

Ministry Displays, Workshops, and Service Projects



Delegates were invited to experience the Assembly theme, "Sharing Ministries and Building Relationships," in four different ways: (1) by visiting Bear Creek Camp, (2) by participating in one of several local service projects, (3) by visiting the ministry display tables, and (4) by attending one of the workshops. Two extended blocks of time were available on Friday for these experiences.



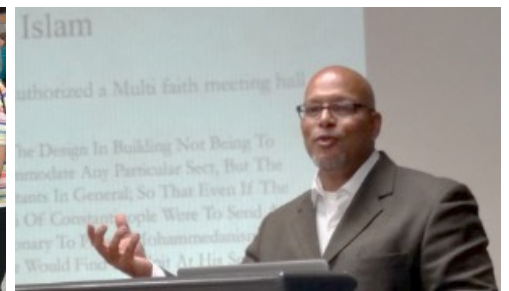
Bear Creek Camp. Delegates who chose to visit Bear Creek Camp could help prepare the camp for the upcoming summer program, could participate in a Hunger Walk, or could simply spend time enjoying the beautiful setting.



Local Service Projects. There were about a dozen opportunities to engage in a service project to benefit the Wilkes-Barre community. These included packing food for the hungry, filling backpacks for children, materials for disaster relief, a highway cleanup, helping children create a mural, and helping at the SPCA.



Ministry Display Tables and Workshops. There was a wide assortment of ministry displays, as well as workshops on "Pastoral Care Providers," "Faith Facing Racism and Religious Prejudice: Sharing Hopes and Strategies," and "ELCA Inter-religious Commitments -- Review and Response."



More information and pictures are available on the synod website at <http://nepasynod.org/highlights-assembly-2018>. **Assembly 2019 will be a one-day event on June 1 at Genetti's Ballrooms in Hazleton.** This is being done to keep down costs for congregations in anticipation of a three-day assembly at the Kalahari Resort on June 4-6, 2020 when the synod will elect a new bishop.

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