



NALC FAITH FORMATION FESTIVAL

Everything you want to know about youth & family ministry

May 5, 2023

CONVOCATION

*Ohio Mission Region Convocation &
Heartland Mission District*

May 6, 2023

Speaking the Truth from Sincere Hearts

*Speaking the truth from sincere hearts, (Psalm 15:2b) (therefore)
guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and
my hope is in you all day long. (Psalm 25:5)*



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FRIDAY & SATURDAY SCHEDULES

MAY 5, 2023

NALC Faith Formation Festival

- 9:30 – 10:00** - Registration
10:00 – 10:15 - Prayer
10:15 – 10:30 - Introduction
10:30 – 11:30 - Raising God's Children to be Disciples in a Broken World (RISTER)
11:30 – 12:30 - Suicide in the Bible (WIKSTROM)
12:30 – 1:15 - Lunch
1:15 – 2:45 - Youth and Suicide (WIKSTROM)
2:45 – 3:00 - Break
3:00 – 4:00 - Walking with Youth: Gender Dysphoria (LITTLE/PETERS)
4:00 – 4:45 - Grief in Children and Adolescents (KING)
4:45 - Closing Prayers and Candle Lighting
5:00 – 6:45 - Dinner (on own)
6:45 – 7:00 - Opening Prayer
7:00 – 8:00 - How do we keep faith in the school system? (PANEL)
8:00 – 9:00 - The Call to Pastoral Ministry (JACOBSON/MORLOCK)
9:00 – Closing Prayer

Guest Speaker: Friday, May 5

REV. MICHAEL D. WIKSTROM
ARMY CHAPLAIN, SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE 88TH READINESS DIVISION, US ARMY RESERVE AT FT. MCCOY, WI

Suicide and the Bible

This is an overview of the seven suicides and the seven suicide ideations/attempts listed in scripture and the view of the church as it relates to suicide. Prepare to be challenged and surprised!

Youth and Suicide

A research-based approach on the issues that drive thoughts of suicide in youth populations and others and what we as a faith community can do about the issue.

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Ohio Mission Region Convocation & Heartland Mission District Convocation

- 7:30 – 8:00** - Vendor Set-up
8:00 – 9:00 - Registration
9:00 – 10:15 - Opening & Keynote Speakers
10:30 – 11:15 - Workshop 1
11:20 – 12:00 - District Meeting and Elections
12:00 – 1:00 - Lunch & Displays
1:00 – 1:45 - Ohio Mission Region Meeting
2:00 – 2:45 - Workshop 2
3:00 – 4:15 - Installation & Closing Worship

May 6: Workshop 1 Options

- A: Walking with Youth: Gender Dysphoria** (LITTLE/PETERS)
B: Grief in Children and Adolescents (KING)
C: Equipping Youth with Identity, Purpose, and Mission (PECUCH)
D: Mission and Ministry in Tanzania (MKIRAMWENI)
E: Today, Tomorrow, Forever (SCHMIDT)
F: OUSC (MORLOCK)

May 6: Workshop 2 Options

- A: Raising God's Children to be Disciples in a Broken World** (RISTER)
B: Vocation (JACOBSON/MORLOCK)
C: We have no kids. How do we do youth, children, and family ministry? (PETERS)
D: Mission and Ministry in Tanzania (MKIRAMWENI)
E: Today, Tomorrow, Forever (SCHMIDT)

SPEAKERS

REV. DR. AMY LITTLE

GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NALC &

REV. TERESA PETERS

ASSOCIATE PASTOR, JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH,
WINNIPEG, MB, CANADA
& DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES
FOR THE NALC

Walking with Youth: Gender Dysphoria

While we aren't experts in this area, we have had the opportunity to walk with parents and youth who are suffering from gender dysphoria. This session will be an opportunity to discuss ways in which we, as the church, can pray and care for families who are struggling with this issue.

