

Workshops – Select Two

Put an M for Monday evening workshop 1

Put a T for Tuesday morning workshop 2

- Financial Wellness
- Luther's Catechism: Resources for Lent
- Forced to Pray
- Worship & Music Planning as a Team
- Can Systems Theory be Practical for Rostered Leaders?
- Tutorial on *Sundays and Seasons*

Free Time Options—Select One

- Golf — Have a “Ball”
- Tennis — “Love” Tennis
- Aquarium — Something “Fishy”
- Lighthouse — “Brighten” Your Day
- Boat Trip — “Sailing” Along
 - Dolphin Cruise
 - Rocket Boat Tour Cruise
 - Fishing Trip
- Battleship — “Orange’ You Glad to Go “Naval”
- Biking — For “Big Wheels”
- Walking — Be “Heeled”
- Shopping — Get “Malled”

During the Bishop's Time Tuesday evening, I would like our Bishop to address: _____

ELCA Board of Pensions, Ms. Fana Tekle will serve as representative, and be available all day Tuesday and Wednesday to meet with members regarding their pension and retirement benefits.

Augsburg Fortress publishers will provide an on-site store.

God's appeal through us as Proclaimers of the Word



Gathering of the Virginia Synod Ministerium

October 13-15, 2008
Quality Inn and Suites Oceanfront
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Gathering of the Ministerium

Join your Virginia Synod colleagues for this time of continuing education, worship, fellowship and renewal.

We seek the participation of 100% of the Virginia Synod's rostered leaders in this special event.

Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Honeycutt is the senior pastor of Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Columbia, South Carolina. Author of six books and many journal articles, much of Dr. Honeycutt's pastoral work and research has focused on the intersection between preaching and adult conversion.



Frank Honeycutt is a graduate of Clemson University with a degree in special education, and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

Married to Cindy for 27 years, they are the parents of three children. The Honeycutts served in Stephens City (3 years) and Abingdon (14 years) in the Virginia Synod before moving to South Carolina in 2003.

Frank enjoys long-distance bicycling and backpacking and has completed the 2100-mile Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia.

His books include: *Mary a Pregnant Virgin: Unusual Bible Stories for New and Curious Christians*, *Sanctified Living: More than Grace and Forgiveness*, *Preaching for Adult Conversion and Commitment*, *Preaching to Skeptics and Seekers*, and *Percolated Faith*.

Registration Form

Due by September 8

Name (Write as you want it to appear on your name tag): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Office phone: (____) _____ Home phone: (____) _____

Email address: _____

Home Church: _____

Full-time, double room, all meals **\$155.00** \$____.____

Single room additional **\$80.00** \$____.____

Commuter registration and Monday/Tuesday Dinner **\$80.00** \$____.____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$____.____

I have arranged to share a room with: _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Please check one.

1 **I am enclosing a check in the amount given above, payable to the Virginia Synod, ELCA.**

I want to pay by credit card.

Name (as it appears on your card): _____

2 Billing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MC _____ Visa _____ Card # _____

Expiration date _____

Amount to be charged \$____.____

When you have completed **both sides** of this form, please cut along the dotted line and return it to:

Lenae Osmondson
Gathering of the Ministerium
520 West 21st Street, Suite J
Norfolk, VA 23517

Free Time Activities

Have a “Ball”! at Red Wing Golf Course (\$33.60 for cart and greens fee)

“Love” Tennis? at Owl Creek Tennis Center (\$8.50 outdoor court and \$25 indoor court)

“Sailing” Along! Rudee Inlet, 422-5700, www.rudeetours.com for more information

Dolphin cruise at 2 & 4 for 1½ hr (\$18)

Rocket Tour Cruise at 2 & 4 for 1 hr. (\$20)

Fishing Trip at 1:30-5:30 (\$35) everything needed is provided

“Brighten” Your Day! Visit both Cape Henry lighthouses. Stroll along the beach, visit memorials, visit the gift shop and for \$4 you can climb Old Cape Henry Lighthouse

“Orange” You Glad to Go “Naval”? Visit the Hampton Roads Naval Museum and Battleship Wisconsin or MacArthur Museum all located in downtown Norfolk—no fee

For “Big Wheels” Bike the boardwalk or join a group road ride

Be “Heeled” First Landing State Park— Nature and history programs, hiking, picnicking, 19 miles of trails on 2,888 acres. \$5 Parking Fee per vehicle

Something “Fishy” for the “Un-shellfish” Adventurer! Virginia Aquarium features a main building with a sting ray touch tank, IMAX theater & nature trail to Marsh Pavilion (\$11.95 Aquarium, \$7.50 IMAX or \$16.95 both group discount is \$8.50/or \$11.95 both)

Get “Malled” Shop the boardwalk, Lynnhaven Mall (7 Mi.) or McArthur Center (19 Mi) Both malls have theaters and restaurants

Quality Inn and Suites Virginia Beach



This will be our home for lodging, meals and all sessions. To find the Quality Inn: from I-64 E take exit 284A to merge onto I-264 E towards VA Beach, turn right on Pacific Ave., turn left on 7th Street, turn left on Atlantic Ave., end at 705 Atlantic Ave.

