



*The Carolinas Mission Region
of the North American Lutheran Church*



Annual Convocation 2026

Friday, May 1 thru Saturday, May 2

at Christiana Lutheran Church, 6190 US Highway 52, Salisbury, NC

As required by the CMR Constitution, Article 7.04: "The responsibilities of the annual Convocation shall include: provision for breakout Mission District Convocations, the business of which may include the election of their respective Deans and other representatives on the Regional Council; installation of officers and the Regional Council; adoption of a budget for the subsequent fiscal year (to be defined as July 1 – June 30) by a majority vote; consideration of mission and ministry needs of the Carolinas Mission Region; reception of reports; and other items of business as may be determined by the Regional Council, the Convener, or by the Convocation." We will provide this AND MORE!

PLEASE PLAN NOW TO ATTEND. ALL CLERGY AND LAITY ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

REMEMBER THE CONSTITUTION NOW ALLOWS FOR 2 DELEGATES FROM EACH CONGREGATION PLUS THEIR PASTOR(S).

go to www.carolinas-nalc.org
to register

REGISTER EARLY !! Lots of events in Salisbury this weekend.

Theme - Unashamed Workers for Christ

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

The Apostle Paul charged Timothy to do his best to present himself to God as one approved, a worker who had no need to be ashamed because of his inability to knowledgeably proclaim the Word of truth rightly. The same goes for us today. As disciples of Christ each of us should know God's word well enough to be able to rightly talk about it to others apologetically.

HOTELS

HAMPTON INN

1001 Klumac Road
Salisbury, NC
(12 minutes from church)
\$159/night King or two Queens

Breakfast included

Call 704-637-8000 or <https://group.hamptoninn.com/4pjcs6>

Use code: Carolinas Mission Region Convocation

Book by **April 1** for this rate

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

125 Marriott Circle
Salisbury, NC
(10 minutes from church)
\$129/night King or two Queens

Breakfast included

[Carolinas Mission Region Convocation 2026](#)
(ctrl & click to get to hotel page)
OR Call 704-314-4100

Use code: Carolinas Mission Region Convocation 2026

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TURN OF THE CENTURY BED AND BREAKFAST

529 S. Fulton St., Salisbury (13 minutes from church)
704-642-1660
\$165-\$195/night depending on the room you select
Free Gourmet Breakfast

Convocation Offerings will be used for continued help for those in need in Western North Carolina. Please make checks payable to "Carolinas Mission Region".

The offering will be collected at the evening worship on Friday.

We encourage ALL congregations to send an offering with their delegate. Please write "Convo Offering" on the memo line of the check.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

AWAKENING LIVES TO WORLD MISSIONS - Pr. Bill Moberly

"Fruitful Partnerships with NALC Global Workers Are Changing Lives for Eternity!"
ALWM is the sending agency for 8 of the 23 current NALC Global workers, working on three continents. Most of them work among the unreached and unevangelized! So, Pastor Moberly will share a broad perspective on vital global ministry happening in diverse settings, sharing stories and updates about these men and women who are sharing the Gospel on the front lines.

LUTHERAN MILITARY VETERANS AND FAMILY MINISTRY - Chaplain Leslie Haynes

LMVFM is a Christian non-profit (501c3) faith based ministry. We are dedicated to serving military veterans, military contractors and their families in need of care and assistance, regardless of their faith or religious affiliation. When is "Thank you for your service" not enough? Let's go further than just words, and heed the call to action for the benefit of our Military Service members and families.

MALAWI ORPHAN CARE PROJECT - Ken Ekegren, President

Malawi Orphan Care Project will present opportunities for churches and individuals to serve as God's hands and feet by sharing God's love for the people of Kanyenyeva, Malawi through various MOCP sponsored projects. These include an orphan feeding program, Bible and school education, business enterprises, farm project and a girls' rescue center. Involvement can range from financial support to active participation in mission trips. MOCP is a Recognized Ministry among the Mission Partners of NALC.

