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November 2020 LMD NL news will be due October 14, 2020. E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

It is with heavy heart that the Christmas Ingathering Committee, with the approval of the Lehigh Mission District Council and Dean, **have agreed to cancel Christmas Ingathering for 2020.** We cannot with good conscience follow through with this program this year. Too many churches have not opened their doors yet for worship, the volunteers are 65+, and the group that we used to help unload the gifts donated are no longer available. Our goal will be to hold a Christmas in July 2021 pending the outcome of this pandemic. A decision will be made in January 2021. Please bear with us during this time. We are doing our best to make this work.

LMD Ingathering Committee

CROP Hunger Walk and Drive-by Options: Thurs., Oct. 1-Sun., Oct. 11, 2020 - SEE ATTACHED FLYERS

Due to Covid-19 precautions, participants may choose to:

Walk anytime, anywhere October 1-11, 2020, carrying CROP Hunger Walk signs and posting photos/videos on social media.

Register – to participate in the walk or the drive-by at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa/>

Drive or ride - Sunday, October 11, 2020 in a vehicle decorated with CROP Hunger Walk signs. **A 10-mile/30 minute loop, starting from St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S Ott Street, Allentown, PA 18104**

Signs are available at

<https://resources.crophungerwalk.org/resources/promote-your-walk/>

Register – for drive-by time at

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/xynzke7/CROPDriveBy> to receive your unique vehicle number and time assignment.

Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank – Nonperishable food items will be collected at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on Oct 11, 2020.

ONLINE DONATIONS at

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa/donate>

CHECKS for “CROP Hunger Walk” may be given to congregation/team leaders for delivery during October 2020 to Linda Held, Allentown CROP Hunger Walk Treasurer, 3441 Devonshire Road, Allentown, PA 18103.

St John's Lutheran Church in Emmaus has 32 gently used black and white choir gowns that are available free to a good home. If anyone is interested, please contact the church office at 610-965-9885 or email to officemanager@stjohnsemmaus.org.

Basket & Gift Card Social – Sat., Oct. 24th - 10:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. and Sun., Oct. 25th - 12:00p.m. – 3:00p.m. at Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, 535 W. Emaus Ave, Allentown, PA 18103. Tickets \$5.00 for a sheet of 25 chances, if purchased before Oct. 24th - 5 sheets for \$20.00 (a \$5 savings). For more information call the church office at [610-797-4774](tel:610-797-4774). **Masks are required, we will be social distancing. See attached flyer.**

Clothes Closet - In NEED of Volunteers – St. Luke's, 417 N 7th Street, Allentown, PA 18103. They have gradually lost all their volunteers since they have had to close for Covid. Volunteers needed to come in **1 or 2 mornings a week for two hours** to help sort and organize the backlog of clothing for its upcoming reopening this fall. And also, **volunteers to staff it on Thursday mornings** when they open to the public. There is a great need for at least one bi-lingual volunteer. For more information please contact Leslie Talago at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943).

COME AWAY TO A QUIET PLACE... A Brief Pause for Prayerful Renewal in Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is a particular form of quiet, receptive prayer as taught by Father Thomas Keating and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault. A portion of each one-hour gathering will include some discussion about centering prayer. So, whether you never heard of centering prayer, are a beginner, or an experienced pray-er, All Are Welcome. **First Friday of each month**, led by Ferd Piccurro and hosted by Pastor Maritza Dolich via Zoom, **10:30 - 11:30 AM** (Sessions held via **Zoom** temporarily until we can all meet together again in person at the Center for Spiritual Awakening). **Please contact Ferd to be placed on the email list with the Zoom information.** ferdpiccurro@ptd.net / Cell: [908-310-4228](tel:908-310-4228), Home: [610-737-7871](tel:610-737-7871)

SUSPENDED - St. Luke's ELL and Naturalization Test Study groups have been **SUSPENDED** due to cautions regarding large gatherings during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Please contact Leslie Talago at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) for more information.



**Lehigh Mission District Annual
Assembly 2020 Highlights**

Here are highlights of the Lehigh Mission District Annual Assembly held on Sunday, September 13, 2020 via ZOOM with 37 participants joining the meeting. The ZOOM platform was hosted by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

Ed Cool, Synod Assembly Planning and Elections Teams Representative, was our afternoon presenter. As a resource Cool helped participants understand the Synod Assembly's voting and caucusing procedures in upcoming election of a new bishop. Through a Power Point slide presentation Cool indicated the Assembly goals were keeping it focused, accessible, and recognizable to assembly participants. To this end, Cool's resources included observant plenary, voting member information, ecclesiastical ballot procedures, Lumi voting platform, and password and user name information. In addition, Cool is seeking additional questions from the mission district and voting members for the 7 nominees for bishop after the second ballot to answer. Earlier in the year, he pointed out that the Information Gathering Survey Team chaired by George Freestone came up with 5 takeaways from the spring survey done in the synod's regions. These 5 takeaways were Vision, Organization, Service, Welcoming, and Change. More details on these 5 takeaways can be found in the Synod's website with links to YouTube.

The Online Synod Assembly 2020 will begin on Friday evening, October 16 and Sunday afternoon, October 18th then continue Friday evening October 23 and Saturday morning and afternoon, October 24th, 2020.

The Rev. Kristen Glass-Perez, Muhlenberg College Chaplain, written report thanks the LMD particular Pastor Samantha Drennan and Grace Lutheran Church for coordinating the kitchen kits and collecting funds for 30 international students left at the college due to the pandemic. The funds collected throughout congregations in the LMD and organization was \$4,285.75 and used for food cards.

Chaplain Kelly Brooks reported for Good Shepherd about the election of its new President and CEO Michael Spigel. Kelly mentioned Good Shepherd's building expansion of a new facility at Center Valley.

The following individuals were nominated and elected to the LMD Council: Elizabeth Leibenguth, Chair; Leslie Talago, Treasurer; Cathy Mordosky, Secretary; and Joshua Fink, Synod Council Liaison Lay Male.

We acknowledged Richard Skelly's 22 years of service as LMD Treasurer. Since 1998, Dick has demonstrated dedication and commitment for the well-being of the Mission District's finances. As a token of our appreciation, thank you cards were sent, and a restaurant gift card was presented by the Mordoskys on behalf of the LMD for his many years of service to the Mission District.

I noted the death of The Rev. John E. Lamb who died from an aggressive brain tumor. Pastor John was courageous in the last moments of his life. I was told by Pastor Kurt Garbe that John called the synod office to thank them and for having the pleasure of working with them.

The morning of September 13th a funeral service was held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Allentown and presided over by The Rev. Ted Zimmerman. The funeral service honored John with an array of bells both played by his son, Robert, and the congregation. Zimmerman expressed how Pastor Lamb loved the sound of bells. In his memory, a bell was rung as we adjourned the mission district annual assembly.

**Peace,
The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, LMD Dean**

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Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers. Please join us and invite your friends as we enjoy a variety of venues together.

**WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT DUE TO
CANCELLATIONS OF PERFORMANCES BY OUR VENUES,
AND FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR TRAVELERS,
ALL OPERATION SUNSHINE DAY TRIPS FOR 2020 HAVE
BEEN CANCELED.**

MULTI-DAY TRIP – POSTPONED TO 2021

MORE TO FOLLOW

~~MAINE – 4 DAY/3 NIGHT – SEPT. 22-25~~ – Includes

Kennebunkport and the Portland Lighthouse. Call the Skelly's at [610-433-6878](tel:610-433-6878) for a complete itinerary and pricing.
