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Where Do Our Offerings Go?

Many people may wonder where their "mission support" or "benevolence" money goes when they put their envelope in the offering plate. As congregation councils prepare budgets, the question of why support is needed for the larger church often becomes a point of discussion. Well, your mission support dollars help us work together to do ministry in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

You really do not have to look too hard or too far to see your mission support dollars at work. From the time of its inception in 1988, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has been understood as one church in three expressions: congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization. This interdependent relationship is consistent with how the mission and ministries of the ELCA are funded. As partners that share in the responsibility for carrying out God's mission, all three expressions share in the responsibility to develop, implement, and strengthen this church's financial support.

Your weekly offering supports the mission of the whole ELCA doing God's work in the world. A large part of your offering stays right in your congregation to support your congregation and local ministries. If your congregation gives 10 percent of offerings for mission support, that means that one dime from every dollar given in the offering plate goes to the synod. The Upper Susquehanna Synod keeps a nickel of that dime and uses these funds for local programs, including small church grants and our companion synod programs. In addition, money is allocated to these: Camp Mount Luther (\$48,000); Campus Ministries at Penn State, Bloomsburg University, Penn College, Mansfield University, and Lock Haven University (\$30,569); Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (\$20,800); Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA (\$5,000); Region 8, our cooperative ministry with our seven synod partners (\$4,800); PA Council of Churches (\$2,750); and Lutheran Development Partnership and the work of Rev. Liz Polanzke, regional gift planner (\$2,500)



The rest of the synod budget is then used to support congregations and rostered leaders as they work in local communities and throughout the world. This includes candidacy, seminary scholarships, call process, congregational crisis support, leadership development, administration, and support of all the various task forces, committees, and programs of the synod, including small church grants. It also includes the Lay Ministry Institute, which oversees training of lay worship leaders, lay evangelists, and lay Christian educators.

Finally, half of the dime (the other nickel) goes to support the churchwide organization. Some mission funds may return to the synod and your congregation in the form of grants, services, programs, and resources. Pastor Craig Miller, the synod's Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM), works half time as Assistant to the Bishop and half time as DEM. He receives funding for this DEM work through the ELCA. Funds are also used for administration; new congregations; global missions, including Young Adults in Global Mission; education and preparation of pastors through support for ELCA seminaries; outreach to young adults through Lutheran early childhood education centers, Lutheran elementary schools, Lutheran outdoor ministries, and campus ministries at Lutheran colleges and public universities; the ELCA Youth Gathering; health and pension benefits for retired clergy, missionaries, and lay workers; military chaplains; World Hunger; Lutheran Disaster Response; Lutheran Immigration Services; Lutheran Social Ministry Organizations; and partnerships with the Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, and National Council of Churches. It should be noted that when members give designated gifts to specific ministries, the gifts are in addition to what is provided through the undesignated gifts given through mission support. All this would be impossible to do if it was left to individual congregations; but as a synod of 124 congregations with a church of nearly 10,000 congregations, we are able to accomplish some pretty amazing things. It truly is God's work with our hands.

Institute of Liturgical Studies Appoints Co-Directors

The Institute of Liturgical Studies at Valparaiso University has named Jennifer Baker-Trinity and Brian Johnson as co-directors of the Institute, accepting two-year appointments effective April 2017. In their roles as co-directors, Baker-Trinity and Johnson will lead, supervise and direct the Institute of Liturgical Studies. They will be responsible for strategic and tactical



planning, oversee day-to-day operations and lead and host the annual conference. Currently under a call by the Upper Susquehanna Synod as a deacon, she leads assembly song at Beaver, Beaver Springs (*Pastor Nathan Baker-Trinity*). Baker-Trinity earned a bachelor's from Valparaiso University and a master of religion and a master of sacred theology from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. She has written widely for the church, and has presented workshops for local and national worship events on language for worship, children in worship and the integral role of music in the liturgy, three of her passions essential to the church's worship. Connected to the Institute for two decades, Baker-Trinity served on the Institute of Liturgical Studies' advisory council from 2006-2012. She has been active for many years in the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, serving twice previously as conference chair and currently as president for Region 1. Baker-Trinity served congregations in Illinois, Pennsylvania and Minnesota as a church musician, regularly contributing to synod worship events.

"As someone who has been deeply formed and inspired by the work and mission of both the Institute and Valparaiso University, I look forward to sharing in the directorship of the Institute, keeping it a vital source of learning and connection for all who care for the church's worship," Baker-Trinity said. As co-directors, Baker-Trinity and Johnson will work closely to educate and renew those who serve the church, continuing the Institute's 70-year endeavor to transform the church through worship.

