

Stream of Information

Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA

Pre-Assembly Highlights

- **FRIDAY, June 18, Mission Globally**
 - Friday's Eucharist will have a global emphasis with The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba preaching.
 - The 150th Anniversary of our Companion Synod, the Lutheran Church in Liberia, will be observed. Work teams will be recognized and slides shown. Dr. Robert Bradford will provide an update regarding our latest efforts with our companion synod. Bishop Harris will offer video greetings.
 - World Hunger, Global Missions and our Companion Synods Committees will share their work with the assembly,
 - The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba, ELCA Director of African National Ministries, Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission Unit, will be this year's Bible Study leader on both Friday and Saturday. He has a reputation as a dynamic speaker.
 - Mission Moment Videos will be shared throughout the assembly highlighting our "mission locally."
 - The Synod Council will propose a 3% increase in salary guidelines at the first step for rostered leaders with no percentage increase in the annual step or housing allowances.
 - Workshops will be offered on a host of issues, including global and local missions.
 - Following dinner in the Degenstein Dining Hall, pastors and congregations will be recognized who are celebrating significant anniversaries. A dulcimer ensemble will provide the entertainment.



The Rev. Dr. Gemechis D. Buba is this year's churchwide representative to our assembly. He is the Director of African National Ministries in the ELCA, Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission Unit.

Synod Assembly will be held at Susquehanna Univ., Degenstein Theater, on June 18-19, 2010.

"Mission globally. Mission locally."

Please do not bring congregational banners due to our location in Degenstein Theater.

Reports for this year's assembly are available online at <http://2010-assembly.uss-elca-bulletin.org/>

Printed copies will be provided to voting members at the registration desk in the lobby of the Degenstein Theater.



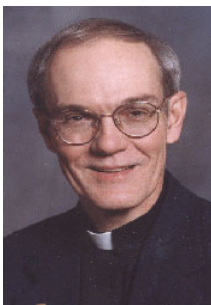
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- **SATURDAY, Mission locally.**
 - Saturday's Eucharist will include the ordination of Ms. Cinda Jean Brucker who has been called to Trinity, Hughesville with a purchase of services from Mt. Zion, Hughesville. Pastor Charles Coates who died on December 4, 2009 will be remembered in our prayers.
 - Reports will be shared by Camp Mt. Luther, the Synod Youth Council, our synodical Book of Faith Advocate, the Campus Ministry Team, the Mission Interpretation Task Force, the Ministry Partnership Team, and the Reconciliation Team.
 - Bethany Campbell will update the assembly about the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia.
- **Other assembly highlights:**



The Rev. Dr. Michael Cooper-White, President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, will be presenting a surprise distinguished award on behalf of the seminary.

Displays in Degenstein Center
Along the Way Bookstore
Susquehanna University Bookstore

To be considered!

The following resolutions/memorials are known as of this date:

1. A memorial calling for a plan that "will encourage all of the congregations of the ELCA to exhort one another to obedience to Christ's command, to the desirable end that all congregations be sharing in the Holy Communion weekly by Reformation Sunday, 2012." (Prs. Kenneth Elkin, William Jones, Erwin Roux, Gordon Smith.)
2. A resolution calling upon the Upper Susquehanna Synod to affirm the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution. (West Branch Conference.)
3. A memorial in response to the actions of Augsburg Fortress and the loss of pension benefits for Augsburg Fortress employees and retirees. (Buffalo Valley Conference.)
4. A resolution recommending that the Synod Council request the Program Unit for Vocation and Education to remove the requirement on the mobility profile of rostered leaders for a reference from a current member of the congregation. (West Branch Conference.)

For additional information, contact the submitters, look for the resolutions in a future mailing and/or on the synod's website..