

# living out the LARCUM covenant

**“The Church,  
always reforming—  
*ecclesia semper  
reformanda*”**

**On the Eve of the 500<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of the Reformation**

**The Rev. Dr. Gerald Christianson,  
Presenter**

*In his style that is witty and engaging,  
Dr. Christianson will provide our State LARCUM Con-  
ference with the historical knowledge we require to  
properly approach the upcoming observance.*



VIRGINIA  
LARCUM  
CONFERENCE

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Virginia LARCUM Conference  
**2015**

**Sterling, Virginia**

**Friday and Saturday,  
December 4 & 5**

# welcome

to Sterling, Virginia

## PARTICIPATING LOCAL CHURCHES

**Community Lutheran Church**  
21014 Whitfield Place, Sterling, Virginia 20165  
(703) 430-6006

**Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church**  
46833 Harry Byrd Hwy, Sterling, VA 20164  
(703) 430-0811

**Saint Matthew Episcopal Church**  
201 E Frederick Dr, Sterling, VA 20164  
(703) 430-2121

## VIRGINIA LARCUM BISHOPS

**Rt. Reverend Mark A. Bourlakas**  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

**Reverend Young Jin Cho**  
Bishop of the Virginia Conference, United Methodist Church

**Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo**  
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond

**Rt. Reverend Susan E. Goff**  
Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia

**Reverend Richard Graham**  
Bishop of the Metro Washington, D.C. Synod, ELCA

**Rt. Reverend Ted Gulick**  
Assistant Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia

**Rt. Reverend Herman Hollerith, IV**  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

**Rt. Reverend Shannon Johnston**  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia

**Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde**  
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington

**Reverend James F. Mauney**  
Bishop of the Virginia Synod, ELCA

# schedule

**December 4, 2014**

**FRIDAY Afternoon**

at Community Lutheran Church

**2:30pm**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Bishop Gulick, Presider*

**3:00–4:15pm**

**Session One: Post-Apostolic Challenges**

**Gospel and Religion  
Church and Sect**

*Two fundamental tensions in the history of the Christian Church: the conflict between the gift of salvation and the human attempt to control God; and the distinction between the universal body and the particular community.*

**FRIDAY Evening**

at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church

**6:00pm**

**REGISTRATION, WELCOME RECEPTION**

**6:30pm**

**ORIENTATION FOR NEW ATTENDEES**

**7:00–8:15pm**

**Session Two: Early Medieval**

**Renewal Movements**

**The Monastic Alternative  
Gregorian Reform**

*Two possibly related impulses in the emergence of Christendom, the intimate relationship between sacerdotium and regnum at the centers of power: the monk as the successor of the martyr and the impulse to resist “worldly” incursions into the church such as money and marriage.*

*Welcome, Reverend Don Rooney  
Introduction, Reverend Tom Prinz*

**8:15pm**

**WORSHIP OF THE GREAT ASSEMBLY**

*Bishop Loverde, Presider  
Reflection by Bishop Cho*

*We acknowledge the support of Bishops Cho and Loverde as they move into retirement.*

# register

**December 5, 2014**  
**SATURDAY Morning**

at St. Matthew Episcopal Church

**8:00am**

**REGISTRATION FOR NEW ARRIVALS**  
**Continental Breakfast**

**8:45am**

**MORNING PRAYER**

*Bishop Graham, Presider*

*Reflection by Bishop Bourlakas*

**9:15–10:30am**

**Session Three: Late Medieval Ferment**  
**The Conciliar Movement**

**The Lutheran “Counter Reformation”**

*Two challenges as Christendom begins to give way to nation states and merchants: the struggle between two power-centers, a monarchic papacy and representative assemblies; and the still-open question, was the Reformation a break or a culmination . . .*

**SATURDAY Late Morning**

returning to Community Lutheran Church

**11:00-12:15**

**Session Four: Spirituality**  
**in the Early Reformation**

*The magnificent group of paintings in The Isenheim Altarpiece by Matthias Grünewald (ca. 1470-1528) on the birth, death, and resurrection of Christ may be the greatest artistic expression of the Christian Gospel and offers a fitting amen to our study of the reforming impulse.*

**12:15pm**

**CLOSING DEVOTIONS, Blessing**

*Bishop Mauney, Presider*

**12:45pm**

**LUNCH**

*Please be sure to indicate on the registration form if you will be staying for lunch.*

**Please register as soon as possible with the registrar AND make arrangements at the hotel of your choice (below).**

**Regular conference fee:**

**\$35.**

**Student rate**

**\$10.**

Please let your friends know about our program and give them a personal invitation on behalf of the Virginia LARCUM Committee! Thanks.