Schedule

MONDAY, October 13:

12:30 pm	Registration begins; lunch on your own
1:45 pm	Eucharist, <i>Washington Room</i>
2:50 pm	Break with beverages, <i>Washington Room</i>
3:00 pm	Introductions and announcements, <i>Washington Room</i>
3:15 pm	Keynote presentation I- “A Teasing Taste of What They Miss’: Preaching, Passion, and Process”, <i>Washington Room</i> The main title of this session is taken from a hymn by Jaroslav Vajda. We’ll examine the role of sermons in stirring theological imagination, piquing biblical curiosity, and inviting the congregation into the elliptical and creative “teasing taste” of kingdom life depicted in the shared enterprise of preaching.
4:00 pm	Small group reflections, <i>Washington Room</i>
5:00 pm	Free time
6:00 pm	Dinner, <i>Festival Center</i>
7:00 pm	Workshop 1 (7:00-8:15) <i>Washington Rm. & Festival Center</i>
8:15 pm	Break
8:30 pm	Evening Prayer, <i>Washington Room</i> followed by social time

TUESDAY, October 14:

7:00 —8:00 am	Continental Breakfast (or on your own)
8:15 am	Morning Prayer, <i>Washington Room</i>
8:30 am	Preview of afternoon activities, <i>Washington Room</i>
8:45 am	Keynote presentation II- “O Blessed Spring’:Wherever the River Goes”, <i>Washington Room</i> Taking our baptismal cue from Ezekiel 47:1-12, the stream from the sanctuary of God will (if authentic) encounter a variety of listeners. Those who hear sermons in the post-Christendom era may be brand-new to the world of the Bible, meeting Jesus initially through our Sunday preaching. Sermons may not be the only way to evangelize, but may well be the first way. How does such a reality shape the nature of faithful proclamation in this new century?
9:30 am	Small group reflections, <i>Washington Room</i>
10:30 am	Break with beverages (<i>Washington Room</i>) to take to your workshop
10:45 am	Workshop 2 (10:45-12:00) <i>Washington Room & Festival Center</i>
	Lunch on your own and afternoon free for activities
6:00 pm	Dinner, <i>Festival Center</i>
7:00 pm	Bishop’s Time, <i>Washington Room</i>
8:45 pm	Evening Prayer, <i>Washington Room</i> , followed by social time

WEDNESDAY, October 15:

7:00 –8:30 am	Continental Breakfast (or on your own)
8:45 am	A hymn and a prayer, <i>Washington Room</i>
9:00 am	Keynote presentation III-Stay With Us, Till Day is Done’:The Sermon and Sanctification”, <i>Washington Room</i> In a justification-centered denomination like our own, Lutherans often lack a common vocabulary for adult conversation and actual growth in the Spirit, fearing perhaps the charges of legalism and works righteousness. This session will examine a Lutheran slant on sanctification and how biblical preaching gives the Holy Spirit room to transform and change not only the congregation, but also the preacher.
10:00 am	Eucharist (including covenant), <i>Washington Room</i>

Workshops and Leaders

Financial Wellness

Ms. Fana Tekle, BOP Regional Representative

ELCA benefits are designed to help pastors, rostered laypersons and lay employees lead healthy lives and achieve financial security. What does a financially well person look like? What are you doing to be financially well? We will discuss financial markers to help you on your journey in addition to the ELCA Pension and Other Benefits Program. These offer options and strategies to assist you to be financially well.

Luther's Catechism: Resources for Lent

The Rev. Dr. Ken Rupp

Luther encouraged preaching on the catechism during Lent. How might this inform and shape our worship in Lent? The workshop considers ways to use the catechism based on worship designed for Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Lent 2006 as part of DMin studies with Dr. Tim Wengert. Bring your own ideas from your worship experience and let's share ways to use the catechism beyond the youth confirmation class.

Forced to Pray

The Rev. Dr. Richard Bansemer, Bishop Emeritus

We will look at the concept of being "Forced to Pray" as a gift from God, for we are likely to be at our most genuine when such prayer occurs. We will review prayer from God's side of speaking (for example, what God said at creation, to Jesus, and even about us), what Jesus prayed (from the cross and on other occasions), and what the Holy Spirit inspires us to pray today. We may be "Forced to Pray" by God's Spirit out of joy, sorrow, discovery or need, and be able to see prayer as a sense of the Presence that makes it possible to pray without ceasing.

Worship and Music Planning as a Team

*Led by Judy Smith, Associate in Ministry;
Daniel Hannemann, Associate in Ministry;
and The Rev. Nick Eichelberger, Pastor*

The panel will explore process and possibilities for planning worship and music collaboratively as a team. The panel represents a wide variety of gifts, experiences, and styles of worship including traditional, contemporary, various occasional services and settings; as well as participation in a variety of staff/team configurations. The panel will offer a team approach that moves worship planning from burden to blessing in preparation and implementation to the glory of God.

Can Systems Theory be Practical for Rostered Leaders?

*The Rev. Carl Jensen, Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center;
Panel members: The Rev. Scott Benson, The Rev. Don Chudd,
The Rev. Chris Farrow, and The Rev. CeCee Mills*

A panel of parish pastors who have been studying Bowen Theory will report some of the practical differences that their applications of this theory have made for them. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Tutorial on *Sundays and Seasons*

Gene Lewis, Augsburg Fortress

An opportunity to explore the Worship planning resource of *Sundays and Seasons*—what the resource offers seasonally and for each Sunday—how it can be used by an individual, staff team, and or worship and music committee. You will be presented with ideas and suggestions, and be provided an opportunity to share your own experiences and questions.