

Jesus Calls Us



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UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ email _____

Address _____ phone _____

Congregation _____ Location _____

I give permission to include my information in a workshop participants' handout that will be provided to all registrants.

COST: Register through October 20th \$10.00/PERSON (includes lunch)
Register after October 20th \$15.00/PERSON (includes lunch)

Special Needs: (Dietary, Physical, Sensory) _____

FORUM REGISTRATION

Please indicate your first and second choice for each session

Session A

Session B

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Enclosed is \$ _____.

Please make check payable to: *Northeastern PA Synod, ELCA*, **Memo:** Nov. 1 Event.
Mail form and check to the Synod at 4865 Hamilton Blvd., Wescosville, PA 18106.

Workshop Titles, Presenters and Descriptions

(Please put the identifying letters of your workshop choices on the appropriate lines of the registration form)

- A** *Jesus Calls Us to Help End Domestic Violence* – Stephanie Wodyka
How prevalent is domestic violence? Who are the abused? What are its root causes? And what can you do to advocate effectively for those who are abused? These questions and more will be the focus of this workshop.
- B** *Jesus Calls Us to Walk with the Poor* – The Rev. Christine Nelson
Why is there poverty in our great nation? How many poor are there in our community? How does the Gospel call us to address poverty? We will look at how churches and individual faithful people can work together to not only provide for material need, but more importantly, seek to address the root causes of poverty.
- C** *Jesus Calls Us to Boldly Welcome Everyone* – Sharon Ann Burns & The Rev. Grace Olson
Participants will join in a brief discussion of historic fear and rejection of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons by Christians. We will share ways to make our GLBT sisters and brothers truly feel welcome and included in our faith communities.
- D** *Jesus Calls Us to be Earth Keepers* – Nancy Walters
We will explore God's scriptural call to care for the creation that was given to us for a home. What does this call mean to us as individuals, families, congregations and communities? What small and large steps can each of us take towards living within the ecological means of this planet?
- E** *Jesus Calls Youth to Get Connected* – The Rev. David Newman
Too young to vote? Ever feel like no one cares what you have to say? Come and learn how your voice can be heard through advocacy networks that allow you to speak out and be counted on all of the major issues facing us today.
- F** *Jesus Calls Us to Seek the Peace of the City* – The Rev. Dr. Katherine Brearly
Participants will learn how Congregations United for Neighborhood Action (CUNA) reaches out to build relationships between inner city churches and neighborhood residents. The workshop will focus on a 1-1 interview process that may be used by congregations to build relationships with the people who live, work, worship, attend school and find their recreation in the city.
- G** *Jesus Calls Us to be a Voice for Justice* – The Rev. Neil Harrison
Become equipped for your baptismal calling to "strive for justice and peace in all the earth." Learn about the ELCA's advocacy voice with state and national policymakers. Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) advocates on behalf of and in partnership with those persons who are denied justice, dignity, reconciliation, peace and basic human rights.
- H** *Jesus Calls Us to Do More than Serve* – The Rev. Dr. Dennis Ritter
Social ministry committees/Service teams are good at responding to the material needs of the poor, but there is more that Jesus calls us to do. Learn how your congregation can be a voice for justice, peace and equality in your community and beyond.
- I** *Jesus Calls Us to Care for the Health of Our Neighbor* – Marissa Harris
Come and learn about healthcare in the U.S. and the various proposals to reform it. Learn about the Pennsylvania Health Access Network and how you can be involved in health care access advocacy. Share stories and brainstorm with others about how we can create a healthcare system that works for everyone.
- J** *Jesus Calls Us to Peacemaking on 'God's Holy Mountain'* – The Rev. Peter Pettit
Zion is the place of God's promised return and the fulfillment of the promises of peace, but Zion has become an embattled focus of violence and conflict over the past century. What are the forces at work? How can we best advocate for peace and justice as citizens of the U. S. and as members of the church?
- K** *Jesus Calls Us to the Hospitality of Abraham* – The Rev. Douglas & Mrs. Daniella Cioibeanu McKeeby
The City of Hazelton has attempted to enact a law punishing landlords and businesses that house and employ undocumented persons? What are the legal paths to citizenship? Hear an immigrant's view on how the rhetoric toward undocumented persons impacts legal immigrants. Ideas will be shared on how we can advocate on behalf of immigrants in our communities.
- L** *Jesus Calls Us to be Advocates for Survivors of Disaster* – Ruth Doty
Disasters usually make headlines for a few days or weeks, but the process of recovery takes months and even years. In this workshop we will explore common problems faced by survivors as well as ways to advocate for justice on behalf of individuals, families and communities.
- M** *Jesus Calls Us on a Faith Journey with BONO* – The Rev. Michael Peters
Learn about international debt relief and the ONE Campaign through an interview with Bono (lead singer of U-2) and Bill Hybels of Willow Creek Church. Listen to Bono's amazing faith journey as he reconciles his life and the church's response to Jesus' call for justice in a world filled with extreme poverty and preventable illnesses. It will change your faith journey!
- N** *Jesus Calls Us to Eat and Drink Justice* – The Rev. Michael Peters
"Fair trade" what does it mean for us? We will talk about Lutheran world Relief's support of the program and its work for justice along with Bread for the World and the ONE Campaign. Your trip to the grocery store will never be the same.
- O** *Jesus Calls Us to be a Public Church* – Andrew Genszler
While our baptismal relationship with God through Jesus Christ is intensely personal there is also a public side to it. The church is more than a private club for our personal strengthening in faith. It is meant to make a public witness in the world.
- P** *Jesus Calls Us to Live More with Less* – The Rev. Mary Wolfe
We are bombarded with messages urging us to buy and consume more in order to be fulfilled. We will explore ways to free ourselves from the burden of excess as well as ways congregations can help people experience the joy of living more simply.