



**Upstate New York Synod**  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Thank you for your participation in this year's Synod Assembly!

We hope to see you again in Rochester for the thirty-second  
 Assembly of the Upstate New York Synod, June 3—5, 2018

## **Workshops and Mission Expo Booklet**

31st Assembly of the  
 Upstate NY Synod, ELCA



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## SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES Highland A, K, and B—street level

### **SERRV—'creating connections'**

**Serrv** is a nonprofit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide. We believe artisans and farmers around the world should have the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and support their families through fair payments and respectful relationships. Every basket, every tablecloth, every necklace we offer has a story behind it—of an empowered artisan or farmer who works in a safe environment, can send his or her children to school, and can save for the future with the reliable income he or she earns through fair trade.



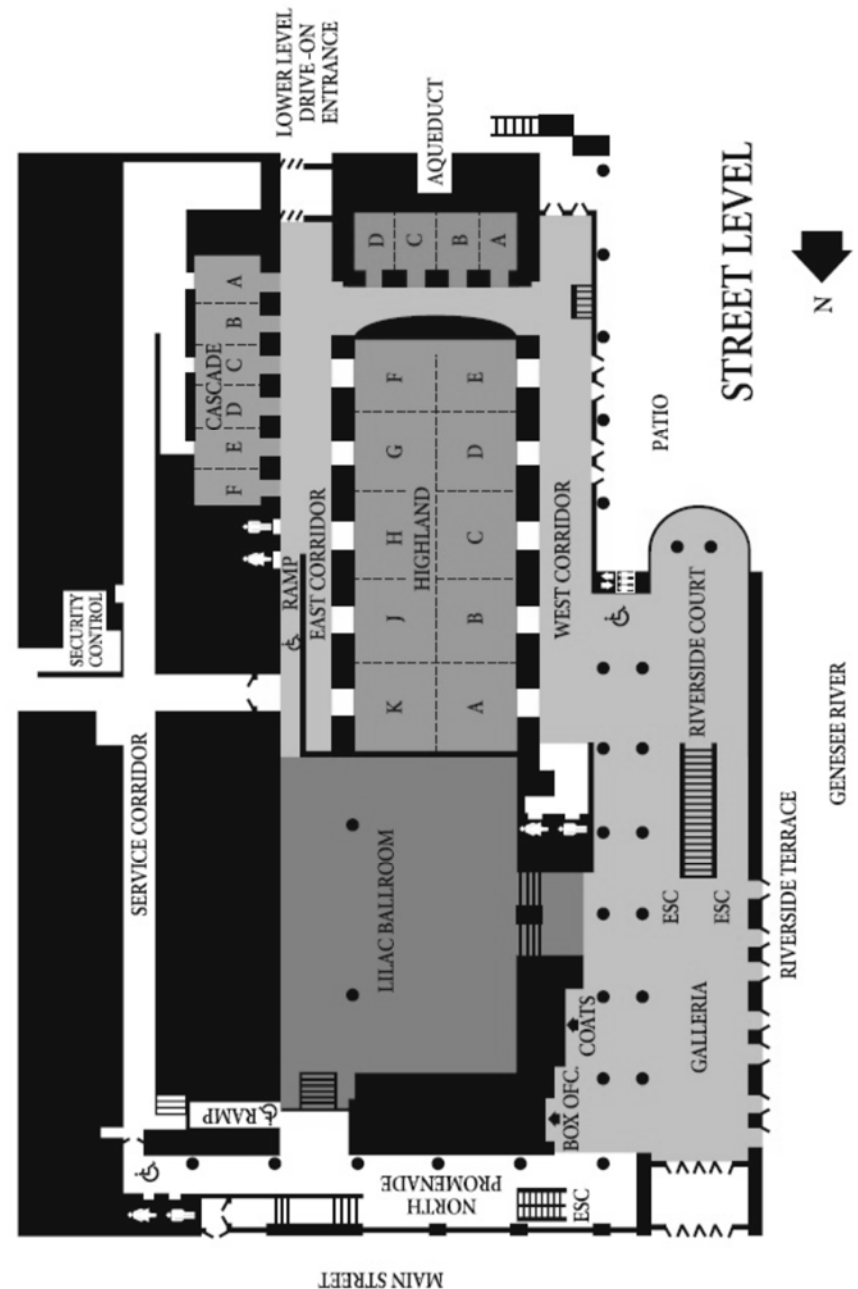
The values of fair trade are central in everything we do. We collaborate with our partners in creating and maintaining programs for artisans and farmers focused on women's empowerment, educational support and skills trainings, sustainable community resource development, and more. Prepayments are always offered for orders, reasonable production timelines are agreed upon, and we provide grants so artisans can expand their businesses. And of course, we pay a fair wage.

