



# Workshops

## Synod Assembly 2023

### **1. Bishop Michael Girlinghouse: [Suite 4]**

Go deeper with the presenter! Many congregations have experienced significant decline in recent decades, and the pandemic has only accelerated the pace. Michael Girlinghouse believes that until we learn to mourn these losses, congregations and leaders will be unable to think creatively about the future. Drawing on more than thirty years of research and ministry, Girlinghouse will show us how to work through our collective grief without forgetting or devaluing our past.

### **2. Joe Davis & David Scherer: [Orange]**

The Cycle of Gospel Living: What is the Biblical model for responding to power? How do we respond faithfully to the power that we have been given and the power that we have been denied? Joe Davis and David Scherer will help us explore Christ-centered approaches to navigating power in our congregations and in our world.

### **3. Stacey and Rev. Lauren Applegate: [Nile]**

Growing Young: For many congregations, making the intentional decision to disproportionately prioritize young people is the inflection point between growing young and growing old. However, we understand change and transition are not always easy. Taking time to come together as a community to work through and discuss how to part from routines or traditions that may not relate to today's youth and young families is a positive way to lament the past and progress into a young healthy future of church.

### **4. Rev. Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig: [Zambezi]**

Small Church Ministry: "Making Every Effort" According to Ephesians 4:3, Christians should be "making every effort to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." This workshop is about how small churches can build unity and foster bonds of peace inside and outside, even though disunity and strife are all around. We will highlight strengths of small church ministry and opportunities for vibrant mission.

### **5. Rev Dr Karyn Wiseman: [Suite 5]**

Clergy - "Preaching for a New Day" is a look at preaching in the current moment in time with a special concentration on post-pandemic preaching. Laity - "Basics of Preaching" is a workshop on the basic skills needed for sermon crafting and preaching for anyone finding themselves in the pulpit.

### **6. Tracey DePasquale: [Ironwood]**

Do they know us by our love? Tracey DePasquale is the Director of LAMPa – Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania. Her workshop will give you practical guidance and actionable ideas to advocate for justice and peace and equity for all people, in your home congregation, home town, state and nation today.

### **7. Mary Campbell: [Rosewood]**

ELCA AMMPARO: Congregational engagement in the strategy to accompany migrants with protection, advocacy, representation, and opportunities. Mary Campbell is the Program Director for AMMPARO, which stands for: Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

### **8. Dr Crystal Hall: [Aloewood]**

Write the Sermon Before Saturday: A Workshop for Women in Ministry. As a woman in ministry it might feel impossible to write the sermon before Saturday night. There's always people walking into your office wanting to talk. An interruption from your music director or administrator wanting to check in about this week's bulletin. People to visit and thank you notes to write. Of course there are. But thankfully there's another way. It's absolutely possible to have the sermon written, practiced and printed before Saturday. So you can get more rest and enjoy more time with loved ones. I'll show you, step by step!