Up and Down the Valleys

The synod received a thank you note from Christopher Roehrer, Development Director of Seafarers International House, for the synod's participation in the Christmas-at-Sea gift sack program. Forty-one congregations and individuals filled 551 gift bags. The six congregations contributing the six largest number were St. John, Unityville (48), Mountain Grove (41), St. Luke, Williamsport (32), Siloa, Morris Run (31), St. Michael, Cogan Station (27) and Evangelical, Reedsville (26). Rohrer wrote, "How can we adequately thank all of you, large and small, who participated in Christmas-at-Sea. You brightened Christmas for many seafarers far from home."

Christ's United, Millmont (*Pastor John Yost*) will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their first worship service on Sunday, March 19, 2017. Fifty years ago, members of the newly created congregation, formed from a merger of four Lutheran congregations in western Union County, met in their new sanctuary for the first time on Sunday, March 19, 1967. The worship service included a dedication to the new facility.

Two pastors were installed recently in the synod: **Rev. Lisa Barnes** as the pastor of United in Christ Lutheran Parish, Snyder/Juniata Counties, and **Rev. James West**, as the new intentional Interim Pastor at St. Mark's, Williamsport. Later in March, **Rev. David Byerly**, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Williamsport; St. Matthew Lutheran, Williamsport; and St. Michael's Lutheran, Cogan Station, will be installed.

At the last Synod Council meeting, **Rev. Bill Esborn** (on-leave from call) was granted retired status. **Robert King** was appointed to be synod's representative to the United Lutheran Seminary Board. **Rev. Gilson Waldkoenig** will be changing his roster status, moving to the West Virginia/Western Maryland Synod roster. He will continue to teach at the United Lutheran Seminary as Town and Country Professor, but will also serve as the DEM in the WV/WM Synod.

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Upper Susquehanna Synod Events Calendar

Deadline Approaching for a Special Offer

The ELCA stewardship team offered a StewardCast on March 4 with presentations by

- Bishop Andy Taylor, Pacifica Synod
- Rev. Taryn Montgomery, WND Synod
- Rev. Greg Meyer, Minneapolis Synod
- Mr. Richard Bauer, Vanco
- Rev. Melissa Wagner, Oregon Synod
- Ms. Linda Staats, Grand Canyon Synod

You can view the webcast at www.elca.org/stewardship. Please note the SPECIAL OFFER made by Vanco Payment Solutions during the webcast. Similar to the pilot conducted in 2014-2015, Vanco is willing to waive the Start up Fee (\$100) and Monthly Fee for twelve months of the Start Plan (\$120) for any and every congregation to sign up for Vanco services by Friday, March 31, 2017. This applies only to congregations not currently using any Vanco services. This means more than 5,500 ELCA congregations and new starts are eligible for a savings of \$220 in the first year. Participating in this offer will enable congregations to take advantage of online and mobile giving by credit or debit card in time for this Easter Week. This will include giving on Apple and Android phones. Simply contact 800-675-7430. Please feel free to share this offer with your congregations. If you have questions, please contact Richard Bauer at 612-759-3904.

Information on the ELCA Youth Gathering

Now is the time to start planning for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Congregations should start to identify youth, leaders, and a primary contact person. You can sign up for gathering news at www.elca.org/gathering. Now is also the time to set a budget and begin fundraising efforts. In May, volunteer applications will go live and close on July 15. Current high school seniors and older are eligible to apply as volunteer staff. Charlene Rineer, our synod's Gathering Coordinator, will be presenting workshops at Synod Assembly to share more details. On July 15, financial aid registration will open on the Gathering website. No congregation is too small to send kids. The average size group at the Gathering is 3-7 kids. If you are concerned about not having enough youth, you can also join in with a nearby congregation. More questions? Want more information? Check out www.elca.org/YouthGathering, join the Facebook group USS ELCA Youth Gathering Leaders (for adult leaders only) or contact Charlene Rineer at ckrorange@yahoo.com or 570-880-2872.

