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## WELCOME TO NORTH CAROLINA!

The Facilities Team apologizes for the spellin' of "DINNING." It was spelled wrong by the sign maker. Y'all know there should not have been a "g" on "dinnin.'" The sign maker was not "usin' good southern". Most folks around here disregard an 's' when sayin' words. Welcome to "Noth Carolina", bet you thought it was "North Carolina".

Andy Griffith made a livin' off this stuff. Mayberry, by the way, is just a fer piece up the road at a small town otherwise known as Mt. Airy.

Another thing...some folks go to lunch when it's really dinner, and dinner round these parts is called suppa. Try to figure that out. Anyway, welcome to Noth Carolina, ya'll! By the way, what is the plural for Ya'll? Hint, it's All Y'alls or Yuns.

Wayne Ford and Jim Elza  
Host Committee



### Keynote Address is presented by Tim Smith Bishop of the North Carolina Synod

Bishop Tim Smith began his ministry with the NC Synod-ELCA on August 1, 2015. Bishop Smith is a native of Salisbury, N.C. and previously served as pastor of St Paul's, Startown (1986-93), and Grace, Boone (1993-2010) in the NC Synod. Just prior to his election he served as senior pastor of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta.

He is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill (M.A.), Gettysburg Seminary (M.Div.), and Drew University (DMin.). His ministry experiences include supervising 22 full-year interns, serving as Appalachian State University campus pastor, and being a featured preacher for Day 1 radio broadcast (formerly "The Protestant Hour").

Bishop Smith and his wife, Wendy, have three grown children: Matthew and his wife, Keri; Isaac; and Ruth and her husband, Tommy. They also enjoy spending as much time as possible with their three grandsons.



Time	Event	Map#	Location
11:00 a.m.	Orientaion: Welcome to The Vineyard	6	Pugh Auditorium ~ Benson Hall
12:00 noon	Lunch	5	The Pit ~ Reynolda Hall Cafeteria
1:15 p.m.	Opening Worship & Commissioning	6	Pugh Auditorium ~ Benson Hall
2:30 p.m.	Keynote Address: Bishop Tim Smith	6	Pugh Auditorium ~ Benson Hall
3:30 p.m.	Business Meeting #1 (Seating Delegates)	6	Benson Hall #401 (Delegates up front)
5:30 p.m.	Dinner	5	The Pit ~ Reynolda Hall Cafeteria
6:45 p.m.	Group Photos	5	Front Steps of Benson Hall
7:15 p.m.	Evening Vespers	6	Pugh Auditorium ~ Benson Hall
8:00 p.m.	Hospitality & Fellowship	62	Magnolia Dorm ~ First Floor

**HOSPITALITY: RARE NORTH CAROLINA GOODIES**

Hospitality is set up near registration in Magnolia Dorm, and will open each morning at 5 a.m. with coffee (S&D coffee, headquarters Concord, N.C.) They're open, except during meal times, until 10:30 p.m. each day, focusing on North Carolina snacks. Hospitality also has a wide selection of toiletries available.

Vicki wants everyone to know to feel free to take any snacks they would like. "There are plenty available," she said, "even Cheerwine (Salisbury, N.C., and over 100 years old) and Sundrop" (Concord, N.C.)

And for those of you who prefer water during the day, please take your "Life WTR" bottle with you to the Benson Center. Water pitchers will be available on the fourth floor of Benson, and water fountains are on the first and second floors

Return for Hospitality at 8 p.m. on Thursday, and sample a surprise treat ~ Cheerwine, Sundrop and Pepsi cakes. Here's a BIG question of the weekend: "Does the Hospitality Team ever sleep?"



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