

UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD—ELCA

CHURCH LEADERS' DAY

WHEN

FEBRUARY 1, 2020 - 9AM - 2PM

WHERE

CHRIST'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

100 South 3rd Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837

WHO

All Congregation Council Members and Rostered Ministers.

WHY

New to Council? Get off to a good start with spiritual grounding and practical tools.

Been on council often and for a long time? Refresh yourself and your practices for a deeper ministry as church together.

Live the mission of the Upper Susquehanna Synod:

United as Christ's Disciples, we
Support one another; and
Serve God in the World

**FOR ALL
CONGREGATION
COUNCIL
MEMBERS
AND ROSTERED
MINISTERS**

WORKSHOPS

- **Vision & Discernment**
- **Church Finances**
- **Church Constitutions**
- **Effective Meetings**
- **Church Technologies**
- **Synod Resources for congregations**
- **Committee & Polices**

REGISTRATION

\$10 per Person

Register online here:

<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/1087053>

QUESTIONS?

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WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

VISION AND DISCERNMENT

Do you ever wonder where God is calling your community of faith? Do you feel as though you need some clear steps to help get there? The truth is that no one congregation can be all things to all people, but that does not mean that God doesn't have a plan for each of our communities. Join Pastor Justin Lingenfelter (United in Christ—West Milton) as he leads a workshop on Vision and Discernment to help us think about the ways God calls each of our unique congregations to unique ministries. This workshop will include tangible tools, resources, and exercises to take home to your congregations to help you walk through a period of discernment and visioning towards producing a strategic plan for your church.

CHURCH FINANCES

Money matters can be a point of contention for churches, be it giving (or lack thereof), poor fiscal management, or outright fraudulent practices (unintentional or otherwise). Therefore, knowing the laws around church finances, utilizing best practices and having a healthy view of money can mean a successful and legal congregation. Rev. Chad Hebrink, (Grace—Berwick) the synod treasurer, will lead us through this useful workshop.

CONGREGATION CONSTITUTION UPDATES AND REVISIONS

This workshop is geared for the secretaries of the congregation council. There has been a lot of revisions and updates to the Model Constitutions. In this workshop, we will lead you through all the changes to the Model constitutions and how you can adopt those changes to your congregation constitutions. Rev. Lisa Barnes (United in Christ Parish - Mt. Pleasant Mills) will guide you through this informative workshop.

RUNNING EFFECTIVE MEETINGS

Ever been in a meeting where you are whiplashed from one topic to another without any regard to the agenda? Been to a meeting that seemed more like coffee hour than an actual church meeting? Have no fear! Rev. Stina Schaeffer (Salem—Selinsgrove) will share the secrets to keep a meeting focused and productive.

CONGREGATION TECHNOLOGY

Ever since Wittenberg became a hotbed of printing in the 16th Century, Lutherans have been using advances in technology to connect with one another and proclaim God's Word to the world around us. Join Rev. Lowell Chilton (Messiah—New Berlin) to learn about effective (and affordable) ways to use new technology to support the ministry of your congregation.

SYNOD RESOURCES FOR THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Craig Miller (Assistant to the Bishop) will share with us all the resources the synod has for the local congregations. Most members of congregations are unaware of the various grants, ministry tools, and action teams that are available for congregations.

COMMITTEES AND POLICIES

Rev. Joshua Reinsburrow (Messiah—South Williamsport) will guide us in how to effectively structure your congregations to maximize ministries and which policies each congregations have to ensure legal protection and reduce liabilities.