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Thursday 2019

OPENING DAY ACTIVITIES FOR 2019's ANNUAL GATHERING

~ Orientation ~



Debbie Klatt, Vice President of Administration, welcomed all to the 2019 Via de Cristo Annual Gathering. During this orientation, Debbie went over the map of the campus highlighting location of meals, meetings and other weekend events. In spite of the Annual Gathering being primarily paperless this year, she respectfully reviewed binder documents for those who had them. At this point she turned the meeting over Amanda Hunter from the host committee who guide us through the website specifically designed for this gathering. If you run into issues or have questions, please visit the help desk outside Uindy Hall A, where the business meetings will be held.

By Sandy Poisel

~ Opening Worship & Commissioning of Annual Gathering ~

Reverend Ron Poisel welcomed everyone to the 42nd Annual Gathering for the National Lutheran Secretariat with the opening worship service. Pastor Poisel shared with us the story of his first weekend experience and how the lost sheep are always found by God. We are all lost and only God can find us. He asks us all to continue walking with Christ, to listen, pray and take an active relationship with God and to do everything in service to God. We sang beautiful music and shared communion before the service ended.

By Tom Farrar



~ Keynote Address ~



Reverend Doctor William O. Gafkjen expressed his sincere welcome as Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's Indiana—Kentucky synod. After reading Psalm 37, the Bishop spoke to us about how we, as a society, have become lost in the noise of the world. We've forgotten how to be God's people. But God loves us! We need to return to our identity of God's people with God at the center and we also need to let ourselves be loved by God. God comes to us people. He will come to us if we let him. We need to go out into the world and sing God's praises of hope, healing, renewal, resurrection, peace, binding and gratitude. God's mission is unhurried and unstoppable. We just need to go out as originally called to be scattered and sing God's praises.

by Robin Grega



E.O.I. SESSIONS

(a.k.a. Exchange of Ideas)

Lay Directors Round Table;

Hosting an Annual Gathering;

Hosting A Back to the Mountain Renewal Weekend;

Spiritual Director's Growth Strategy;

Networking Ministries

And so much more!

Prayer Chapel

Worship

Christian Fellowship

Orientation

Business Meeting

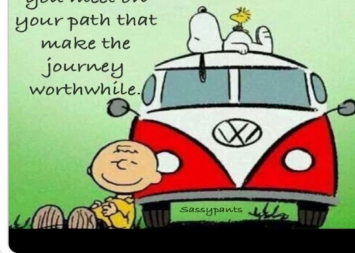
Agape Dinner

Poster Signing

Evening Vespers

Hospitality & off-site entertainment!!

It's the friends
you meet on
your path that
make the
journey
worthwhile.



This is pretty much what it is like attending VdC/NLS Annual Gatherings. It's simply something you have to experience for yourself!!!

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Friday's Gathering Schedule



Time	Activities	Location
6:45-8:00 am	Breakfast	Schwitzer Student Center, 1st Floor
8:15-9:30 am	Morning Worship	Schwitzer Student Center Chapel, 2nd Floor
9:30-10:30 am	Business Meeting #2	Schwitzer Student Center, Main Floor Hall A
9:30-10:30 am	Story Telling - Rev. Ron Poisel	Schwitzer Student Center Chapel, 2nd Floor
10:30-10:45 am	Break	
10:45-12:00 pm	Forum #1 – Peace of Christ	Schwitzer Student Center Main Floor Hall B & C
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch	Schwitzer Student Center, 1st Floor
1:15 –2:15 pm	EOI - Lay Directors Meeting	Schwitzer Student Center, Rm 11 Lower Level
1:15-2:15 pm	EOI - Pastor's Roundtable	Schwitzer Student Center, Rm 13 Lower Level
1:15-2:15 pm	EOI - Hosting An Annual Gathering	Schwitzer Student Center, Rm 10 Lower Level
1:15-2:15 pm	EOI - Writing To Our Forgotten	Schwitzer Student Center, Rm 5 Lower Level
1:15-2:15 pm	EOI - Networking	Schwitzer Student Center, Rm 12 Lower Level
1:15-2:15 pm	EOI - Jam Session / CCLI Licensing	Schwitzer Student Center Chapel, 2nd Floor
2:15-2:30 pm	Break	
2:30-3:45 pm	Business Meeting #2 (cont.)	Schwitzer Student Center, Main Floor Hall A
3:45-4:00 pm	Break	
4:00-5:30 pm	Forum #2 - Joined In One Body	Schwitzer Student Center Main Floor Hall B & C
5:30-6:45 pm	Dinner	Schwitzer Student Center, 1st Floor
6:45-8:00 pm	Regional Meetings	Schwitzer Center, Trustee & Lower Level Rms
8:00-8:45 pm	Evening Worship	Schwitzer Student Center Chapel, 2nd Floor
8:45 pm	Fellowship & Hospitality	Central Hall Dorm Lobby

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