With over 65 years of operation, SERRV is dedicated to offering you, our customers, unique handcrafted products and superior service, along with the knowledge that you are helping to build a more sustainable world for us all.

**Alpha and Omega Parable Christian Book Store**—Join us in welcoming Alpha and Omega to our Synod Assembly for the their 2nd year. They have two stores in the Rochester area and offer a wide variety of Christian resources, books, Bibles, music, gifts, and more for all ages. We have made every effort to work with them to bring items to Assembly that will meet your shopping needs. Please stop by and check out the selection!



## Convention Center Street Level Map



## **Workshop Session                      June 4, 1:00—2:00pm**

### **Town Forum with Bishop Macholz**

Have a question for Bishop Macholz? He will be available in a small group setting to discuss topics of the audience's choice.

**Presenter:** Bishop John Macholz

**Location:** Empire North

### **Welcoming the Stranger: Refugee Dinner table Fellowship**

The concept is simple and something we felt called to do with refugees — share a potluck meal around the table; be a welcoming and healing presence to refugees who have fled their homelands and are making new lives in our community; to love our neighbor. Come and learn about this collaborative ministry of Atonement Lutheran Church, along with two Presbyterian congregations and Catholic Family Center, the agency that settles refugees in our area. It is a ministry model that can be adapted to fit your congregation and refugee presence and needs in your region.

**Presenter:** Avis Hooper,

**Location:** Highland C

### **Telling others about Jesus**

Art shows us life, and the daily comics are a form of art. Looking at some comics illustrating events in everyday life, we will figure out what is happening, then learn different, short sentences, easy to remember, that we can use to tell others what Jesus does for them that helps them in that situation.

**Presenter:** Rev. Timothy Hoyer

**Location:** Highland D

### **Building the Mission Bridge**

Hear the stories of Pr. Dan Hoffman's month-long teaching mission among the churches of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe. There were visitations, immersion experiences, times to preach, times to teach, gatherings of the whole mainstream, and gatherings of small families, then there were days on the dusty roads, a police arrest, and the regular transportation of goods from city to parish and from the rural areas to city congregations. Learn how you and your congregation can build your own mission bridge starting with a wedding well, a book project, and multiple projects sponsored by our ELCA.

**Presenter:** Rev. Dan Hoffman and Rev. Deron Milleville

**Location:** Highland E

## **FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**

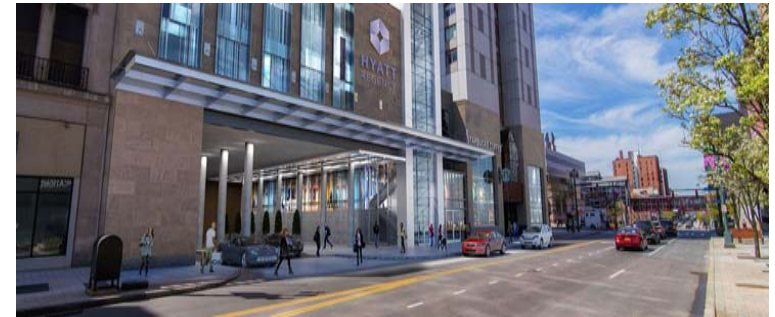
**SUNDAY EVENING, 9:20PM—11:30PM**

**Grand Ballroom**

**Hyatt Hotel**

**Cash bar and complimentary snacks**

**Conversation**



**MONDAY EVENING, 9:00PM—Midnight**  
**Mission Expo Marketplace Area Street Level**  
**Joseph A. Floreano Riverside Convention Center**  
**hosted by the Women of the ELCA**

**Enjoy refreshments including**  
**Cash bar and delicacies**  
**created by our Women of the ELCA. Take**  
**additional time to learn about all the amazing**  
**ministries and programs at work in the**  
**Upstate New York Synod!**



**Southern Tier**

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**Southwestern**

Rev Dan Rumfelt, Dean

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**EMPIRE LOUNGE****Brotherhood Mutual****Church Mutual Insurance Company**

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The Church Mutual mission is to be the premier provider of insurance services to our customers in the religious institutional marketplace and other compatible markets.

**Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA**

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Mission Investment Fund is a financial ministry of the ELCA. We are tasked with providing affordable financing to ELCA congregations.

**Portico Benefits Services**

Rev. Catherine Schibler CSchibler@porticobenefits.com

Benefits are an investment in God's ministry, supporting healthy leadership in congregations so the Gospel of Jesus Christ might be proclaimed in the world.

**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**

David Williams david.williams@thrivent.com

**MAIN FLOOR REGISTRATION AREA****Synod Exhibit / Bishop's Table****Workshop Session June 4, 1:00—2:00pm****Kids these days!**

We will take a close look at cultural shifts and generational differences. We will explore the environment in which youth today are formed. Then, we will specifically consider how youth ministry models can be adapted to facilitate faith formation and discipleship.

**Presenter:** Rev. Scott Hannon and Rev. Shawn Hannon**Location:** Highland F**Faith-Rooted Community Organizing**

Faith-rooted community organizing gives us an exciting opportunity to develop relationships and bring people together to create systemic change in our communities and world in a way that draws on the deepest wells of our faith so that everyone can contribute their unique gifts to God's work in the world. One-to-One relational meetings are the basic building block of this work and are a powerful tool for community formation and mission building. It connects head and heart, motivation (why we act) and strategy (how we act), and requires us to meet others with open ears and eyes, sharing and receiving stories of what matters most.

**Presenter:** UNYS Community Organizing Network**Location:** Highland H**Finance 101**

Congregation Councils serve as the boards of the congregation. As such, the members are fiduciaries and have legal duty to act for the congregation. They are responsible for overseeing the assets of the congregation and insuring that funds are expended only to promote the corporate mission. The primary duties of the Council members include 'duty of care' to act in good faith; 'duty of loyalty' to act in the interest of the congregation, avoiding conflicts of interest; and 'duty of obedience' to insure that the congregation complies with appropriate laws and regulations. Join us to learn about your responsibilities as Council members, and most importantly as fiduciaries. This workshop is intended for treasurers and other Congregation Council members. Rostered leaders and others are also welcome.

**Presenter:** Karen Eadon, UNYS Bookkeeper**Location:** Cascade B**Legal and Constitutional Issues**

Let the Upstate New York Synod's Attorney, Jeff Human, answer your congregation's questions about legal and constitutional issues.

**Presenter:** Jeff Human, Legal Counsel to the UNYS**Location:** Cascade D

## **Workshop Session 1      June 4, 1:00—2:00pm**

### **Sober Living Through Fitness**

ROcovery Fitness is a supportive community of physically active individuals brought together by sober living, committed to creating an environment of healing and recovery. Members, friends and families are empowered to discover their inner strength and confidence through adventure, fun and camaraderie.

**Presenter:** Yana Khashper, Rocoverly Fitness

**Location:** Cascade E

### **CONFERENCE EXHIBITS**

The conferences are pleased to present information on special ministries that are occurring in their areas.

#### **Central Crossroads**

Rev. Gail Wolling, Dean

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#### **Foothills**

Rev. Ken Simurro, Interim Dean

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#### **Zion St. John, Seward**

Rev. Dr. Rahel L.C. Hahn

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A dying congregations share the light by hosting a Circus School in the local community.

#### **Genesee Finger Lakes**

Rev Jonathan Diebler

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#### **RAIHN**

Joanne Lembach

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Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network shares the light through a collaborative effort to assist homeless families.

#### **Hudson Mohawk**

Rev. Jo Page,

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#### **Prince of Peace King's Clown Troupe**

Rev Amber Waugaman

**Sharing the light of God's love with joy through a program designed to engage all ages.**

#### **Niagara Frontier**

Rev Lee Miller, Dean

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#### **Augustana Lutheran Church**

Paul Kennedy

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Augustana's Refugee and Immigrant Driving program shares the light by helping refugees of different religious and ethnic backgrounds to gain their NYS driver's license and independence.

