

living out the LARCUM covenant

500 Years Later: Ecumenical Dialogue as Gift and Call

Susan K. Wood, SCL Presenter

*Sister Susan Wood will focus
our thoughts at this Centenary
and consider a path to the future.*



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Virginia LARCUM Conference
2017
Richmond, Virginia

Friday and Saturday,
December 1 & 2

welcome

to Richmond, Virginia

PARTICIPATING LOCAL CHURCHES

Epiphany Lutheran Church
1400 Horsepen Rd., Richmond 23226
(804) 282-6066

Saint Bridget Catholic Church
6066 Three Chopt Rd., Richmond 23226
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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 17, 2017:

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lodging

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Candlewood Suites Richmond - West Broad

2100 West Dickens Rd.
Richmond, Virginia 23230
(804) 324-3900
\$119/night, free wifi

Embassy Suites By Hilton - Richmond

2925 Emerywood Parkway
Richmond, Virginia, 23294
(804) 672-8585
\$159/night with breakfast

The Weston - Richmond

6631 West Broad Street
Richmond, Va 23230
(804) 282-8444
\$174/night, breakfast available, not complimentary

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And A Map Of The Hotels And Churches.**

schedule

December 1, 2017

FRIDAY Evening

at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

6:00pm

REGISTRATION, WELCOME RECEPTION

6:30pm

ORIENTATION FOR NEW ATTENDEES

7:00–8:15pm

Session One

The 2017 Centenary: How did we get here?

*Sister Susan Wood
Introduction, Rev. Eric Moehring*

A comparison of memories of what it was like before the ecumenical period with ecumenical accomplishments today reveals a seismic shift in perspective. This centenary is the first anniversary of the Reformation to occur in an ecumenical age, Lutherans and Catholics telling the story of the Reformation together rather separately. This session reviews the ecumenical commitments of Catholics and Lutherans and explores what is required for us to be in dialogue and what a reconciled church might look like.

8:15pm

WORSHIP OF THE GREAT ASSEMBLY

and Signing of the LARCUM Covenant

*Bishop Richard Graham, Welcome
Bishop Michael Burbidge, Presider
Bishop Ted Gulick, Preacher*

Please refer to the enclosed map for neighborhood parking. On Friday evening parking is available behind St. Stephen's and St. Bridget.

December 2, 2017

SATURDAY Morning

at Saint Bridget Middle School Auditorium/Chapel

8:00am

Continental Breakfast

8:30am

MORNING PRAYER

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

9:00-9:30am

at Saint Bridget Catholic Church

REGISTRATION FOR NEW ARRIVALS

9:30–10:45am

Session Two

**Documents Marking the Centenary:
From Conflict to Communion and
Declaration on the Way**

Introduction, Rev. Tom Prinz

The International document, From Conflict to Communion, and the U. S. document, Declaration on the Way, are study resources for churches commemorating the 2017 centenary. This session provides an overview of the two documents and examines the themes of the ecumenical prayer service that accompanies From Conflict to Communion.

11:00am-12:15pm

Session Three

**The 2017 Centenary:
A Time of Vulnerability and Opportunity**

The 2017 centenary is neither an ecumenical winter nor simply a time of harvesting past accomplishments, but it is a time of both vulnerability and opportunity. Ecumenical dialogue is both a charism and a vocational call. Moving forward, ecumenical engagement must look towards a pastoral ecumenism, a hierarchy of virtues, and a hermeneutic of generosity.

12:15pm

CLOSING DEVOTIONS, Blessing

Bishop Bob Humphrey

12:30pm

LUNCH

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

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.

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Dr. Wood teaches courses on ecclesiology, Henri de Lubac, the nouvelle théologie, ecumenism, and sacramental theology, as well as more general courses in systematic theology. Her research interests have focused on the theology of ordained ministry, the ecclesial dimensions of sacramental theology, and the theology of Henri de Lubac.

She is currently co-authoring a book on Catholic-Lutheran relations with Timothy Wengert in anticipation of 2017, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, for Paulist Press.

Very active in ecumenical work, she serves on the U.S. Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue (1994-present), the North American Roman Catholic-Orthodox Theological Consultation (2005-present), the conversation between the Roman Catholic Church and the Baptist World Alliance (2006-2010), and the International Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue (2008-present). She has also participated in consultations on baptism, theological anthropology, and the nature and purpose of ecumenical dialogue sponsored by Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches and the Joint Working Group.

She is an associate editor of Pro Ecclesia and serves on the editorial advisory board of the journal "Ecclesiology." Most of her writing explores the connections between ecclesiology and sacramental theology. In addition to numerous articles, she has published One Baptism: Ecumenical Dimensions of the Doctrine of Baptism (The Liturgical Press, 2009). Spiritual Exegesis and the Church in the Theology of Henri de Lubac (Eerdmans, 1998), and Sacramental Orders (The Liturgical Press, 2000), translated into Spanish (Barcelona, 2008), and recipient of the second place book award in the category of liturgy from the Catholic Press Association, May 25, 2001. She is the editor of Ordering the Baptismal Priesthood (The Liturgical Press, 2003) and co-editor, with Alberto Garcia, of Critical Issues in Ecclesiology: Essays in Honor of Carl. E. Braaten (Eerdmans, 2011).

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