even begin? At Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Webster and Incarnate Word Lutheran Church in Rochester, we have been exploring some new approaches to helping people meet these challenges on their own time and in their own way. In this workshop, we will share what we’ve tried, what we’ve learned and what we’re thinking about for the future.

**Presenters:** Dave Ekimoff, Rev. Joanne Stewart, Rev. Douglas Stewart

 Location: Highland J **(BOTH SESSIONS)**

**Show Me the Money! – grants, fund-raising strategies, and creative programming for the care, repair and use of your church and campus in the 21st century**

Congregations and clergy face increasing challenges for their churches, with diminishing membership, limited funds, on-going repairs and surplus space that no longer fits their current uses. Don’t despair! There is help – and we’ll focus on the many sources. This includes “Partners for Sacred Places” (<https://sacredplaces.org/>), the national clearing house for all aspects of fund-raising, marketing, creative programing and care of houses of worship in the U.S.

**Presenter:** Cynthia Howk, Landmark Society

 **Location**: Cascade A **(BOTH SESSIONS)**

**Redeemer Sanctuary Mission – Thinking Outside the Box**

This workshop describes alternative church services and outreach programs to the community. For those persons out of jail, the disadvantaged, and for young adults, this is a form of witnessing to

the spiritual, personal and community growth provided by the Holy Spirit.

**Presenter**: Judy Mica Guerin, Redeemer Lutheran, Southern Tier Conference

 **Location**: Cascade B **(FIRST SESSION ONLY)**

**FAITH5: Connecting God's Story to Your Story**

Talking about our faith and connecting with God Mon-Sat can be a challenge, and with increasingly busy schedules, even meaningfully connecting with our family members can be a struggle. What if you could address both of these realities in just 5-15 minutes a night? With the FAITH5 practice, you can! This practice is simple or deep enough that it is as accessible for a 3yo as for a 93yo. In this workshop, we will learn the why and how of this routine, as well as talk about more expansive ways it can be used in the life of the congregation.

**Presenter:** Rev. Johanna Rehbaum,

 **Location:** Cascade B **(SECOND SESSION ONLY)**

**Racism and White Privilege 101:**

In this experience, we will explore how racism, through power, privilege, and differences, which undergird our society, systems, and attitudes, can affect our capacities in shared sacred and candid dialogue, reflection and action for racial and social justice. Our focus will be engaging a common language on racism, and exploring white privilege, fragility and supremacy.

**Presenters:** Rev. Alan Dailey and Rev. Dr. William Wilkinson

 **Location:** Cascade C **(BOTH SESSIONS)**

**‘Systemic Organizing’: How ESWA has remained all-volunteer, non-government-funded and goal oriented for 43 years.**

Eastern Service Workers Association (ESWA) uses its copyrighted organizing method, developed in the 1970’s, to enable the region’s lowest-paid workers to run their own self-help, mutual aid benefits program, while building up their collective voice with which to seek permanent solutions to poverty. ESWA organizers will be covering topics such as volunteer recruitment, incorporation, and motivation, as well as leadership training and development, which have all proven indispensable to the Association’s successes and sustainability.

**Presenter:** Benjamin Lee, ESWA Operations Manager; Signe Hoffner – ESWA Volunteers Coordinator

 **Location:** Cascade D **(BOTH SESSIONS)**

**A Lutheran Witness During Slavery in the United States of America**

(conversations during Lunch in the Grand Lilac Ballroom are being proposed which may take the place of a need for this workshop – at the discretion of the presenters)

**Presenters:** Rev. Dr. Julius Carrol and Rev. Dr. Kenneth Simurro

 **Location:** Cascade E **(BOTH SESSIONS)**

**Developmental Stages and Faith:**

Explore what is happening in the minds of Adolescents and Young Adults, and learn how to use this knowledge to create a more effective youth ministry program. Take part in an open discussion about your struggles working with our young people, and leave with techniques that will help move your ministry forward.

 **Presenter:** Nick Stroczkowski

 **Location:** Cascade F **(BOTH SESSIONS)**

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**MISSION EXPO 2019**

**GALLERIA SHOWCASES MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS**

**Candidacy & Mobility Committee**

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Candidacy and Mobility is how our church raises up people who are called by the Spirit to serve God’s mission in God’s churches throughout the Upstate New York Synod.