**Synod Generosity Team**

Rev. Norma Malfatti nmalfatti@upstatenysynod.org  
 Generosity is at the heart of who our God is (generous with love, life, forgiveness, presence and more). It makes sense then that generosity is at the heart of our relationship with God and how we respond to God in relationship with each other and the world. The Generosity Team seeks to help congregations and individuals grow in their trust of God's generosity in hopes that together we may be bolder in our own generous discipleship.

**Synod Youth**

Rev Scott Hannon pastorscotthannon@gmail.com  
**ELCA 2018 Youth Gathering**  
 The Upstate NY Synod is sending 247 people to Houston, TX for the National Youth Gathering in June of this year. We will be LIGHT!

**United Lutheran Seminary**

Karen Sease Office # 215-248-6323  
 To equip the saints for ministry. *Ephesians 4:12*

**Women of the ELCA**

Susan Fox Fox\_fam@hotmail.com  
 Our mission statement includes the following statement "As a community of women ...we commit ourselves to... engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the **world.**"

**World Hunger Task Force**

Maureen Gensler mggensler@gmail.com  
 The Upstate NY Synod World Hunger Team works to raise awareness of the problem of hunger and poverty in the US and around the world and to increase funding to ELCA World Hunger / Disaster Relief.

**Old Ideas in a New Time: Faith and Spiritual Formation for Today**

Shining a spotlight on the way we tell old stories in new ways. We will explore different styles of teaching and learning through deeper listening to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. There will be time for idea sharing and practice of new concepts. This workshop is appropriate for all ages.

**Presenter:** Rev. Lori Kochanski, Assistant to the Bishop for Faith Formation  
**Location:** Highland C

**Churchwide Ministry Dialogue**

This is an opportunity to meet our dynamic Keynote Speaker and ELCA representative in an open setting for questions and answers.

**Presenter:** Rev. Ruben Duran  
**Location:** Highland D

**I've been elected Council President – what do I do now?**

Learn useful helps for congregational presidents and vice presidents, as well as those contemplating or aspiring to those offices. Topics include constitutions, Robert's Rules of Order, chairing meetings, handling motions, amendments and voting, managing discussions, and your relationship with the pastor. Time will be allowed for Q&A to cover topics of particular interest to attendees.

**Presenter:** Tom Madden, Synod Vice President  
**Location:** Highland E

**Presenter:** Charlsey Bickett  
**Location:** Highland F

**Refuges in Rochester – Mary's Place**

This presentation will give an overview of the current global refugee crisis, the refugee resettlement program in the US, and an insight to the lives of refugees who have been resettled in Rochester. It will explain the services and programs offered to refugees at Mary's Place Refugee Outreach and explain ways that individuals and groups can help.

**Presenter:** Charlsey Bickett  
**Location:** Highland F



**Coaching**

Coaching is a relational partnership where curious and thought-provoking questions are raised to inspire people in creating the path to reach their goals. Upstate New York already has a dozen trained coaches with more being trained later this year. Learn how coaching may help you and your congregations set and achieve your goals in sharing Jesus and serving the world.

**Presenter:** The UNYS Certified Coaches

**Location:** Highland G

**Mathews Table: Feeding Hungry Hearts**

With a desire to address hunger in our community, a vision and \$200, Matthew's Table was launched in April, 2017. Since then our monthly community dinners have literally changed lives! Come to this workshop, meet our ministry team and learn how your congregation can apply the same simple principles in your community to let Christ's light shine through! Together, we can change the world!

**Presenter:** Rev. Debi Turley, Dennis Dwyer, Jeff Farrar

**Location:** Highland J

**Beyond the Screen: Back to the Light**

This workshop will focus upon the current environment surrounding our Church's young people, and the importance of their participation in Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

**Presenter:** Kurt Schlewitt, Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center Program Director

**Location:** Cascade A

**Location:** Cascade B

**Parish Nursing / Faith Community Nursing – what is it?**

Will describe safe community nursing and how to start a program in your congregation.

**Presenter:** Lisa Rosenbauer, RN, CHN,

**Location:** Cascade B

**Alternative Church Services – Redeemer Sanctuary Mission**

This workshop describes two different types of community outreach services, one for those persons out of jail and the disadvantaged, and one for young adults. We will be discussing how they came about, the content of the services, resources available.