SPIRITUAL ORPHANS NETWORK - David & Angela Breidenbach

"Bringing Global Missions Home" - For many, the idea of global mission seems suited only for a select few or might be something we might do "someday, when there is enough time, money, etc." But what if global missions can actually happen in your own home and in our home congregation today? For the last 20 years, Pastor David & Angela Breidenbach have been doing global missions ministry and have learned that missions is not something we do "over there," rather connecting spiritual orphans to the global family of Christ it is something that begins, first and foremost, in our homes.

WATER MISSION - Marie Reny

Many Lutheran congregations long to engage in global mission but struggle to find partnerships that are theologically aligned, sustainable, and that meaningfully engage the whole congregation as active participants in the mission. This breakout will explore how Water Mission partners with congregations to address the global water crisis through sustainable engineering solutions that meet physical needs while creating space for Gospel witness. We will share practical pathways for engaging your congregation through shared ownership in a global mission. Participants will leave with actionable ideas for helping their church step more fully into global mission beyond financial giving.

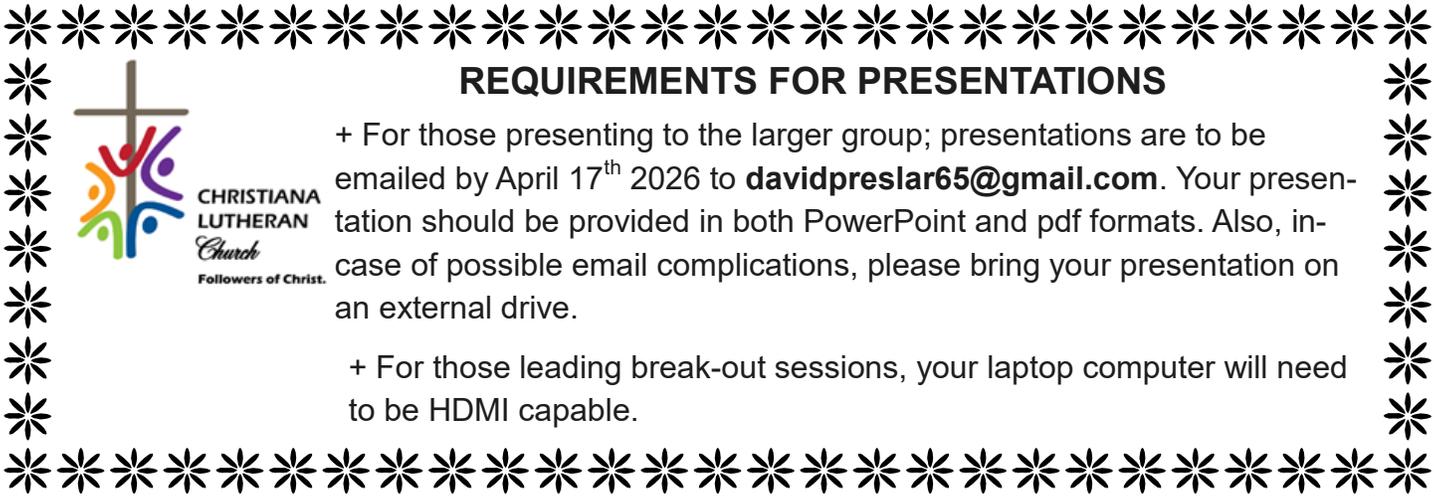
PROPOSED AGENDA FOR CONVOCATION

FRIDAY - May 1

- 11:30 pm Registration Opens
- 1:00 pm Opening Worship with Holy Communion (Bishop Selbo, preaching)
- 2:25 pm Welcome from Christiana & Housekeeping Information
- 2:30 pm Business Session 1 (Set the Bar, adopt agenda/Rules of Procedure, review minutes from 2025 Convocation, Dean's and Committee Reports, introduce budget, reports on Website, Youth and Family Ministries, Introduce Bylaw change, Review reports from the Treasurer and Finance Committee, Q&A on Budget.
- 3:30 pm Refreshments with Mission Partners in Smith Hall
- 4:00 pm Business Session 2 - AAB for the Southeastern Area of the NALC, Ecumenical Partners, New pastors and congregations to the CMR, Introduce candidates for Ministry, Recognize ordination and congregation anniversaries
- 5:00 pm Bishop Selbo
- 5:30 pm Break - Blessing of Meal/Doxology, clear Fellowship Hall (take everything with you)
- 6:00 pm Dinner - 1/2 grilled chicken, potato salad, green beans, corn, rolls
- 7:00 pm Dessert with Mission Partners in Smith Hall