REV. DAWN RISTER

PASTOR, SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, SALISBURY,
NC

BY THE BOOK: Raising God's Children to be

Disciples in a Broken World

Parents, Grandparents, and Congregations working together to help children grow up with Godly, age-appropriate discussions and teaching about all matters of life (including the temptations of risky behaviors like sex, drugs, and social media).

REV. DR. TOM JACOBSON

PASTOR, GRACE LUTHERAN, THORNVILLE OH
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT THE
INSTITUTE OF LUTHERAN THEOLOGY &

REV. JEFF MORLOCK

DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT FOR
THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The Call to Pastoral Ministry

What is driving the critical need for pastors in the NALC? How have cultural shifts impacted traditional routes to seminary and seminary training? What solutions are on the horizon? Learn how you can be part of a movement to raise up 300 new NALC pastors in the next 10 years.

REV. PATTI MORLOCK

ASSOCIATE PASTOR, ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN,
GROVE CITY, OH

Ordination Under Special Circumstances

How can we best serve those congregations who either because of their diminished size or remote location have been unable to call a full-time pastor to serve their needs?

This workshop will explain the OUSC process, answer questions about what constitutes a special circumstance, and outline the educational process for those who meet the qualifications.

REV. TERESA PETERS

ASSOCIATE PASTOR, JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH,
WINNIPEG, MB, CANADA
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We have no kids. How do we do youth, children, and family ministry?

Many churches today feel like they cannot do youth, children, or family ministry because no young people sit in the pews on Sunday mornings. This is not the case. Pastor Teresa will discuss how this ministry can take place. She will give examples, share ideas, and walk you through how this can happen in your congregation.

MOLLY KING

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY,
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, WESTERVILLE, OH

Grief in Children and Adolescents

Children and teenagers express their grief in a variety of ways aches or headaches when experiencing grief. Molly will be speaking about how to help children and adolescents with grief and discuss the stages of grief.

LAURIE PECUCH

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES, ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN, GROVE CITY, OH; faithwebbing.com

Equipping Youth with Identity, Purpose, and Mission

Laurie will share with us ways we can encourage our children and youth to develop a biblical self-image and God-given purpose. She will also give you steps that you can take to equip children and youth for serving in the life and mission of the church.

PASTOR SILAS MKIRAMWENI

PASTOR IN THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN TANZANIA

Mission and Ministry in Tanzania

Come join us and see what our Lord Jesus is doing in the South East of Lake Victoria Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (SELV-ELCT). Mission and Ministry in Tanzania from a Biblical perspective and actual experience.

MIKE SCHMIDT

EXECUTIVE VP & PARTNER AT CRAMER &
ASSOCIATES

Today, Tomorrow and Forever

Mike will discuss how the 2020 Vision provides the pathway to ensuring a legacy of faith today, tomorrow & forever in all NALC congregations through four primary objectives: GROW, SERVE, RENEW AND FULFILL.

REGISTRATION

Return By April 21, 2023 to:

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Cost: \$30 each day or \$50 for both days
(Vendor \$20/person – Sat only)

Checks payable to: "Ohio Mission Region – NALC"
Lunch both days if registration received by April 21st

Attending:

___ Fri. only, ___ Sat. only, ___ Both Fri. & Sat.

Attendee Name (one per form): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Congregation Name & City: _____

Leadership Role at Church (Pastor, Youth Leader, Sunday School Teacher, etc):

IF ATTENDING SATURDAY, MAY 6:

Your Mission District:

___ North West Ohio ___ North Central Ohio ___ North Eastern Ohio
___ Southwest Ohio ___ Southeast Ohio ___ Heartland ___ Other

Attending As: (Check one)

___ Clergy ___ Lay Delegate ___ Guest ___ Vendor

Workshop 1: (Check one)

___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F

Workshop 2: (Check one)

___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E

Friday Lunch choices will be available. Saturday we will have box lunches with a beverage, chips, a cookie, and choice of sandwich. Please select one.

___ Ham/Swiss ___ Turkey Munster ___ Veggie Roll Wrap ___ No Lunch

Dietary Restrictions: _____