**Presenter:** Judy Mica Guerin

**Location:** Cascade C

**Niagara Frontier Conference Education aka DIAKONIA**

Mary Wolf [mary@stpaulseggertsville.org](mailto:mary@stpaulseggertsville.org)

DIAKONIA is sharing the light by encouraging participants to follow the example of Jesus in ministering to all.

**Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation**

Kristin Gileco [dmcmullen@niagaralutheran.org](mailto:dmcmullen@niagaralutheran.org)

Our mission is providing for the physical, social and spiritual needs of those whom we serve, in a Christian environment.

**Reconciling Works: Lutherans for Full Participation**

Rev. Tim Hoyer [Office # 716-763-8979](mailto:Office#716-763-8979)

LGBTQ people around the world face prejudice, criminalization, and religious persecution. Reconciling Works works to bring Christ's mercy to people, to help congregations welcome all people in all places in our part of the world.

**Regional Renewal Tables**

Rev. Norma Malfatti [nmalfatti@upstatenysynod.org](mailto:nmalfatti@upstatenysynod.org)

The Synod's Renewal Tables (Team East, Team Central, Team West and Team Genesee Finger Lakes) encourage, resource and support congregations as they seek to be authentic Jesus communities. Some of their resources include leadership development and mission planning. The tables also help to provide Mission in Transition (MIT) training and coordinate the congregational vitality assessment.

**Seafarers International House**

Rev. Marsha Drege [drege@sihnyc.org](mailto:drege@sihnyc.org)

Seafarers International House's missions build bridges with seafarers and immigrants between the ships and the immigration prisons and a welcoming Lutheran community ashore and outside.



## MISSION EXPO—GALLERIA

### **Lutheran Campus Ministry at Ithaca**

Rev. Rick Barr

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We are called to accompany people with God's Word and Presence during their days and time on a campus of higher Education, building a bridge between Sunday and Monday, Campus and community.

### **Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry at RIT**

Rev. Craig Swanson

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The purpose of the Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry at RIT is to establish, shape, maintain, support, and promote campus ministry to students, faculty, administration and staff at RIT and other institutions of higher education in the Rochester area.

### **Lutheran Charities of Western New York**

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Lutheran Charities provides shares Christ's light to people in Western New York. It raises funds and grants underwriting to agencies offering education, health care and social support to the young and elderly, the poor and disadvantaged, and the physically or emotionally challenged.

### **Lutheran Disaster Response**

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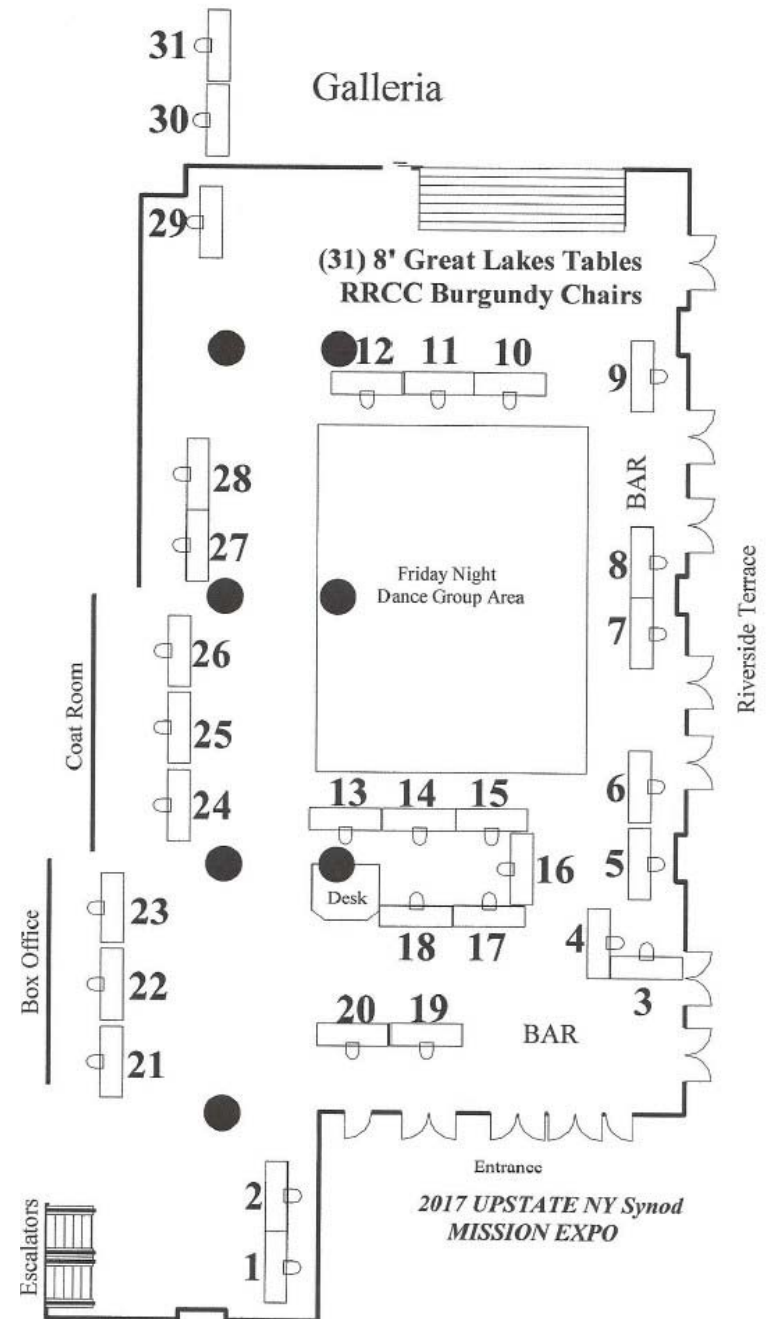
The mission of Lutheran Disaster Response is to bring God's gift of hope and healing to a disastrous situation. LDR can draw on resources available through congregations, partner ministries and municipalities.

