Living out the LARCUM covenant

Praying, Believing, Doing: An Ecumenism of Liturgy and Life

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Presenter

Virginia LARCUM Conference 2018
Charlottesville, Virginia
Friday and Saturday, November 30 - December 1

Welcome to Charlottesville, Virginia

PARTICIPATING LOCAL CHURCHES
Christ Episcopal Church
120 High Street West, Charlottesville, VA 22902
(434) 293-2347

First United Methodist Church
101 E Jefferson St, Charlottesville, VA 22902
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Saint Mark Lutheran Church
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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

NEW THIS YEAR:
You can register on line at virginialarcum.org

Involve your friends to the conference on behalf of the Virginia LARCUM Committee! Thanks.

Please send all correspondence to Registrar no later than November 17, 2017:
Mr. Rick Caporali
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Registering

Included here are some nearby hotels.

The Graduate Hotel
309 W. Main Street
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
(434) 220-0075
$139/night special rate, free wifi

Residence Inn by Marriott
315 W. Main Street
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
(434) 220-0075
$199/night, free wifi, breakfast

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212 Ridge McIntire Road
Charlottesville, Va 22903
(434) 971-5500
$197/night, free wifi

The Inn at Court Square
212 Ridge McIntire Road
Charlottesville, Va 22902
(434) 295-2800
$200/night, free wifi

Lodging
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**Points of Connection and Commonality**

With other Bishops of the LARCUM Conference

**Worship of the Great Assembly**

The Rev. Richard Graham, Homilist

First United Methodist Church

**PRAYER FOR PEACE GATHERING**

at Emancipation Park, in front of First United Methodist Church

Bishops will individually offer prayers for peace and unity

**6:30pm RECEPTION and REGISTRATION**

7:00-8:00pm Session One

**Praying, Believing, Doing:**

**Points of Connection and Commonality**

Rev. Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker

Introduction, Rev. Don Rooney

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**11:15am-12:30pm Session Three**

**Praying, Believing, Doing:**

**Singing in Common**

Evidence of the intentional sharing of congregational song across ecclesiastical boundaries exists from the sixteenth century onward, which can lead to the claim that singing in common is the “first” form of ecumenism. What is the significance of such sharing today, especially with the proliferation of hymn and song texts that speak of justice, reconciliation, and peace?

**8:00am MORNING PRAYER**

**8:30am Breakfast and Discussion and REGISTRATION FOR NEW ARRIVALS**

9:45–11am Session Two

**Praying, Believing, Doing:**

**Worship Together and Apart**

Multilateral and bilateral ecumenical documents have proliferated since the 1960s, but often these texts do not reach the hands of pastors and congregations. What is the place of worship as a mediator of ecumenical engagement? How does what we pray and how we pray indicate where we are in the ecumenical process?

**12:30pm CLOSING DEVOTIONS, Sung Prayer**

Karen Westerfield Tucker

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 formal 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 annual joint meeting of our ecumenical bodies;
10. encourage each diocese and synod to develop support 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. urge congregations to develop and reflect on their cooperative ministries to discover areas of convergence among our four churches;
14. sponsor shared retreats and formation 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.

The Rev. Dr. Karen B. Westerfield Tucker is an elder (presbyter) affiliated with the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church. She served a congregation in Rock Island, Illinois, and the Wesley Foundation at the University of Illinois (U-C) before pursuing the doctorate in liturgical studies at the University of Notre Dame. After fifteen years on the faculty at Duke University, in 2004 she became Professor of Worship at Boston University (Boston, Massachusetts), where she remains on the faculty. She has taught seminar and continuing education courses throughout the United States and Canada, and in Asia, Pacifica, and Europe.

Dr. Westerfield Tucker is the author of American Methodist Worship (Oxford University Press, 2001), and she conceived and edited The Sunday Service of the Methodists: Twentieth-century Worship in Worldwide Methodism (Abingdon/Kingswood, 1996). With Geoffrey Wainwright she edited The Oxford History of Christian Worship (Oxford University Press, 2006), a collection under revision for publication in a digital edition. She currently is engaged in several research and writing projects, one of which is on the theological and cultural dynamics of hymnals. A past president of the international and ecumenical Societas Liturgica, Dr. Westerfield Tucker is also the former editor-in-chief of the society's journal Studia Liturgica. She became a member of the World Methodist Council in 1996, and that same year selected as the Council's chairperson of the Committee on Worship and Liturgy (1996-2006). She remains a member of the Council, serving from 2006 to the present as a member of the international bilateral dialogue between the Council and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, and since 2011 as the Methodist co-secretary. She is also a member of the bilateral between the United Methodist Church and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.