SATURDAY - May 2

- 7:45 am Registration Opens for those NOT registered on Friday
- 8:15 am Morning Worship - Matins
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 9:45 am Refreshments with Mission Partners in Smith Hall
- 10:15 am Mission District Meetings
- 11:15 am Regional Council Meeting to elect Convener & set date for next meeting
- 11:30 pm Lunch (Box lunch - Ham, turkey, pimento cheese sandwiches, pasta, cookie)
- 12:45 pm Mission District and New Convener Election Results
- 12:50 pm Mission Partner Presentations (Breakout Sessions)
- 1:30 pm Break
- 1:45 pm Missionaries & Mission Partner Presentations (CLW, NALC Disaster Response, Lutheran Services Caolina, Lutherans for Life, Trail Life USA), update on Congo Mission International, SMI Haiti, Victory International & Ethiopian Ministry.
- 3:00 pm Business Session 3 - Vote on Bylaw Change, vote on Budget, other Motions to be considered
- 4:00 pm Closing Worship (Responsive Prayer 2), Installation Service & Closing of Convocation.



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Followers of Christ.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESENTATIONS

+ For those presenting to the larger group; presentations are to be emailed by April 17th 2026 to davidpreslar65@gmail.com. Your presentation should be provided in both PowerPoint and pdf formats. Also, in case of possible email complications, please bring your presentation on an external drive.

+ For those leading break-out sessions, your laptop computer will need to be HDMI capable.

INGATHERING - BATH TOWELS AND WASHCLOTHS

At the Continental Youth Gathering in July 2026, the Youth plan to assemble **2000** Health Care Kits. The CMR Youth are to bring BATH towels and WASHCLOTHS ONLY for the Health Care Kits. The youth are asking for those attending the CMR Convocation to bring bath towels and washcloths with you, so the Youth can take them to the Continental Youth Gathering.

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE INGATHERING

As of March 11, the only disaster response supplies needed at this particular time are shovels, rakes, and brooms.

NEED HELP??

For questions or problems with Registration – Kathy Hefner,
cmdtreasurerナル@gmail.com, 717-224-1050 (cell)

For questions regarding the church site – Madeline Zieverink,
mzieverink@carolina.rr.com, 704-213-4181 (cell)

For questions about the convocation itself – Susan Keefe,
ballkeefe@yahoo.com, 803-773-0775 (home)

2026 CONVOCATION REGISTRATION FORM

ONE FORM PER PERSON

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Either use this 2-sided form OR go to www.carolinas-nalc.org
(there will be a link under "Upcoming Events") to register for the
convocation. Credit card payments can be made on-line.

Timely Registration (By April 13)—\$50.00

Registration Postmarked OR Done On-Line

AFTER April 13—\$75.00

(Includes Friday Supper and Saturday Lunch and Snacks)

(REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS (will not be shared publicly):

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHURCH/ORGANIZATION NAME:

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

REGISTERING AS A: (select ALL that apply)

Lay Delegate Clergy (with vote)

Lay Visitor Clergy Visitor

CMR Council Seminarian (no fee)

Invited Guest Speaker (no fee) Displayer (no fee)
(2 per table)

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(1/2 grilled chicken, potato salad, green beans, corn, rolls)

I plan to eat Saturday lunch **YES** **NO**

If yes, which sandwich (includes pasta & cookie):

Ham

Turkey

Pimento Cheese

If need gluten free bread check here
(fruit will replace the pasta)

If you list other food issues on the registration, we will contact you about other options.

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