### **New York State Council of Churches**

Peter Cook

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The Council advocates for structural economic changes like a living and paid family leave shining the light of concern for equality for all.



## MISSION EXPO TABLE ASSIGNMENT LIST

- 1 Monday Night Social Event
- 2 Monday Night Social Event
- 3 Global Mission
- 4 Global Mission
- 5 Lutheran Campus Ministry at Ithaca
- 6 Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center
- 7A Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology
- 7B Candidacy Committee / Synod
- 8 United Lutheran Seminary
- 9A Niagara Frontier Conference Education
- 9B Synod Youth Programming
- 10 SAPT INFO TABLE
- 11 World Hunger
- 12 World Hunger
- 13 Prince of Peace King's Clown Troupe
- 14 Seafarer's International House
- 15 Zion St John Circus School
- 16 Lutheran Campus Ministry at RIT
- 17 Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services
- 18 Augustana LIR Drive Program / NFC
- 19 Reconciling Works
- 20 RAIHN / GFLC
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- 28A NYS Council of Churches
- 28B Creative Ministry Options
- 29 Niagara Lutheran Health System
- 30 Pending
- 31 Pending

## MISSION EXPO MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

### **Candidacy Committee**

Rev. Mary Johnson [mjohnson@upstatenysynod.org](mailto:mjohnson@upstatenysynod.org)  
The Candidacy Committee provides discernment, accompaniment and decision-making to form healthy, competent and faithful rostered ministers to lead Christ's mission in the Church and World.

### **Cherish All Children**

Diane Klafehn [madmin4@yahoo.com](mailto:madmin4@yahoo.com)  
Mission: Cherish All Children is a social ministry that equips congregations to prevent child sexual exploitation.  
Vision: ELCA congregations will be prevention champions so all children may be cherished, not exploited. The light of Christ may shine in and through us to help prevent the sexual exploitation of children. "Shine Jesus Shine"

### **Global Mission**

Beth Walker [rbowsend@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rbowsend@rochester.rr.com)  
**The GLOBAL MINISTRY TEAM shines a light on FAIR TRADE** and shows how you can bring fairly traded products to your congregation.

### **Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology**

Rev. Paul Messner [hartbrofather@hotmail.com](mailto:hartbrofather@hotmail.com)  
Sharing the light of God's word through encouraging and providing continued educational opportunities for clergy and laypersons.

### **Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center**

Lee Lindeman [lee@lclcenter.org](mailto:lee@lclcenter.org)  
Kurt Schlewitt [kurt@lclcenter.org](mailto:kurt@lclcenter.org)

LCLC is a place to experience the light of Christ that shines both in the world and in ourselves.