March 23, 2017: Clarion University Singers in Jersey Shore

The Clarion University Chamber Singers will perform on Thursday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 229 South Broad Street, Jersey Shore. The concert is free and open to the public. For more than 50 years the Clarion University Chamber Singers have been the premier vocal ensemble at Clarion University. Membership into the group, by audition, is open to all Clarion University students. The ensemble began and for many years remained an a cappella group performing Renaissance motets and madrigals. During that time, the ensemble presented an authentic Madrigal Christmas Dinner that was greatly anticipated and highly acclaimed in the Clarion community. Currently, the group is in its third year under the direction of Dr. Stephen Johnson. The group continues to perform motets and madrigals but the repertoire has been expanded to include works from a broad range of musical periods and genres including 20th Century works, Jazz, popular music, and Spirituals. The ensemble has replaced the traditional Madrigal Dinner with a Benefit Dinner that has raised funds for those in need in the Clarion community and for charity groups. The Chamber Singers also expanded its performance schedule to include numerous special events on the Clarion University Campus, school assemblies, and community concerts throughout western Pennsylvania communities. Two years ago, the Chamber Singers had a very successful two-day spring tour performing community and school concerts throughout northern Pennsylvania. A year ago, the tour expanded to three days and performed public school assemblies and community concerts in southwest Pennsylvania. This past summer, the students in the Chamber Singers achieved a significant milestone in the ensemble's history taking third place at the International Choral Competition (Eisteddfod) in Llangollen, Wales and performed several community concerts in England,

Wales, and Ireland. This spring the Chamber Singers will be performing in Phillipsburg, PA, Jersey Shore, PA, York, PA, at the capitol rotunda in Harrisburg, and performing the Prelude for an Evensong Service at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC.

March 24-26, 2017: Marriage Encounter Weekend

When is the last time the two of you did something to enrich and revitalize your marriage? Make 2017 the year you resolve to take time to spend a weekend learning how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends run from Friday night at 8:00 p.m. to Sunday around 3:00 p.m. and have been enriching marriages for over 40 years! There is a \$100 per couple registration fee; plus, toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included.

The 2017 Northeast US Weekends are:

- **March 24-26, 2017** at Toftrees Golf Resort Conference Center -- a peaceful resort nestled in 1500 wooded acres in State College, PA.
- **April 28-30, 2017** in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique tree-house-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."
- **September 15-17, 2017** at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.
- **October 6-8, 2017** at the Black Swan Inn in Lee, Massachusetts. Nestled in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, a hidden gem overlooking Laurel Lake – an hour north of Hartford, CT.

To sign up online, go to: www.Godlovesmarriage.org and pay the \$100 registration fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net. Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice!

April 5, 2017: GROW Writer's Retreat

Anyone wishing to come and write devotions for Camp Mount Luther's First Light Digital Devotions is welcome to join other writers on April 5, 2017. The retreat will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Center. It will be a day of writing and sharing resources for devotional writing. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the camp office at cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587 before April 1, 2017.

April 5, 2017: Institute for Lifelong Learning Program

Susquehanna University's Institute for Lifelong Learning is a series of programs designed for senior community members. Members gather in SU's Campus Center on Wednesday to enjoy a social hour, presentation, and lunch, beginning at 10:15 a.m. There are three options for membership in the institute. For further details, please contact Joe Herb at kapajoe@ptd.net or 570-374-9911 or Jayme Long at longj@susqu.edu or 570-372-4354.

April 5 Program: Dr. Philip Mackowiak, author of *Diagnosing Giants*; Professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine: "Beethoven and the Sound That Failed."

April 6, 2017 and April 9, 2017: Future Directions Meeting for Mount Luther

The Camp Mount Luther Board of Directors has begun a process to look forward to the future of the synod's outdoor ministry and to build a vision and ministry plan to serve children, families, congregations and our greater community for generations to come. The board is holding several "cabin meetings" in various areas of the synod to talk about opportunities, challenges, and a new vision for Camp Mount Luther. At those meetings, the process will be outlined, questions will be answered, and the opportunity will be given for folks to fill out a survey to help the board as they plan for the future. Your advice and counsel are vital to the camp ministry's future. Please plan to attend and give your input. Meetings will

be held April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg; April 9 at 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lewistown; and April 23 at 4:00 p.m. at Camp Mount Luther, Mifflinburg.

April 11, 2017: Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism Mass with Renewal of Ministry Vows will take place on the Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. It will be held at Trinity, Hughesville. Lunch will be provided after the service. Please reserve your place for lunch by contacting the synod office. Whereas all are welcome to participate in this service, Pastors, Deacons, and Authorized Lay Worship Leaders are especially invited to renew vows and recommit to worship leadership. The service will include the blessing of oil, which will be available to rostered leaders to take with them following lunch.

