

2018 SYNOD ASSEMBLY FORUMS

SESSION 1	4:15 - 5:00	SESSION 2	5:15 - 6:00	SESSION 3	6: 10 - 6:55
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Synod Profile for Bishop: Who are we? Who are our neighbors? What is God calling us to do? Pastors Paul Neff and Donna Wright		
MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM	FRONT CENTER	SESSION 1&2
Reviewing the profile developed by the Bishop election Process Transition Team, so voting members will have a better understanding of the values and concerns of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the challenges facing our next bishop.		

Faith, Sexism, Justice: What Should the Church Say? Fern Lee Hagedorn		
LOWER LEVEL	ROOM E112	SESSION 1&2
This forum is an overview of the draft social statement which delves into issues of how sexism affects not only girls and women, but also boys and men, and those who identify otherwise. We will share ideas on how to introduce this statement in an adult study group in a congregation.		

Moving from Writing Mission Checks to Hands-on Ministry Diane Casey and Pastor Michael McKillip		
LOWER LEVEL	ROOM E103	SESSION 1&3
From our time together, you will go home with creative and concrete ideas and resources which will enable your congregation to become more involved with the hands-on aspect of hunger ministries. You will learn more about the issues of food insecurity and what you can do beyond writing mission checks.		

Faith on Facebook SEPA Communications Team		
LOWER LEVEL	ROOM E111	SESSION 1&3
Learn about congregation social media presence, with a focus on Facebook. We'll talk about getting started, finding and creating content that engages, and how to encourage your members to get involved. We'll share some best practices and answer your questions.		

A Brave New Church: How Youth and Young Adults Shape Our Church Courtney Smith and SEPA Youth Leadership Team		
LOWER LEVEL	ROOM E106	SESSION 1&3
The world has changed around us, but too often many of our churches still function as if it were the 20 th century. In volatile times as quickly changing as ours, we in the church need the vision, leadership, and voices of youth and young adults to inform our ministry—now, more than ever. Come join a panel of youth and young adults as they explore your questions, offer insights, and help us to walk together into the as yet unknown future God is calling us into.		

Context, Connection, Conversation		
Members of the Anti-Racism Team		
UPPER LEVEL	ROOM E202	SESSION 2&3
<p><i>“History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.</i></p> <p>The Synod’s Anti-Racism Team (ART) is available to assist your congregation with understanding racism as it exists in individuals, institutions, and societal structures, including our churches, and how to become allies and advocates for change along with persons who live with this sin on a daily basis. This forum offers you a glimpse of what we can offer your congregation.</p>		

Stewardship Resources for Congregations		
Synod Generosity Team		
LOWER LEVEL	ROOM E100	SESSION 2&3
<p>This session will provide attendees with a wide range of resources related to Stewardship and Generosity, including the effective use of time/talent surveys and spiritual gifts; financial response methods; strategies for developing a culture of generosity; ecology and care of the earth; and electronic giving.</p>		