



REFORMED AND REFORMING: Past Faithfulness-Future Vision



October 17-19, 2016

Gathering of the Ministerium

Gather to meet, reconnect, worship, relax, learn, sing, pray and play together while overlooking the ocean.

We are a church of great history as well as a church called in hopefulness into a blessed future. Join with bishops from across the church to discover how we live out this reality together.



New Location

**Holiday Inn and Suites North Beach
3900 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach**

Our Schedule

Monday Afternoon

- 12:30** **Registration + Reunion (lunch on your own)**
- 1:45** **Covenant Renewal Litany**
- 2:00** **Welcome and Introduction of Guests and New Leaders**
- 2:30** **Thoughts from our Ecumenical Bishops**
- *The Significance of the Reformation for the Church Today*
 - *The Gifts of Luther and the Lutheran Church for Today*
- 4:00** **Short Break**
- 4:15** **Portico Benefits Services Update**
- 4:30** **Synodical Updates**
- 5:30** **Free Time**
- 6:00** **Dinner**
- 7:15** **Ecumenical Bishops Panel**
- *The Denominational Office of the Bishop*
 - *Gifts and Graces Valued in a Bishop*
- 8:15** **Evening Prayer**
- 8:30** **Reception Honoring the Office of the Bishop**



Tuesday

- 7:00** **Breakfast on your own at The Greenery Restaurant**
- 8:30** **Morning Prayer with Eucharist**
- 9:45** **Thoughts from Our ELCA Bishops**
- *Luther and the Lutheran Church: The Gifts You Value*
- 11:00** **Break**



Our Schedule

Tuesday Continued

- 11:15** Bishop's Time
- 12:00** Have Fun! Lunch on your own and free time activities
- 6:00** Dinner
- 7:15** Greetings from Charles Downs,
Vice President of Synod Council
ELCA Bishops' Reflections
 - *The Role of a Synodical Bishop*
- 8:30** Ministry Moments



Wednesday

- 7:00** Breakfast on your own at The Greenery Restaurant
- 8:45** Bishop's Transition Team:



- *Future Episcopal Leadership for the Virginia Synod*
 - *Charles Downs, Vice President, Synod Council*
 - *Members of the Transition Team*

- 10:00** Break
- 10:15** Closing Worship with Eucharist
- 11:30** Have Fun, Hit the Road!



Our Ecumenical Bishops



The Rt. Rev. Edwin F.
"Ted" Gulick Jr.

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick Jr., became the assistant bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia on January 1, 2011. Bishop Gulick returns to his native Virginia from the Diocese of Kentucky, where he served as diocesan bishop from 1994-2010. Bishop Gulick received a bachelor of arts degree from Lynchburg College in 1970 and a master of divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1973. He also holds honorary doctor of divinity degrees from Virginia Seminary and the University of the South. From 1965 to 1970 Bishop Gulick worked at Shrine Mont in a variety of positions as well as as serving as a parish priest for 20 years before his election as a bishop. Ordained to the Diaconate in 1973 and the priesthood in 1974, he became assistant rector of Trinity Church, Towson, MD., in 1973 and rector of Grace Church, Elkridge, MD in 1976. In 1982, he was called to serve St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Newport News, VA., where he was rector for 11 years until elected bishop. As the Diocese of Kentucky's bishop, Gulick was chief pastor to its clergy and 34 congregations. In 2008, Gulick earned the distinction as the first Episcopal bishop to head two dioceses simultaneously when he

was asked by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori to serve part time as the provisional bishop of Diocese of Fort Worth, which was being reconstituted after the prior bishop and diocesan convention separated from the Episcopal Church. In the wider church, Bishop Gulick undertook a particularly active role in ecumenism. He has served two terms on the SCEIR (Standing Committee on Ecumenical and Inter Religious Relations), co-chaired the Anglican Roman Catholic Dialog USA from 1997 to present, and served as one of the Episcopal Church's representatives on the Consultation on Church Union 1995-2000. In 2001, he was also appointed by Archbishop George Carey to serve on IARCCUM (International Anglican Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission), an ongoing commitment.

Originally from Winter Garden, Florida, The Rev. Charlene Kammerer grew up in First United Methodist Church and graduated from Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, with a B.A. degree in Religion and Philosophy. Wesleyan is the first college in the world chartered for the granting of degrees to women. Bishop Kammerer continued her preparation for Christian ministry by obtaining the Master of Christian Education and Master of Divinity degrees from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She received Outstanding Alumnae Awards from both schools. Ordained deacon and elder in the Florida Conference, Kammerer received a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio in addition to being awarded an honorary doctorate from Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida in 1989. Bishop Kammerer's service in the church has included equal years in parish ministries and connectional ministries, including service as a campus minister at Duke University and a District Superintendent of the Tallahassee District, Florida Conference. Charlene P. Kammerer was elected to the episcopacy of The United Methodist Church in July 1996, and assigned to the Western North Carolina Conference of the Charlotte Area. She served there until 2004, when she was assigned to the Virginia Conference. After serving eight years in Virginia, Bishop Kammerer retired in 2012. In August 1970, Charlene was married to Leigh Kammerer whom she considers her partner in ministry. They have one son, Christopher Hal.