April 23, 2016: Camp Mount Luther Spring Open House and Future Directions Meeting

Have you ever wanted to see Mount Luther's site and facilities? Do you miss camp and want to visit in the springtime? Are you interested in coming to camp this summer but want to get more information and see the place first? Well, this is your chance. The Camp Mount Luther Spring Open House will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. You can ask questions, tour camp, and see what it's like to be a camper! First time campers who are not yet registered for the summer and who attend the event can get a \$25 discount on their summer registration! More details will be shared on their website at www.campmountluther.org!

Following the Open House (at 4:00 p.m.), there will be a future directions meeting at the camp. The Camp Mount Luther Board of Directors has begun a process to look forward to the future of the synod's outdoor ministry and to build a vision and ministry plan to serve children, families, congregations and our greater community for generations to come. The board is holding several "cabin meetings" in various areas of the synod to talk about opportunities, challenges, and a new vision for Camp Mount Luther. At those meetings, the process will be outlined, questions will be answered, and the opportunity will be given for folks to fill out a survey to help the board as they plan for the future. Your advice and counsel are vital to the camp ministry's future. Please plan to attend and give your input.

April 22, 2017: Lutheran Youth Day

Bring your youth group to Susquehanna University for Lutheran Youth Day, where we will find new ways to rise up in service to our community. Bishop Barbara J. Collins will participate in the day's activities, including service projects with LutheranHands, faith formation fun, community building, worship at the end of the afternoon, and music by Dave Scherer from AGAPE*. Scherer will be there throughout the day providing music at the large group sessions and the concluding concert. He has inspired youth from Brooklyn to Bosnia with his relational ministry "Hip Hop Outreach." Combining rapping, dancing, storytelling and his fluency in Spanish, AGAPE* connects with his listeners in a way that they really "Get it". His energy is contagious, and his stories of faith transcend differences. The cost is only \$10 per person, which includes lunch and the concert. (What a deal! But if that sum would prevent any of your youth from participating, please contact the chaplain's office. They can reduce or waive the fee for youth with financial need.) Also, the SU's Lutheran Student Movement is selling t-shirts for the day. The shirts MUST be pre-ordered. Shirts will not be for sale that day. Registration is from 9:00- 9:45 a.m. in Horn Lobby of Weber Chapel with the opening session at 10 a.m. The event ends at 5:30 p.m. All large group gatherings are in SU's Stretansky Hall. Contact the SU Chaplain's office with any questions. (musser@susqu.edu or 570-372-4303). Registration and T-shirt orders must be submitted by April 7.

To download a flyer, click here: <https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2017-Poster.pdf>
To download a registration/T-shirt order form, click here: https://www.uss-elca.org/?attachment_id=10399

April 24-28, 2017: Gettysburg Seminary Spring Academy

The year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation calls for a new examination of the church's mission and task in the world. This Spring Academy, under the theme "Re-Formation is Local" brings the question home to each believer and congregation. What is our mission and task in this world, right here? Our "Re-formation" is in our own hands: we have what we need right here and now to follow God's call to us in this

place. The week will offer everything from biblical vision to practical work sessions on the neighbor and what the Gospel means to those nearby sojourners. Preaching Perspectives, a Croquet Tournament, and great food and fellowship are also part of the week. Check this page often: www.ltsg.edu/springacademy as schedule, registration and presenters' details are soon posted. Wednesday evening worship will recognize the years of the seminary being LTSG with Michael Cooper-White preaching.

April 25-27, 2017: Generosity NOW

Generosity NOW—formerly the North American Conference on Christian Philanthropy—has been a premiere Ecumenical Stewardship Center event for decades. Laypersons, pastors, and judicatory and denominational staff who attend Generosity NOW increase their knowledge about spiritual principles and best practices relating to faithful stewardship and generous giving through plenary sessions, workshops, and worship. This year's Generosity NOW plenary speakers reside in Washington, DC and are from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary, and the Faith and Money Network. Along with these excellent plenary sessions, attendees will choose from 18 different workshops from three tracks: Faithful Stewardship, Leadership, and Generous Giving. If interested in registering, contact Pastor Craig Miller at the synod office as he has some funding available. Registration fees include:

- a pre-conference reception at the Hilton Garden Inn Reagan National Airport on Tuesday evening, April 25
- lunch on Wednesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 27 at the conference site

Registration closes on Tuesday, April 18, the Tuesday after Easter. Register today! Visit <https://stewardshipresources.org/generosity-now> for information about schedule, leadership, location, lodging, transportation, and registration.

