

RE: Formation – Nebraska Synod Leadership Summit 2021

Monday – October 18

Morning Devotion for your use in the RE: Formation portal.

Cluster Deans Meeting with Bishop Brian Maas

9:00-12:30 Registration

12:30 Opening and Welcome by Bishop Brian Maas

¹⁹ Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. ²⁰ Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹ And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:19-21 – NRSV

1:00 Bishop Michael Rinehart – Texas- Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod

Bishop Rinehart will walk with us as we engage in prayer, lament, story sharing and naming our next faithful action steps.

2:15 Break with refreshments

2:30 Bishop Michael Rinehart - Part 2

4:00 Workshops:

1. Pandemics Are for Heroic Times -- And People – Rev. Carm Aderman, Seeking the Spirit Within
2. Habit Forming: Making Positive Change One Tiny Step at a Time - Deacon Terri Endres, Portico
3. "We Sat Down in Grief and Wept": The Power of Lament and Hope - Rev Linda Walz
4. "This is the way: Isaiah 30 and the One we hear but cannot see"- Bishop Brian Maas
5. Peace like a river ... going over, around and through obstacles
6. On overload? Take this time for yourself

5:00 "New to the Nebraska Synod" Meeting

5:45 Social time

6:15 Dinner

7:00 Bishop Michael Rinehart – Part 3

8:00 Evening Prayer – Taizé'

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Tuesday – October 19

Early Bird devotion in the RE: Formation portal

7:00 Breakfast at hotel

8:00 Opening

8:15 'The days are surely coming...' - Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis, Luther Seminary

9:30 Break

9:45 Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis – part 2

11:00 Break

11:15 Bishop Michael Rinehart - Faithful Action Steps

12:15 Lunch

Over lunch - Twelve Step gathering with Rev. Otto Schultz

Vitality Initiative for Congregations leaders meeting with Deacon Timothy Siburg

1:30 Workshops:

1. Purple: America, We Need to Talk | Resetting the Table - Emma Grinde
2. Boundless... God Beyond Measure – The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering – Amy Wagner & Amy Woods
3. Esperanza * Matumaini * Hope – A Live Visit with Our Global Partners – Stephanie Lusinski
4. Sparked and Sustained by the Spirit: Guiding Principles of Spirit-Filled Cross+Generational Faith Formation in EVERY Congregation – Rev. Breen Marie Sipes
5. We're Listening! ELCA Social Statement on Government and Civic Engagement – Scott Ingalsbe & Barb Johnson Frank
6. Churches Growing Young – Heidi Price & Carol Meyer
7. Need to take a hike or just get away? Go!

2:30 Break with refreshments

3:00 Bishop Brian Maas and Panel Guests

4:30 End of the Day Blessing

Tuesday evening meal on your own. Sign-up sheets available in lobby if looking for company.

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Wednesday – October 20

Morning devotion in the RE: Formation portal for individual use

8:00 Continental breakfast at First Lutheran Church

8:30 Morning Prayer

9:00 Workshops – Pre-register for the workshop of your choice

1. Story Lab – Lisa Kramme – 9-12:00
2. Faith Partners – Making Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Issues A Casserole Disease – Rev. Otto Schultz – 9-11:00
3. Book Discussion - *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass – Vicar Elizabeth Goehring, Sharon Hardel & Deacon Koren Lindley 9-12:00
4. Exploring *All Creation Sings Worship Supplement* and other worship resources – *In-person only session* – 9 -11
5. *The Post Quarantine Church – Six Urgent Challenges + Opportunities* by Thom S. Rainer – Book discussion and conversation centering on the impact and implications - Bishop Brian Maas 9-11
6. Make That Sabbatical Happen! – Rev. Dr. Sarah Cordray 9-11
7. Looking Forward – Linking Mission & Vision – Deacon Sunni Richardson - 9-11:30

Resources provided by presenters will be available on the Nebraska Synod Web site in the RE: Formation portal by October 25.