**Please send all correspondence to Registrar by November 20, 2015:**

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# lodging

**Be sure to mention the LARCUM conference to receive the reduced conference rates.**

**Be sure to make reservations by November 5!**

**Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham**

21123 Whitfield Place

Sterling, VA 20165

704-444-2111

\$74/night with complimentary breakfast

**Hampton Inn Dulles/Cascades**

46331 McClellan Way

Sterling, VA 20165

844-296-1289

\$79/night with complimentary breakfast

**Courtyard Dulles Town Center - Marriott**

45500 Majestic Drive

Sterling, VA 20165

571-434-6400

\$74/night, \$84 with complimentary breakfast

**Please see insert for parking information and a map of the hotels and churches.**

# covenant

The unity of the church is the gift of the Spirit and a task of the church. We hereby CALL INTO COVENANT our respective Synods, Dioceses and Conferences and COMMIT OURSELVES to the following actions. In behalf of the unity of the church, WE WILL:

1. pray for each other, particularly at the principal Sunday celebration;
2. sponsor seasonal prayer services, especially during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity;
3. encourage shared lectionary studies;
4. promote pulpit exchanges in accord with the respective guidelines of each tradition;
5. encourage cooperation among member churches in providing premarital preparation for ecumenical marriages;
6. encourage shared religious formational and educational events, e.g. youth ministry, vacation Bible school, living room dialogue;
7. develop joint efforts in evangelism and social justice;
8. develop covenants among our congregations, institutions and chaplaincies;
9. support statewide, regional and local LARCUM Conferences, and establish annually a joint meeting of our ecumenical bodies;
10. encourage each diocese and synod to develop supportive prayer services and covenanting models for its congregations through their respective ecumenical and liturgical committees;
11. urge congregations to study the existing dialogues among our churches;
12. develop covenants among schools and academies for shared programs;
13. ask congregations to develop and reflect on their cooperative ministries to discover areas of convergence among our four churches;
14. sponsor shared retreats and formational events for clergy and parish leadership;
15. develop campus ministry covenants among Catholic Campus Ministry, Canterbury Association, Lutheran Student Union, and Wesley Foundation, and support covenants at existing ecumenical ministries and with college chaplains;
16. seek ways to coordinate program and planning at the district/synodical/diocesan/conference level;
17. collaborate at the judicatory level on justice issues and social concerns;
18. review and evaluate this Covenant annually at a meeting of the state LARCUM Committee representatives with Bishops;
19. establish goals annually which advance this Covenant;
20. celebrate the renewal of this Covenant annually at the statewide LARCUM conference.

May the Holy Spirit, who has brought us to this moment of covenanting, bring us to ever deepening levels of unity. To this end we affix our names and recommend it to our respective judicatories, this 1st day of December, 2006.

# speaker

**THE REV. DR. GERALD CHRISTIANSON** was ordained by the Augustana Lutheran Church at Rock Island, Illinois, on June 12, 1960, and married Carol Berg the following Saturday. Dr. Christianson is Emeritus Professor of Church History at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary where he taught early and medieval church



history from 1967 until January, 2010 which is thought to be the longest tenure in the seminary's history. He also served as visiting professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary and Yale Divinity School. Born in Duluth, Minnesota on November 19, 1933, he received his education at Gustavus Adolphus College, Augustana Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago, with further study at the University of Geneva.

Dr. Christianson served as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Gary, Indiana, from 1960-1963, and as visiting pastor in Ault, Colorado and Brussels, Belgium. He has remained active in the seminary, synod, community, and congregation. In 1980 he founded *Music, Gettysburg!*, a musical series formed by a partnership between the seminary and the community. Since 1976 he has hosted the weekly public affairs program, "The Seminary Explores," first heard over radio stations WGET and WGTY and now podcast on the seminary website. He serves on the board of the Seminary Ridge Preservation Foundation and was a member of the Design Committee for the new Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum from its beginning to its completion.

For the synod, he served on Key '73, the Program Committee for the Synod Assembly, and the Taskforce on Children's Communion. He has preached and lectured widely in the synods of Maryland, central and western Pennsylvania, and is an active member of St. James, Gettysburg, where he chaired the Organ and Worship Area Sub-Committee after the church burned in 1969, and again chaired the Worship Area Renewal Committee which completed a renovation in 2014.

In 1990 he received the Salute to Teaching award from the Pennsylvania Academy for the Profession of Teaching and in 1995 the Distinguished Alumni Citation from Gustavus Adolphus College. He founded the International Seminar on Pre-Reformation Theology at Gettysburg Seminary and since 1986 has chaired its biennial Gettysburg Conference. He is the author, co-author, or co-editor of several books, most recently a collection of essays, *Reform, Representation and Theology* (2011) for which a review in *Renaissance Quarterly* said, "Remarkable for their clarity of expression and balanced judgment in weighing the historical evidence, these essays surely establish themselves as among the best work on the Council of Basel in the late twentieth century."

He and his wife Carol have two children and four grandchildren.