April 29, 2017: Food Packaging Event

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Williamsport, will be hosting a meal packaging project on Saturday, April 29, from 10:00 a.m. – noon or possibly longer. Their goal is to package 20,000 pasta and tomato basil meals that will be donated to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and area food pantries. These highly nutritious soy-fortified meals have a shelf life of two years and cost 25 cents each to produce. Their goal is to raise \$5,000. If they raise more, then they can package additional meals. The counties the northern Central Pennsylvania Food Bank serves are counties of high food insecurity. The term food insecurity means children come home from school with little or no food in the house. One in four children in Clinton County are food insecure. Lycoming County is slightly better. While we cannot solve all the causes of hunger, packaging a meal and giving something nutritious to a family is a physical act to serve our neighbor. The Outreach committee of St. Mark's Lutheran invites you to participate. They will need volunteers on Saturday, April 29. Please contact the following for more information.

Michele Owen, 570-323-4619, mowen@stmarkswilliamsport.org, St. Marks Youth & Family Ministry
Becky Miller Pryor, 570-971-4585, murphy173@verizon.net, St. Marks Outreach Chairperson

Donations to cover the meals can be made out to St. Mark's Lutheran or "Outreach, Inc." and given to either Michele or Becky or mail to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market Street, Williamsport PA 17701.

May 3-5, 2017: Bishop's Retreat

Mark your calendar now – The annual bishop's retreat will be held on May 3-5 at Camp Hebron, Halifax PA. The focus of the retreat will be: *Relationship with God. Relationship with each other. Relationship with the world.* Cost for the two and a half days, meals included, is \$115/person for double occupancy and \$225/person for single occupancy. Space is limited. Registration and more information were mailed out. Spouses are invited to attend this event.

May 8, 2017: Bishop's Open Golf Classic

The annual Bishop Open's Golf Classic is set for May 8, 2017, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp's annual fund. A flyer/bulletin insert containing information and registration form is available here: <http://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2017-Golf-Tournament-Flyer.pdf>. The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors. door prize

sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Congregations are also encouraged to become hole sponsors. Get involved and help our synod's outdoor ministry!

May 20, 2017: CML Spring Work Day and Youth GROW in the Sun

Practice stewardship through service at Camp Mount Luther at their Annual Spring Work Day on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 12 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.

NEW THIS YEAR! We are inviting youth to stay overnight on Friday night, May 19, through Saturday afternoon. We call it GROW In the Sun and we'll have a short campfire program, complete with S'mores, you'll sleep in the cabins, help with our work day, and then we'll have GROW Time for you after lunch. The GROW Time will be a chance to reflect on how God calls us to serve one another! We will finish around 3:00 p.m. Cost for GROW in the Sun is \$20. You must register by May 12, 2017, by e-mailing cml@campmountluther.org or calling 570-922-1587. We ask that each registered youth group provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth and at least one adult for each gender represented. To download a bulletin insert/flyer for both events, click here:

<http://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2017-Work-Day-Flyer.pdf>

May 22, 2017: Lutheran Day at the Capital

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA will hold their annual event on May 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill. We mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in a time of great upheaval and division at home and around the globe. On May 22, we gather to consider how the Holy Spirit is re-forming us as the Word of God continues to change and renew the world. How can we be Church Together, for the sake of the world, in Pennsylvania? Bring your faith to the table, and join advocates from across the Commonwealth for a day of worship, learning and inspiration to ground and deepen your call to faith-rooted advocacy. The day will feature a keynote address by Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Professor of Theological and Social Ethics, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary of California Lutheran University, legislative briefing and visit training, issues and faith formation workshops, a continental breakfast, lunch and special advocacy celebration. Come to be inspired, prepared and equipped to act on issues that matter. Bring a team from your congregation, or partners from other traditions in your community. You don't have to be Lutheran to benefit from the issues and advocacy training! Most other bodies do not have their own state advocacy offices, and many would appreciate this opportunity.

To learn more and register, click here:

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event;jsessionid=17463E35FB25ECEAF7D5944045D62165.worker_registrant?llr=lvflt5dab&oeidk=a07edukmq05a668eb65

June 16-17, 2017: Synod Assembly

Now is the time to register for this year's Synod Assembly. The registration mailing has been sent from the synod office. The 2017 Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly will take place at Weber Chapel on the campus of Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, on June 16-17, 2017. Register before April 15 for a \$10 discount on registration! This year's theme is "Together in Mission: Relating and Reforming." Guest speakers and musicians from the ELCA's Global Mission Team will be with us, including Sunitha Mortha as our ELCA Churchwide representative. More information will be provided as it becomes available and will be posted on the synod assembly page at www.uss-elca.org/assembly. Remember, we are striving to go paperless this year with the bulletin of reports so materials will be available for download from the website listed here.