

SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

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Around the Corner & Around the World.



2010 Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly June 18-19, 2010 Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre, PA



The 23rd annual assembly of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod will be held June 18-19, 2010, at the Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The assembly will begin officially at 1:00 p.m. at the Mohegan Sun Arena with the Order for the Opening of an Assembly. Registration will open at 9:00 a.m. in the arena.

Forums: In order to provide visitors and voting members with several opportunities to learn about the ministries of the synod and church at large, two forum sessions will be offered on **Friday morning**. These forums, scheduled from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 10:45-11:45 a.m., will be held at the Woodlands Inn and Resort, just a few minutes from the arena.



Meals: All assembly meals are on-your-own. A tailgate picnic is available on Friday night on the arena plaza for \$19 per person. More information may be found at <http://www.nepsynod.org/calendar/assembly.htm>.

Bulletin of Reports: As we have done for the past several years, the Bulletin of Reports for the

assembly is being distributed online. A link to the Bulletin of Reports is available on the assembly page.



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mark Allan Powell, professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH, will offer three presentations

during the assembly around the theme, *The Bible as Our Book of Faith*. Dr. Powell was well-received when he spoke at the 2009 **LIFT** event. Dr. Powell's presentations are entitled *Something to Savor: Learning to Love the Bible*; *The Joy of Empathy: Finding Yourself in the World of the Bible*; and *Social Location: The Timeless Tale of a Prodigal Son*.

Read more about Dr. Powell, who is also regarded as a leading expert on the subject of "contemporary Christian music" and writes a regular column in *The Lutheran*, at <http://www.nepsynod.org/calendar/assembly.htm>.



More information, including biographies of those celebrating 50 years of rostered ministries, the tentative agenda, forms for requesting forum time and display space, the resolution submittal form, and housing information, may be found at <http://www.nepsynod.org/calendar/assembly.htm>.

Upcoming Events



Northeastern
Pennsylvania
Synod

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

21st Annual Convention
Building to Last Forever

Christ United Lutheran Church, Ashland

June 12, 2010

For more information and a registration form, click the link on the calendar on the synod website at www.godslove.org/calendar.



Bear Creek Needs Your Ideas

Bear Creek Camp staff wants to add more adult programming in 2011 – and they need your help. If you have an adult ministry in your congregation, the staff would like to meet with leadership and discuss ways that Bear Creek Camp can reach out all year long to people of all ages.

To share your ideas, contact Rick Frederick at prodir@bearcreekcamp.org or 570-574-4196.

Upcoming Events at Bear Creek Camp

May 7-8 Annual Work Weekend
May 28-31 Memorial Day Family Camp
September 10-12 "Old Staff" Alumni Reunion*

*"Old Staff" Reunion: A gathering at Bear Creek Camp for former camp counselors, chaplains, and support staff at one of the "river camps" (Miller, Hagan, Ministerium, Miller Hagan) and/or Bear Creek Camp. Find out more and connect with other "old staff" at <http://campmillerhagan.ning.com>



Listen to Jesus: NE Region Youth Gathering July 22-25, 2010—West Chester University

Gathering Theme Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9 (The Transfiguration). Come with Jesus and others at the gathering; be transformed.

The gathering is open to youth 14 years old or older or who have completed grade 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 by June 2010. Adults participating as "primary leaders" must be at least 21 years old.

Speakers include—

- ✓ Anne Muhlum
- ✓ Nicolette Faison
- ✓ Bishop Stephen Marsh
- ✓ Rev. Nancy Connor
- ✓ Rev. Dennis Sepper



Artists

Agape
Rachel Kurtz

Youth MCs

Andrew Contreras
Kelly Wallace

Read about these folks on the gathering website at <http://www.youthgathering2010.org/totalcomm.htm>

The registration fee for each participant, youth and adult, is \$325 (by May 1; \$350 after May 1). Register online at www.youthgathering2010.org.

Check out the gathering on Facebook



Upcoming TEY Events

Summer Theological Academy

July 10-24, 2010, Susquehanna University:
Gathering faithful and inquisitive rising juniors and seniors for two weeks of exploring and discovery in community.



Crossroads Event

July 31-August 7, 2010, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg: Gathering up to 25 youth and 5 residential staff for one week of journeying and growing.

More at : <http://www.theologicaleducationwithyouth.com>.