

living out the LARCUM covenant

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

Rev. Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker
Presenter



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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 virginalarcum.org

Invite 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:

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lodging

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

schedule

November 30, 2018
FRIDAY Evening

First United Methodist Church

6:00pm

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*

Christian communities have long understood that practices of worship and devotion shape their faith and that what they believe guides the content of their prayer. Praying and believing each influences what a community does—how it acts toward the neighbor and the world—and actions affect what is prayed and believed. Can the interplay of these components—praying, believing, doing—speak to the project of reconciliation, not only of ecumenical relations, but also to social divisions and social concerns?

8:00pm

WORSHIP OF THE GREAT ASSEMBLY

and Signing of the LARCUM Covenant

*The Rev. Sharma Lewis, Presider
The Rev. Richard Graham, Homilist
with other Bishops of the LARCUM Conference*

December 1, 2018
SATURDAY Morning

(at First United Methodist Church)

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?

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?

12:30pm

CLOSING DEVOTIONS, Sung Prayer

Karen Westerfield Tucker

12:30pm

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

Karen B. Westerfield Tucker, M.A., Ph.D.
Professor of Worship, Boston University

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 seminary 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.