Bishop Charlene
Kammerer

Our ELCA Bishops



Bishop Suzanne
Darcy Dillahunt

The Rev. Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt was elected in June 2013 to her first six-year term as bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod of the ELCA, after serving the previous 16 years as assistant to the bishop. Prior to becoming the assistant, Rev. Dillahunt served as pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Eaton, Ohio from 1994-2005; associate pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, Gahanna, Ohio, from 1990-1994; and pastor at Faith in Christ Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ohio from 1987-1990. She earned a degree in Political Science and Sociology at the University of Arizona in 1981 and completed her Master of Divinity degree at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio in 1986. She is married to The Rev. Brian Dillahunt, who is pastor at First English Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Ohio. They have one son, Nathaniel, who is a graduate of Wittenberg University, class of 2015.



Bishop Richard Graham

Serving his second term as bishop of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod of the ELCA, The Rev. Richard H. Graham was initially elected to the episcopacy in 2007. Raised in Lutherville, Maryland, just outside of Baltimore, Bishop Graham moved to Lexington, Virginia for his undergraduate education at Washington and Lee University in 1973 where he majored in English. He attended Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, where he earned a Master of Divinity. He began studies on a Fulbright scholarship at the University of Strasbourg, France, and holds a Master of Arts degree in Church History from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Prior to his current position, Bishop Graham served as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in College Park, MD; assistant pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hagerstown, MD; and associate pastor of St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Annapolis, MD. Bishop Graham is a board member of both the National Lutheran Home for the Aged and Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area. He serves on the ELCA Conference of Bishops Immigration Ready Bench and as the Region 8 Bishop Liaison to the ELCA Church Council. In October 2014 Bishop Graham received the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation Award for his contributions, time commitment and support toward understanding and solidarity between Holy Land Christians and Christians elsewhere. He is married to Nancy Ann Graham, and they have two adult daughters and two granddaughters.

The Rev. James Foltz Mauney is the bishop of the Virginia Synod of the ELCA. He was elected to this position in 1999, re-elected to a second 6-year term in 2005 and a third 6-year term in 2011. Before being elected to this position, Mauney served as assistant to the bishop of the Virginia Synod, 1988-1999. Prior to that, he served as an associate pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in San Diego, Calif., 1978-1981, and the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Richmond, VA, 1981-1988. A Lynchburg, VA native, Mauney received his Bachelor of Arts in English and Speech from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1974 before receiving his Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in 1978, a Master of Sacred Theology in New Testament Studies from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 1994, and a Master of Sacred Theology in Old Testament Studies from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in 2009. In 2000, Bishop Mauney was awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity Degrees from Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, NC, and Roanoke College, Salem, VA. Mauney comes from a distinguished family of Lutheran ministers. His father, Rev. Marshall Mauney, and grandfather, Rev. John D. Mauney, both served the Lutheran Church. His uncle, Rev. Dr. J. Luther Mauney, was president of the Virginia Synod for 26 years. Bishop Mauney lives in Salem, VA, with his wife, Lynda, a retired math teacher. Their daughter Mem, a neonatologist, and son-in-law Jason, a physician specialist in critical care, live and practice in Charlotte. They have three daughters.



Bishop James Mauney



Bishop Matthew Riegel

The Rev. Matthew L. Riegel was elected to a six-year term as bishop of the West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod of the ELCA in June 2015. Prior to his election as bishop, Riegel served as chaplain of Lutheran Campus Ministry at West Virginia University in Morgantown since 2000. He was pastor of Trinity-Mount Calvary Lutheran, a shared ministry in Westernport, MD., and Keyser, W.VA., from 1994 to 2000. Bishop Riegel earned a bachelor's degree in history from ELCA-related Gettysburg (Pa.) College in 1987. From the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (PA.), Riegel earned a master of divinity degree in 1994 and a master of sacred theology degree in 2011.

Holiday Inn and Suites

3900 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
757.428.1711



We have a new location again this year! You are welcome to bring your non-rostered spouse or family. This hotel has amenities available for children throughout the day including a lazy river, splash kamp with games and activities, and movie theater. Breakfast (buffet or a la carte) will be available at The Greenery Restaurant, which is adjacent to our meeting space.

