Generosity Project Live Streaming Opportunity for November 20-21

On Wednesday and Thursday, November 20-21, 2019, the synod will be live streaming at three sites, Generosity NEXT 2019: Spirited Generosity—Offering Vitality in the 21st Century, presented by the Ecumenical Stewardship Center in connection with the ELCA. All are invited to participate in this free event, though we do ask that participants register. The event will take place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, and 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, November 21. Lunch will be provided on Wednesday, with refreshments available both days. Register for this no-cost event at https://bit.ly/2VK7I3I.

The three locations in the synod are:

- The Lutheran Center, 8765 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631
- Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 E. 55th St., Chicago, IL 60615
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 29700 N. Saint Mary’s Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048

Generosity NEXT features plenary speakers who are thought leaders on cutting-edge topics related to faithful stewardship and generosity in the North American cultural landscape.

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Spirited Generosity will feature these four plenary sessions:

- Historical and theological review of the offering in Judeo/Christian culture
- The Offering as Worship: theological and biblical aspects of the offering as an act of worship, discipleship, and mission
- Cultural Influences on the Offering: technology, generational differences, and the place of church in society
- Best Practices for the Offering: making the offering a meaningful moment when faith communities gather

A flyer with the schedule is included with this newsletter.

For more information, contact Tom Anderson in the synod office at tanderson@mcselca.org or 773-248-0021.
Invitation to Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church Fair Trade Global Market on Saturday, November 2

The annual “Global Fair Trade Market” will be held at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 1234 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004, on Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No admission fee will be charged for customers or vendors.

Fair Trade goods are marketed so that the artists, crafters, and growers are paid a fair wage. A variety of goods from approximately a dozen vendors will be available for personal use and gift giving. Shop for crafted items and help change people’s lives.

If you have questions about the market, call Kathleen Morkert at 773-820-2832, Sheryl Kelso at 847-602-4834, and see the flyer with this newsletter.

Participate in Lutheran Revival, November 8, at Prince of Peace

On Friday, November 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., the ELCA Spiritual Renewal Team will lead a revival at Prince of Peace Lutheran, 930 W. Higgins Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60195 (www.princeofpeace.net). The revival will include lively and spirited music from the team with musicians from Prince of Peace.

A Lutheran revival focuses on worshippers being open to worshipping in a different way than perhaps they have before. The preaching and music will be more “spirited” than in a traditional ELCA service. The goal is that all will be open to the gift of the Holy Spirit for renewed energy, strength, and hope.

Prayer stations will be available for people to come and pray for individual needs—bodily healing, spiritual growth, or renewal of heart and mind. The goal is for worshippers to leave with a sense of spiritual renewal that can be sustained in daily lives as they share the Gospel with others.

The ministry of the Spiritual Renewal Team includes revivals, healing services, prayer services, and workshops on a variety of topics.

Take Part in The World’s Big Sleep Out

All are invited to participate in The World’s Big Sleep Out, a moment of solidarity for people experiencing homelessness and displacement around the world. On December 7, 2019, 50 cities around the world including Chicago, London, and Madrid will “sleep out” to raise awareness and funds for local and international organizations serving people who are homeless and displaced. International partners the Malala Fund, UNICEF USA, and the Institute of Global Homelessness will join celebrities including Will Smith and Dame Helen Mirren to bring attention to this cause. Communities of faith have a role to play in caring for neighbors who are most in need. All are invited to participate in Chicago’s Big Sleep Out (https://www.bigsleepout.com/join-a-sleep-out/chicago) or to consider hosting a Sleep Out.

For more information, contact Stefanie Skaggs at stefanie.skaggs@bigsleepout.com.
2020 Rostered Leader Salary Guidelines Available Online

The 2020 Salary Guidelines for Rostered Leaders are available at www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/salary_guidelines (see upper right-hand corner of page). If you have any questions about the guidelines, please contact Tom Anderson at tanderson@mcselca.org or 773-248-0021.

For a printed copy of the guidelines, please contact Sandie Schlauch at sschlauch@mcselca.org or 773-248-0021.

2020 Synod Assembly Dates and Location

The 2020 Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly will take place June 5 and 6, at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Dr., Tinley Park, IL 60477.

Synod Pastor Receives ‘The Order of the Holy Spirit’

The Rev. Paul Pfeffer, retired pastor in the synod, was awarded The Order of the Holy Spirit from the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, Priory of Saint Patrick in the Hudson Valley of New York, on September 28, 2019. “The Order of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon those members of the clergy who have performed their service to God and Humanity in an outstanding manner through their exemplary works and deeds.” For more information about the organization, visit www.smotj.org.

Employment Listings

While rostered leaders and congregations are already signed up to receive Metro e-Word, the weekly electronic newsletter of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, individuals can sign up as well. Get reminders about events, notification about when the monthly newsletter is available online, and more. Sign up at www.mcselca.org/news (lower right-hand side of page).

