

# Eastern Synod of the ELCIC Newsletter



**Eastern Synod**  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

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**TOGETHER**  
*for the love of the world*

**Assembly 2014 is coming.....**

A breakdown of costs is posted on our website. Go to [www.easternsynod.org](http://www.easternsynod.org) and click the Synod Assembly button.

The lay delegate credential form is also available.

## **Report of the Treasurer**

The final report for 2013 is now posted on our website.

To view go to [www.easternsynod.org](http://www.easternsynod.org) and click on the Treasurers/Financial info button.



**Luther Hostel**

Luther Hostel is coming....  
June 2 - 6, 2014.  
More info coming soon.

## **EVENTS:**

**Visit the Eastern Synod website for more information on all these events**

**Atlantic Pastors' Conference**  
Feb. 9 – 12, 2014

**Art and Vespers Service**  
Feb. 9, 2014

**Hope Is Here**  
Feb. 14 -15, 2014

**A Day of Continuing Education and Conversation on Faith and Science**  
Feb. 20, 2014

**Bishop's Spiritual Retreat for Clergy**  
Feb. 23 – 26, 2014

**Diaconal Sunday**  
Feb. 23, 2014

~ AN INVITATION ~

Waterloo Lutheran Seminary is pleased to invite you to A Day of Continuing Education and Conversation on Faith and Science with the Pastors of the Suomi-Conference and the Faculty of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tapio Luoma Bishop of Espoo the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

February 20, 2014..... 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre  
7021 Stanley Avenue  
Niagara Falls ON, L2G 7B7  
tel: 905-356-4113

Dr. Luoma will speak in the morning on the Theme CHURCH IN THE CURRENT OF TIME Facing Challenges through the Ages

**Ministry Changes**

Rev. Daniela & Rev. Thomas Mertz finish at St. Paul's, Leamington on January 31 and begin at St. John's, Hamilton on February 1.

Rev. Rebecca Klages begins at South Grey Bruce Parish on February 1.

Rev. Michael Lees begins as interim at St. Paul's, Leamington on February 1.

Rev. Olaf Baumann begins as interim at St. John's, South Porcupine on February 1.

Rev. Kristin Baumann finishes as interim at Trinity, Sudbury on February 1.

Rev. Glenda Morrissette begins at Trinity, Sudbury on February 2.

**Reformation, Resistance and Renewal  
Luther, Bonhoeffer and the Church in Eastern Germany**

Waterloo Lutheran Seminary has arranged an amazing study tour. Sixteen days of exploration treading in the footsteps of Luther, Bonhoeffer and other renewers of the church.

This Study Tour can be taken for Academic Credit, Continuing Education or Personal Interest.

Apply online at: [www.wlu.ca/seminary/studytourgermany](http://www.wlu.ca/seminary/studytourgermany)

The registration deadline is March 7, 2014

**A friendly reminder to pastors:**

Please keep us updated on the best ways to reach you.

Send us your new contact information by email or give us a call.

**Pastoral Opportunities**

The following Congregations are seeking a pastor. For more information, please contact **Rev. Douglas Reble**, Assistant to the Bishop (1-877-373-5242)

**Northern Conference**

Trinity, Sudbury

**Toronto Conference**

St. Paul's, Richmond Hill  
Christ the King, Whitby  
Emmanuel, Toronto

**Kitchener/Waterloo Conference**

St. Stephen's, Kitchener

**Atlantic Conference**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lunenburg, NS

**London Conference**

Zion, Stratford



## MAY I INTRODUCE YOU TO.....

CATHY CALVIN

DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY

I find it amazing to think I have been involved in some form or fashion with Women's Ministry for over half my life. I remember fondly my early mentors, both in my home congregation, in the conference as well as synodically and nationally, who saw something in me I didn't see in myself and helped me to develop it. And now it is my turn to give back.

Upon the demise of the Evangelical Lutheran Women's organization, I was asked by Bishop Pryse continue working with the women of synod as ministry director. It is my job to make sure that the women of the Eastern Synod stay an informed, cohesive group, and to ensure their voices are being heard. Communication is key, and part of my time is spent visiting women's groups and it is by far, the best part of my job -networking with women and women's groups in our synod. It never ceases to amaze me how hard these women work, and what they can accomplish with some ingenuity and very few funds. I am helped by a committee (volunteer of course) which has a representative from most of the conferences in the Synod. They assistance with the communication amongst the women in their respective conferences, and to plan synod-wide events.

