



LUTHERAN WEEK 2023

AUGUST 7-11, 2023 | OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

PRE MISSION-CONVOCATION EVENTS/SESSIONS:

***“Lutheran Theologians for the Church” Conference
(Formerly “Younger Theologians”)***

Monday, Aug 7. 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 8. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

NALC Disaster Response Team Meeting

Monday, Aug. 7

NALC Faith Formation Festival

Tuesday, Aug. 8. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday Aug. 9. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Lunch included Monday and Tuesday.

Gathering of the WNALC

Tuesday, Aug. 8. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Global Confessional and Missional Forum

Tuesday, August 8. 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

***The Carl E. Braaten-Robert D. Benne Lectures in Theology
God the Father Creates... In His Image***

Tuesday, Aug. 8. 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 9. 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) Reception

Tuesday, August 8. 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Open to all



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MISSION CONVOCATION:

SESSIONS I & II

Wednesday, Aug. 9.

1:30 p.m. Service of the Word

2:30 p.m. Session I

- Adoption of Rules of Procedure
- Approval of Agenda
- Introduction of Lutheran Week Planning Team
- Introduction of Committee on Reference and Counsel
- Introduction of Staff
- Introduction of Area Assistants to the Bishop
- Introduction of Executive Council
- Introduction of NALS Board of Regents
- Introduction of Deans
- Introduction of Mission Partners
- Introduction of Interim Ministry Coordinators
- Introduction of Ecumenical, Inter-Lutheran and International Guests
- Report of Nominating Committee
- Bishop Nominations from the floor
- Review of Process for Election of Bishop
- Bishop's Report

3:45 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. On Fire for Mission Focus: Congregational Life

- Bible Study: *Dr. David Luy*
- Presentation
- Discussion

6:00 p.m. Youth and Family Ministry



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6:10 p.m. Deadline for submission of bishop floor nomination materials/new resolutions

6:10 p.m. Dinner
On Your Own

7:30 p.m. Session II: Mission District/Region Gatherings

SESSIONS III & IV:

Thursday, Aug. 10

8:00 a.m. On Fire for Mission Focus: Domestic Mission in the NALC

- Bible Study: *Dr. David Luy*
- Presentation
- Discussion

10:00 a.m. Report on Lutheran Benefits Plan

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Session III (continued)

- Recognitions of Ordination Anniversaries
- Recognition of Military Chaplains and Personnel (and families)
- Brief Comments from Military/Other Chaplains by Chaplain Endorser
- Recognition of Chaplains serving in other contexts
- Introduction of Ministry Candidates
- Introduction of Newly Ordained and pastors new to the NALC
- Remembrance of the clergy who have passed away
- Congregational Anniversaries and congregations new to the NALC
- 2020 Vision



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12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Session IV

- NALS Presentation
- Recognition of Mary Havens and appointment of Nathan Yoder
- Introduction of Electronic Voting
- First Ballot for Bishop and other
- Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Guests greetings
- Report of the First Ballot
- Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel

3:00 p.m. Nominees for Bishop (15 minute each)

4:15 p.m. Break

4:30 p.m. Workshops*

Looking Through the Global Mission Window

The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba

Sexual Slavery—Call It What It Is

The Rev. Dona Johnson

NALC Life-To-Life Discipleship

The Rev. David Keener

How You Can Become Part of the 2020 Vision

Mike Schmidt & Makenzie Freshly (Cramer & Associates)

The NALS and Discerning a Call to Ministry

The Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen



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Effective Parish Communication—Session 1: Principles and Theories

The Rev. Dcn. Andrew S. Ames Fuller

Youth and Family Ministry in the NALC

The Rev. Teresa Peters & Melanie Corn

Every Congregation Renewing: Real Life Processes & Strategies For Strengthening & Growing Congregations

The Rev. Brad Hales & the Rev. Dr. David Wendel

5:30 p.m. Workshops*

Legacy Giving: An Expanded View of Giving

The Rev. Dona Johnson & Michael Johnson

How Congregations Can Address the Range of Life Issues

The Rev. Mark Chavez

NALC Life-To-Life Discipleship

The Rev. David Keener

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Effective Parish Communication—Session 2: Applying Principles and Solving Real-Life Problems

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6:30 p.m. Banquet (*included in registration fee*)

*** Descriptions and schedule can be found in the booklet that will be distributed upon arrival.*

SESSION V:

Friday, Aug. 11

6:00 a.m. Dean's Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Session V

8:00 a.m. On Fire for Mission Focus: International Mission

- Bible Study: *Dr. David Luy*
- Presentation
- Discussion

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Session V (continued)

- Second Ballot
- Treasurer's Report
- Report of Second Ballot
- Third Ballot
- Presentation of Budget and Approval (voice vote)
- Report of the Third Ballot
- NALC Foundation
- Report of NALC Living and Giving Stewardship Task Force
- NALC Life Ministries
- WNALC Report
- NALC Disaster Response



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12:00 p.m. Lunch (included in registration fee)

1:30 p.m. Session VI

- Fourth Ballot
- Report of the Fourth Ballot

3:00 p.m. Closing Service of Holy Communion & Installation of Bishop

5:00 p.m. Close of Convocation