HOTEL RESERVATION PROCESS

This year you will be responsible for making your own hotel reservations. In order to receive the negotiated room rate (\$99 plus taxes, the approximate total of \$114.00 per night), [your reservation will need to be made by September 17](#); our group name is [Virginia Synod-Gathering of the Ministerium](#). After September 17, reservations will be based on space and rate availability. You also are invited to come early or extend your stay and the hotel will guarantee the same rate for adding Sunday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday nights. Guests may check in anytime after 4:00 PM and check out no later than 11:00 AM. Requests for early check in can be made when you make your reservation.

If you are an existing IHG member, please have your number available when making your reservation. You can become an IHG member by [clicking here](#).

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit plus applicable state and local taxes, and guaranteed with a major credit card. In the event a guest wishes to cancel a reservation, [the deposit is refundable if notice is received 72 hours prior to the day of the arrival and a cancellation number is obtained](#). Guests will not incur room charges for an early departure.



FREE TIME ACTIVITIES

A Round of Golf



Enjoy a full afternoon on the golf course. Recently renovated Red Wing Golf Course will host golfers of all skill levels. The cost for golfers is \$32.00 plus tax and is payable at the golf course. Golfers wishing to carpool to the course should meet in the hotel lobby promptly at noon. As a church of grace, mulligans will be awarded abundantly and generously!

Cornhole Tournament

Are you ready for a little friendly competition? Come play in the Ministerium's third corn-hole tournament. Meet in the hotel lobby at 1:30 to walk to the beach where the corn-hole boards will be setup. A minimum of four (4) people is needed to play. No experience needed. This activity could take several hours to play depending on the number of people and desire. There is no cost to participate in this activity.



Massages

Perhaps you'd like some quiet time to be pampered. If so, join our spa instructor, Cindy Webb and her students from Advanced Fuller School of Massage Therapy between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Choose either a 20-minute chair massage for \$20.00 (cash) or 30-minute full body massage, for \$30.00 (cash) payable at the time of treatment.



Registration

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 31

There are two ways to register for the Gathering of the Ministerium.
To register online click [here](#). To register manually, print and mail this completed form.

Preferred Name for Name Tag: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Church/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Name of Conference: _____

Registration (Commuters and Residents)
Includes presentations, Monday and Tuesday Dinners \$145.00

Non-Rostered Spouses present for the Gathering of the Ministerium
Monday and Tuesday Dinner Package. \$ 85.00

Worship Services Spouses are Attending:

- Monday Evening Prayer at 8:15 PM
- Tuesday Morning Prayer with Eucharist at 8:30 AM
- Wednesday Closing Worship with Eucharist at 10:15 AM

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Dietary Requests and/or Restrictions:

- Vegetarian
- Other: _____

Registration will not be confirmed without the full payment received.
Refunds are possible for cancellations made prior to Monday, September 26.
Notifications of cancellations need to be made to Lenae Osmondson: osmondson@vasynod.org

Remember you will need to make your hotel reservation by directly contacting the Holiday Inn and Suites at 757.428.1711 and mentioning Virginia Synod - Gathering of the Ministerium for the negotiated rate.

Return this form to:

**Lenae Osmondson
Eastern Office of the Bishop
1301 Colley Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23517**



Free Time Activities Registration

Tuesday, October 18

12:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.

Check the activity of your choice. Please refer to description of activities for associated costs.

Name: _____

I do not plan to participate in any of the planned free time activities.
Thank you.

A round of Golf at the Red Wing Golf Course (full afternoon event)

Cornhole Tournament on the beach (partial afternoon event)

Massage (partial afternoon event)

(A sign up sheet with more specific appointment times
will be made available on Monday, October 17)

Chair Massage (includes head, scalp, neck, shoulders, arms, and hands)

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Full Body Massage (client will be dressed)

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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Questions for the Bishop

During the Bishop's Time Tuesday morning, I would like our bishop to address:

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Request to Exhibit Form

This year we are asking people to submit a request to exhibit their cause in advance of the Gathering. The hotel can provide us with rectangular tables that will be placed in our meeting space. Please complete the following information and register as soon as possible. It is a first-come, first-serve basis.

Name of Person Making Request:

Name of Individual, Organization or Group Being Represented:

Materials and Equipment to be Placed on the Table:

Table Space Needed: (please check one)

1/2 Table

Full Table

Tables will be assigned and labeled prior to your arrival.

Please note: There will be an opportunity to pass out materials during Ministry Moments on Tuesday, October 18. If this will meet your need, you would not necessarily require official exhibit space, there by leaving that space available for another group. Please consider your request carefully.