Other aspects of my job include developing programming initiatives for women in our synod; maintaining a database of existing programing that can be shared and to develop mission projects which the women can apply their time, talents and funds to.

Our biggest success to date occurred in May this year with the first Women's Event arranged synodically since ELW. S.P.A – Sacred Place Away, was held May 25-27 at Seneca College in Toronto and attended by over 110 women. The event was a 'huge' success, more spiritual and fun than we ever dreamed possible. In sessions lead by Melissa Bone, a passionate, insightful speaker, participants had moments of laughter, tears and meditations. She spoke to the three generations of women, the Marys, the Elizabeths and the Annas who came to the S.P.A pause for prayer, praise and play. There definitely was plenty for all three in every part of the program over the three days. It was wonderful to see so many women from varied age groups and communities come together in spirit-filled activities.

An enterprising group of women from K-W Conference, Kay Wentzell, Ruby Janssen, Linda Mittleholtz and Mildred Knackstedt, approached me earlier this year regarding the Women of Faith Fund that was established by the dissolution of ELW a few years ago. They wanted to apply for a grant to establish a scholarship at the Seminary for a female student(s). The new undergraduate Christian Studies and Global Citizenship program at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary has opportunities for leadership training and I thought this was very worthwhile. One of the major downfalls of ELW dissolving is the leadership training that ELW provided for many of the women in the Synod (something that we definitely have to address for our future). We applied for the grant and were happy to receive news that our application was approved. We did not receive 100% of the funds from the Women of Faith Fund, so we have a bit of work to do in raising the remaining \$8,000.00 needed to make allow the proceeds from the scholarship investment to fund a \$1,500.00 scholarship to be awarded each year, but we have very resourceful, generous ladies in this Synod and I know they will rise to the occasion.

Women's Ministry remains alive and well in the Eastern Synod. For me, 2014 will be spent planning for our next biennial event. "Singspiration! Making a Joyful Noise" is set for May 29-31, 2015 at the Cambridge Conference Centre in Cambridge, Ontario. Mark it on your calendar and plan to be there. I am also taking over the editorship of our twice-yearly newsletter "The Columbine" and adding it to my job duties for the time being. We just recently started a Women's Ministry Blog on the Synod Website and that is being developed as well. I will be adding other social media as well.

Cathy

## Nominations Please!

The Nominating Committee for the Eastern Synod is meeting soon in preparation for next summer's Assembly 2014, June 26-29 in Toronto, Ontario.

The committee is responsible for selecting potential candidates to serve on the Synod Council (Term 2014-2018). Two candidates for each vacant and retiring position are required in advance of the Assembly (biographical details for nominees will be included in the Bulletin of Reports); as usual, further nominations from the floor of the convention are always accepted.

The Nominating Committee (consisting of the Conference Deans and the Synodical Womens' Ministries Liaison, as well as the Synodical Bishop and Secretary) will meet on March 17, 2014. In order for them to have a list of potential names to ask regarding willingness to serve, your assistance in suggesting appropriate people in advance of this meeting is appreciated.

Please forward any suggestions (including their name, contact details, congregation and conference, and some general background information) to your Conference Dean, the Synodical Womens' Ministries Liaison or the Synod Secretary by March 15, 2014.

## Learning Opportunities

### **Becoming a Missional Church/ Becoming a Missional Leader**

Date: June 17 to June 19, 2014.

Location: Conrad Grebel University College

Cost: \$430 & HST includes lunches, parking and study materials

For more information/registration, visit <http://www.conciliationservices.ca/>, or contact Nan Cressman at 519-742-1299 x 1.

### **Holy Currencies: Creating Sustainable Missional Ministries with Eric Law**

Saturday March 29, 2014

10am - 4 pm

For more information/registration click [here](#).

Click [here](#) for details on the full eight month workshop series.

### **Congregational Council training in Georgian Bay Conference**

Saturday March 8

10 am - 3 pm at Trinity, Walkerton.

To register contact Liz (519) 743-1461

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