**Cherish All Children**

Diane Klafehn madmin4@yahoo.com

To help prevent the sexual abuse and/or trafficking of ALL children through education, prayer, and action.

**Global Mission**

Beth Walker rbowsend@rochester.rr.com

The purpose of the UNYS Global Ministry Team is to educate, connect, and enlighten members of the synod about Global Ministry and provide opportunities for new perspectives of faith through the eyes of our global companions.

**Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology**

Rev. Paul Messner hartbrofather@hotmail.com

Sharing the light of God’s word through encouraging and providing continued educational opportunities for clergy and laypersons.

**Landmark Society of Western New York**

Cynthia Howk 585-546-7029 ext. 24

Help for continuing your church’s ministry through grants, fund-raising strategies and creative programming for the care, repair and use of your church and campus in the 21st century.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry at Ithaca**

Rev. Rick Barr rlb8@cornell.edu

To witness to the trustworthy truth of the gospel and the reality of the presence of the kingdom of God by sharing seeds of the kingdom.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry at Syracuse**

Rev. Gail Riina griina@syr.edu

LCM Syracuse meets our mission to be Christ’s witnesses in two ways. One is to nurture discipleship among faith filled students though worship, education and service. The other is to proclaim God’s unconditional love to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ. It is very important that a Gospel voice of inclusive grace be heard among the many voices vying for the hearts and minds of young people at the time when they are choosing their professions and life styles

**Lutheran Charities of Western New York**

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For nearly 40 years, Lutheran Charities has been changing lives in Western New York by engaging people, congregations, foundations, businesses and agencies in mission by supporting regional social services.

**New York State Council of Churches**

Peter Cook

The New York State Council of Churches equips congregations to advocate for just laws and legislation which uplift the poor, certifies and supports chaplains in our state prisons, and helps faith communities use their property to further their mission and be a blessing on the neighborhoods, towns and cities in which they dwell.

**Niagara Frontier Conference Education aka DIAKONIA**

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Diakonia: Enriching and enabling the ministry of all the baptized - providing training for witness in service to Christ, Church and World

**Reconciling Works: Lutherans for Full Participation**

Rev Tim Hoyer Office # 716-763-8979

Working at the intersection of oppressions, Reconciling Works embodies, inspires, advocates, and organizes (witnesses--uses the death and rising of Jesus) for the acceptance and full participation of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions within the Lutheran communion and its ecumenical and global partners.

**Regional Renewal Tables**

Rev. Norma Malfatti nmalfatti@upstatenysynod.org

The Synod’s Renewal Tables (Team East, Team Central, Team West and Team Genesee Finger Lakes) encourage, resource and support congregations as they seek to be authentic Jesus communities. Some of their resources include leadership development and mission planning. The tables also help to provide Mission in Transition (MIT) training and coordinate the congregational vitality assessment.

**Seafarers International House**

Rev Marsh Drege drege@sihnyc.org

Seafarers International House is the Lutheran response to the urgent needs of vulnerable seafarers and immigrants. We witness each day to God’s call to welcome the stranger.

**Synod Author’s Table**

Rev. Deborah Turley dturley@lordoflife.su

For just a $10 donation to Lord of Life you can take home your personal copy of her book ”*The Long Journey Home”: Preparing for End of Life, a Faith-Based Planning Resource*. Planning for end of life decisions can offer opportunities for deeply meaningful conversations with loved ones, as well as life-giving reflection about the legacy of love we wish to leave behind. Pastor Deborah will be available to sign your copy on Friday during the specified Mission Expo time on your agenda.

**Synod Faith Formation**

Rev. Lori Kochanski

Visit with our newest Assistant to the Bishop whose purpose is to encourage deepening of faith in a variety of ways. In particular she enjoy working with lay people of all ages who want to grow in their understanding of who and what Jesus calls us to be and do

**Synod Generosity Team**

Rev. Norma Malfatti nmalfatti@upstatenysynod.org

Generosity is at the heart of who our God is (generous with love, life, forgiveness, presence and more). It makes sense then that generosity is at the heart of our relationship with God and how we respond to God in relationship with each other and the world. The Generosity Team seeks to help congregations and individuals grow in their trust of God’s generosity in hopes that together we may be bolder in our own generous discipleship.

