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**LARCUM**  
covenant

## Reformations, Then and Now

**Dr. Joseph D. Small,  
Presenter**

*Dr. Small will challenge our  
State LARCUM Conference  
to consider the need for a proper  
response to the Reformation today.*



VIRGINIA  
LARCUM  
CONFERENCE

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Virginia LARCUM Conference

**2016**

**Ashland, Virginia**

**Friday and Saturday,  
December 2 & 3**

# welcome

to Ashland, Virginia

## PARTICIPATING LOCAL CHURCHES

**Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church**  
201 Henry St, Ashland, VA 23005  
(804) 798-7224

**Saint Ann Catholic Church**  
105 S Snead St, Ashland, VA 23005  
(804) 798-5039

**Saint James the Less Episcopal Church**  
125 Beverly Rd, Ashland, VA 23005  
(804) 798-6336

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**Reverend James F. Mauney**  
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# register

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** no charge

*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 no later than November 18, 2016:**

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# lodging

Included here are some local hotels. A number of other options are within reach in Glen Allen, VA.

### Holiday Inn Express and Suites

107 South Carter Road  
Ashland, Virginia 23005  
(804) 752-7889  
\$110/night with breakfast buffet

### Hampton Inn Ashland

705 England Street  
Ashland, Virginia, 23005  
(804) 752-8444  
\$107-128/night with breakfast

### Days Inn Ashland

806 England Street  
Ashland, VA 23005  
(804) 798-4262  
\$55/night, breakfast available

### The Henry Clay Inn

114 N Railroad Ave  
Ashland, VA 23005-1517  
(804) 798-3100  
historic inn, breakfast available, \$165+/-/night

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

# schedule

## Reformations, Then and Now

Observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is more than a stroll down memory lane, much less an occasion for self-congratulation. The motto, *ecclesia reformata semper reformanda secundum verbum Dei* (the church reformed always to be reformed in accordance with the Word of God) points us from the past into the present. What is the church *now* called away from, and where is the church called to go?

**December 2, 2016**

**FRIDAY Afternoon**

at Randolph-Macon College  
Dalton Room at Birdsong Hall

**2:30pm**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Rev Tom Joyce, Presider*

**3:00–4:15pm**

**Session One: The Body Lies Bleeding**

**Wounds of the divided church**

*Doctor Joseph D. Small*  
*Introduction, Rev. Michael Nelson*

**FRIDAY Evening**

at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church

**6:00pm**

**REGISTRATION, WELCOME RECEPTION**

**6:30pm**

**ORIENTATION FOR NEW ATTENDEES**

**7:00–8:15pm**

**Session Two: Body Language**

**The reality of the body of Christ**

*Welcome, Rev. Michael Nelson*  
*Introduction, Rev. Tom Prinz*

**8:15pm**

**WORSHIP OF THE GREAT ASSEMBLY**

*Bishop Graham, Presider*  
*Reflection by Bishop Loverde*

**December 3, 2016**

**SATURDAY Morning**

at Saint James Episcopal Church

**8:00am**

**REGISTRATION FOR NEW ARRIVALS**

**Continental Breakfast**

**8:45am**

**MORNING PRAYER**

*Bishop Gulick, Presider*  
*Reflection by Bishop Mauney*

**9:15–10:30am**

**Session Three: Call and Response**

**The call of the *present Christ*  
and the church's response**

**SATURDAY Late Morning**

at Saint Ann Catholic Church

**11:00-12:15**

**Session Four: Proclaiming the Gospel  
in a "Secular Age":**

**How can the church bear present witness  
in an indifferent culture?**

**12:15pm**

**CLOSING DEVOTIONS, Blessing**

*Bishop DiLorenzo, Presider*

**12:45pm**

**LUNCH**

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

# 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



**Joseph D. Small** served as director of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Theology and Worship from 1989-2011. He is now adjunct faculty at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, and church relations consultant to the Presbyterian Foundation. He serves on the board of the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology, and is co-chair of the international Reformed-Pentecostal Dialogue. He participates in international ecumenical consultations sponsored by the World Council of Churches, the World Communion of Reformed Churches, and the Centre International Reformé.

Dr. Small holds degrees from Brown University, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Louisville Theological Seminary. He has served on the staff of Pittsburgh Seminary, and as pastor of churches in Towson Maryland, Westerville Ohio, and Rochester New York.

Dr. Small is the author of *To Be Reformed: Living the Tradition* (2010), *Let Us Reason Together: Christians and Jews in Conversation* (2010), *Proclaiming the Great Ends of the Church* (2010), *Conversations with the Confessions* (2005), *Preservation of the Truth* (2005), *Fire and Wind: The Holy Spirit in the Church Today* (2002), *Committed Conversation* (2000), and *God and Ourselves: A Brief Exercise in Reformed Theology* (1997), and has written numerous monographs, book chapters, journal articles, study series, and theological papers.

Dr. Small is married to Valerie Kiriishi Small, a Presbyterian ruling elder who serves as an Assistant Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. She manages the General Assembly nominations process. They are the parents of four children – Kalen, Doug, Jennifer, and Carly.  
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