



Synod Assembly News

Alaska Synod Assembly

1pm Thursday April 24th- Noon, Saturday, April 26th

Assembly Theme

"A Living Hope" 1 Peter 1:3-9

Festival Worship

Friday, April 25, 7pm at Fairbanks Lutheran Church
([1012 Cowles Street, 99701](http://1012CowlesStreet99701))

Sign Up for Pre-Assembly Workshops: 10am at Fairbanks Lutheran Church

- Congregational Treasurers** meet with Carol Norquist, Alaska Synod Treasurer
- Congregational Presidents** meet with Synod VP Bill Babylon
- Interviewing for Mission:** Pr. Mark Nelson, Region 1 Coordinator and former synod staff will teach interviewing skills for Call Committees. You don't have to have a pastoral vacancy right now to benefit from this.
- Rostered Leaders Pre-Retirement Workshop**
(For those who may retire within 15 years) Registration Required (see below)
10:30 at Fairbanks Clerk's Office, Chismar Room 809 Pioneer.

Sign-up at elcaalaska.net/workshop-sign-up.html

Keynote Presenters:
Adult Faith Formation

The Rev. Paul Hoffman

Paul has been an ELCA Pastor since 1982, and recently served as Lead Pastor at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle for the past 17 years. There he has led The WAY, a twenty-first century adaptation of the ancient practice of bringing new Christians to faith through a year-long mentoring process in discipleship.

Ms. Donna Linn

Donna is an art therapist, counselor, seminar leader and public speaker. "Jesus made a dramatic entrance into my life. Subsequently, I have been developing my faith through the amazing way we worship at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle. I can't wait to share that story with you.

Christians are Formed, Not Born

In this year's synod assembly, our biblical work and key note presentation will be led by two who are passionate about adult faith formation through community and conversation. Their practical presentation and experiences with us will explore the catechumenate, an intentional and ongoing formation for de-churched and un-churched seekers in our communities.

[Read More about Keynote Presenters Here](#)

ELCA Churchwide Presenter

Rozella White

Rozella White is the program director for Young Adult Ministry for the ELCA. The purpose of this role is to support, connect and encourage young adults and those who work with them as they claim their identity, grow in faith and uncover their vocation.

Rozella likes to begin conversation with some basic questions:

- 1) How do you define young adult ministry?
- 2) What is the purpose of young adult ministry?

See how she answers [here](#).

Workshops Offered During Assembly

Think ahead for where you may want to spend your time in special workshops offered during Synod Assembly.

- Disaster Preparedness
- Justice for Women Social Statement
- Practice Discipleship
- Prison Ministry
- Mission Table
- Praying in Color
- From Stewardship to Generosity
- Planning for Mission

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