**Organic Youth**

Nick Stroczkowski nick@organic-youth.org

It’s our job as care takers to make sure youth know there is someone witnessing their struggles and successes.

**United Lutheran Seminary**

Rev. Dr. Martin Otto Zimmann Office # 717-338-3011

Our mission statement is summed up in three words:

 Unifying – Learning – Serving

We exemplify these words in our life together by the grace of God!

**VANDERKAMP**

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Vanderkamp Center: Outdoor Ministry of ELCA. 850-acre Historic Great Camp offers ecumenical summer kamps (6-18 years), retreat opportunities (< 180 guests), and recreational day use.

**Women of the ELCA**

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WELCA mobilizes women to act boldly on their faith and engage in ministry and action to promote wholeness in the church, society and the world

**World Hunger Task Force**

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The UNYS World Hunger Team works to raise awareness of the problem of hunger/poverty in the U.S. and around the world; to increase congregational giving to ELCA World Hunger/Disaster Response; and to provide information about annual Domestic Hunger Grants.

**CONFERENCE EXHIBITS**

 There are no tables specific to an individual conference this year.

For information on special ministries in each conference, please contact your Conference Dean.

**Central Crossroads**

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**Foothills**

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**Genesee Finger Lakes**

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**Hudson Mohawk**

Rev. Jo Page, jopage34@yahoo.com

**Niagara Frontier**

Rev Lee Miller, Dean deanmailnf@gmail.com

**Southern Tier**

Rev. Laura Daly revldaly@gmail.com

**Southwestern**

Rev Dan Rumfelt, Dean pastor@lutheran-jamestown.org

**EMPIRE LOUNGE**

**Brotherhood Mutual**

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Brotherhood Mutual insures God's Church (Church with a capitol "C"). We stand along ministries that Advance the Kingdom by spreading the gospel and the love of Jesus Christ. Brotherhood Mutual also helps Christian organizations manage and minimize risk.

**Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA**

Gerry Lauro Gerry.Lauro@elca.org

Our purpose is to support the missional activity of the Upstate New York Synod.

**Portico Benefits Services**

Will not be represented at Assembly this year but Rev. Catherine Schibler can contacted at CShibler@porticobenefits.com as needed for any concerns you may have.

**MAIN FLOOR LOBBY / REGISTRATION AREA**

**Synod Exhibit / Bishop’s Table**

**FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**

**THURSDAY EVENING, Following Worship**

**Mission Expo Area on Street Level**

**Joseph A. Floreano**

**Riverside Convention Center**

**Hosted by the Women of the ELCA**

**Enjoy refreshments including**

**Cash bar and delicacies**

**created by our Women of the ELCA**

**Take some additional time to check out**

**all the amazing ministries, programs and organizations at work in the**

**Upstate New York Synod.**

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**FRIDAY EVENING, Following Worship**

**Riverside Court on Street Level**

**Joseph A. Floreano**

**Riverside Convention Center**

**Sponsored by United Lutheran Seminary**

**And Mission Investment Fund**

**Cash bar and pizza**

**ENJOY!!!**

**SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES**

**HIGHLAND A,K,AND B – street level**

**SERRV – “creating connections”**

**Serrv** is a non-profit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide. We believe artisans and farmers around the world should have the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and support their families through fair payments and respectful relationships. Every basket, every tablecloth, every necklace we offer has a story behind it – of an empowered artisan or farmer who works in a safe environment, can send his or he children to school, and can save for the future with the reliable income he or she earns through fair trade.

The values of fair trade are central in everything we do. We collaborate with our partners in in creating and maintaining pro-grams for artisans and farmers focused on women’s empowerment, educational support and skills trainings, sustainable community resource development, and more. Prepayments are always offered for orders, reasonable production timelines are agreed upon, and we provide grants so artisans can expand their businesses. And of course, we pay a fair wage.

With over 65 years of operation, SERRV is dedicated to offering you, our customers, unique handcrafted products and superior service, along with the knowledge that you are helping to build a more sustainable world for all of us.

**Alpha and Omega**

**Parable Christian Bookstore**

Join us in welcoming Alpha and Omega to

Synod Assembly for their third year.

they have two stores in the Rochester area that offer a wide variety of Christian resources, books, Bibles, music, gifts and more for all ages.We have made every effort to work with them to bring items to Assembly that will meet your shopping needs.

Please stop by and check out the selection!