LARCUM Covenant: Growing Grassroots Ecumenism

For many years churches have engaged with each other in conversation, support and service. Significant documents of consensus such as Baptism, Eucharist & Ministry have drawn us together in the study of what we have in common while better understanding our differences. Bilateral dialogues have been the norm since the 1960s, especially within our LARCUM traditions, and have aided us in developing full communion opportunities. Denominations as well as local congregations work together for the well-being of the “widow and orphan.”

Here in Virginia our LARCUM Covenant stands as a mark of the visible unity, conversation and cooperative ministries among our four traditions. With that in mind, it is time for us to strengthen what has been established for the sake of our communities in which we live.

On Friday evening, Bishop Mauney will use the lens of the office of bishop to talk about what has been accomplished in Virginia (the Planting), noting the 20 points of the covenant from the perspective of his own passion for and presence in the ecumenical journey. Then on Saturday morning he will discuss those formative points of the document that draw us spiritually and physically together as the Church (the Growing) and actively engage us in one of those points, the ecumenical Bible Study. Finally, on Saturday afternoon Bishop Mauney will help us with the points of the covenant that make us most visible in our communities, our public action and witness together (the Harvesting).

A significant component of this conference is the opportunity to gather around regional tables so that this conversation can open up specific ways of living out the covenant in the local community. You are encouraged to bring with you those of LARCUM and other traditions with whom you already connect so that this conference and the gifts and opportunities of the covenant will be experienced where you are in very practical ways.

“400 Years of Christian Friendship” Continues

As Virginia remembers the four hundred years since Jamestown, it is important to reflect on the lived-out Christian experience. This year, Rev. Handley’s history of the Lutheran Church in Virginia can shed light and hope for the task of unity that is ours.
Regular Conference Fee $ 35.00
Students $ 10.00
Friday Convocation Lunch, add $ 10.00
Please make checks payable to:
“LARCUM CONFERENCE”
Please register by November 5, 2010 so that we may plan properly, though registration for sessions may be made up to the day of the Conference.

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For our group discussions, we will be seated according to geographic region in Virginia, hoping to develop some practical, tangible activities and projects which we can initiate in our local areas among ecumenical clergy groups. For this reason, please contact your local pastors and ministers to attend as a group, as we work toward making Reception a reality in our Virginia churches. If you have a local clergy association, please be sure to let them know about our program and give them a personal invitation on behalf of the Virginia LARCUM Committee! Thanks.
CLERGY AND LAY LEADERSHIP
CONVOCATION

Friday mid-day, December 3

12:30 Gathering and Registration
Christ Lutheran Church
1300 Augustine Avenue; 540-373-5087

1:00 Welcome and Lunch
Commencement, Rev. Paul Phillips
Welcome, Rev. Richard Carbaugh, Pastor

1:45 Opening Prayer Service
Bishop Richard Graham, presiding

2:00 400 Years of Christian Friendship:
The Lutheran Church in Virginia
Rev. George E. Handley
Introduction, Rev. Tom Prinz

3:00 Questions and Answers

Presentation I: PLANTING
BISHOP JAMES F. MAUNEY
Welcome, Rev. Don Rooney, Pastor
Introduction, Rev. Eric Moehring

9:00 Evening Prayer Service
Bishop Paul Loverde, presiding

9:30 Retire to Hotels for Evening

Saturday morning, December 4

8:00 Registration/Refreshments
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
308 Hanover St.; 540-373-9021

8:30 Morning Prayer
Saint George Episcopal Church
905 Princess Anne St.; 540-373-4133
Bishop David Colin Jones, Presiding
Welcome, Rev. Jim Dannels

9:30 Presentation II: GROWING
BISHOP JAMES F. MAUNEY
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
Welcome, Rev. Larry Lenow
Introduction, Rev. Eric Moehring

10:30 Break

10:45 Small Groups Discussion, Bible Study

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Presentation III: HARVESTING
BISHOP JAMES F. MAUNEY
Break

1:30 Small Group Discussions

2:15 Evaluations

2:30 Closing Prayer Service
Rev. Tom Joyce, Presiding

3:00 Departure
The Reverend James F. Mauney  
Bishop, Virginia Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Rev. James F. Mauney is completing his twelfth year as bishop of the Virginia Synod, ELCA. He received a BA from Lenoir Rhyne College, a Masters of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, a Masters of Sacred Theology in New Testament Studies from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, and a Masters of Sacred Theology in Old Testament Studies from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He has received Honorary Doctorates from Roanoke College and Lenoir Rhyne College.

Prior to his election as bishop, he served as Associate Pastor at Christ Lutheran in San Diego, Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Richmond, and as an Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod, ELCA.

He has been married for 36 years to his lovely wife, Lynda, who is a retired math teacher. He has a daughter, Mem, who is a fellow in neonatology in Birmingham, Alabama, along with her husband, Jason, who is a fellow in internal medicine in Birmingham. They have a 10 month old baby, Charlotte Ruth. Bishop Mauney sees his family as his greatest joy and calling.

Bishop Mauney has been very active in the ecumenical scene. He is past president of the Virginia Council of Churches (2005-06), a position held by his uncle, Dr. J. Luther Mauney from 1962-64, and received the Faith in Action Award from the VCC in 2008. He continues to be actively engaged in sustaining close relationships with other judicatory leaders in Virginia and offers the support of his office to a host of social concerns that face the people of this commonwealth, particularly through the VCC and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy. Bishop Mauney has served as retreat leader and presenter in various ecumenical settings and for several of Virginia’s denominations. Over the years as bishop he has been a visible, consistent and encouraging presence at the LARC and now LARCUM Conferences.

The Reverend George E. Handley  
Author and former President of the Board of the Lutheran Archives Center

Pastor Handley, a Hudson Valley (NY) native, spent over half of his active ministry in Virginia. For a decade, he was pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Waynesboro, before being called for a 14 year stretch on the staff of the Virginia Synod, LCA. While on synod staff, he also had responsibilities as Synod Archivist. As part of that work, he wrote an update of the standard synod history. During that time, he also was chief editor of Biographical Sketches, information on all the Lutheran pastors who had served in Virginia from 1820-1987.

Ordained in 1956, Handley has had a varied career of pastoral ministry and church administration. Earlier this year, he was honored as the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus by his seminary in Philadelphia. The citation with the award noted, in part, “his parish service, especially as an advocate for multi-cultural ministry, his service as Administrative Assistant for the Virginia Synod Bishop (1974-87), Coordinator for the Northeast Region of the newly formed ELCA (1988-95) and especially, in retirement, his 12 year service as President of the Board of the Lutheran Archives Center in Philadelphia.”

Handley has also written various booklets and articles on church history, including being co-author (with John Byerly) of “The Fifty-five Years of the Lutheran Summer Assembly at Massanetta Springs”.

In retirement, for over a decade, he has lived in Northern Virginia. He has three children and four grand-children, all Virginians.

REGISTRATION FORM: LARCUM CONVOCATION & CONFERENCE 2010  
DECEMBER 3 - 4, 2010

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I will attend:  □ Leadership Convocation Only  □ LARCUM Conference Only  □ Both

□ Accessibility concerns? Please include special needs with this registration form.

Deadline: November 5, 2010

□ Adult   □ Conference Fee: $35.00   □ Please mail to: Beth Gillis, Registrar
□ Student  □ Student Fee: $10.00    4853 Princess Anne Road
□ Adult   □ Friday Lunch: $10.00 extra Virginia Beach, VA 23462
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If you require lodging other than the local hotels, please contact the Registrar.

Make checks payable to: LARCUM Conference. Please note: Reservations for lodging must be made separately.