Find Us on Facebook

Visit the synod’s Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/mcselca to read current and past issues of Metro e-Word as well as other information from around the synod and the wider Lutheran communion.
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**Metropolitan Chicago Synod Calendar**
(For the most up-to-date calendar information, visit [www.mcSELCA.org](http://www.mcSELCA.org))

**November**
- 7-8 Candidacy Interviews–Synod Office, 8AM
- 15 Synod Newsletter Articles Due
- 16 Candidacy Interviews and Meeting–Synod Office, 8AM
- 20 Dean’s Meeting–Synod Office, 10AM
- 28-29 Synod Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

### Rostered Leader Vacancies
**Congregations Actively Engaged in the Call Process**

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**KEY:**
- (A) Self-study
- (B) Candidate search or interviewing
- (C) Call Extended
- (D) Call Accepted
- (PT) Part-time
- (*) Associate Position

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**Metropolitan Chicago Synod**

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The Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America publishes *MetroWord* monthly. The deadline for submitting information is the 15th of the current month for the next month’s issue. Articles will be edited for space and clarity.

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Webpage: [www.mcSELCA.org](http://www.mcSELCA.org) - MetroWord E-mail: jdrake@mcSELCA.org.
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Featuring these four Plenary Sessions and leaders:

Dr. L. Edward Phillips, Associate Professor of Worship and Liturgical Theology at Candler School of Theology, will present an historical and theological review of the offering in Judeo/Christian culture.

Robert Hay, Jr., Senior Ministry Relations Officer, Southeast for the Presbyterian Foundation, will share about cultural influences on the offering including technology, generational differences, and the current place of church in society.

Melvin Amerson, Stewardship Consultant for the Texas Methodist Foundation, will give a presentation about the offering as an act of worship, discipleship, and mission.

Stewardship and fundraising consultant Lori Guenther Reesor will share a presentation on best practices for the offering and how to make the offering a meaningful moment when faith communities gather.
Spirited Generosity: Offering Vitality in the 21st Century

Schedule

Wednesday, November 20

8:00 a.m.     Registration Opens
8:30 a.m.     Welcome/Announcements
8:45 – 9:15 a.m.    Worship
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.    Plenary Session 1: The Offering in Scripture
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.    Break
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.    Discussion Groups
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.   Plenary Session 2: The Offering as Worship
12:00  – 12:30 p.m.    Discussion Groups
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.    Lunch
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.    Plenary Session 3: Cultural Influences on the Offering
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.    Discussion Groups
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.    Plenary Session 4: Best Practices for the Offering
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.    Discussion Groups
4:30 p.m.     Dismissal for the day: dinner on your own

Thursday, November 21

8:45 a.m.     Welcome/Announcements
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.    Q & A with Plenary Speaker #1
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.    Q & A with Plenary Speaker #2
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.    Break
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.    Q & A with Plenary Speaker #3
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.   Q & A with Plenary Speaker #4
12:15 p.m.     Closing Prayer & Dismissal
Fair Trade Global Market

SALE OF HANDMADE CRAFTS AND FOODS FROM ARTISANS & FARMERS AROUND THE WORLD

Saturday, November 2, 2019
9 AM—2 PM
Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church
1234 N. Arlington Hgts Rd, Arl. Hgts.

All proceeds from the Market are returned to those creating and growing the products.

Alternative Gifts and Bake Sale also!
Meet John Sundquist
LMM's New Executive Director

Below are excerpts from the Spring 2019 LMM Foundations Newsletter. The full article and a message from John can be found at: www.lutheranmeninmission.org/Resources/FoundationsNewsletter-Spring2019

On Feb. 8, Lutheran Men in Mission embarked on a new and exciting journey as its board of directors elected John Sundquist to succeed Executive Director Doug Haugen, who elected to retire on January 31 after 26 very fruitful and spirit-filled years.

The son of a pastor, John grew up in Minnesota, Michigan and Ohio before moving to Chicago to attend college. He completed his undergraduate studies in 1990 at North Park University in Chicago and received his Master of Divinity degree from North Park Theological Seminary in 1994. Together with his wife of 27 years, Karen, and their son, Emmett, they currently live in Skokie, Illinois, where they are members of the Warrenville Community Church.

What do you see as the chief challenges coming in? One of them is the secularization of the America. The church is graying and it’s harder to engage young people in traditional programming and ministries. Another challenge is becoming technologically relevant — discovering new ways to reach new audiences. And there are some of the programmatic and systematic issues — finding consistent, sustainable revenue streams to power the ministry financially. Identifying new populations that we can reach out to and spread the word and work in which we are engaged.

If you would like to contact John, feel free to email him via the lutheranmeninmission.org/contact/staff/ page.

For more information about LMM’s resources and events, go to: www.lutheranmeninmission.org or www.projectwetwelve.net.