



NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CHRISTIAN UNITY 2017

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REFORM, REPENT, RECONCILE

For more than 50 years, the National Workshop on Christian Unity has been gathering each year at a different city throughout the United States to bring together all those involved in the work of Christian Unity. The Workshop welcomes ecumenical representatives, ecumenists, and interested members from all churches who share one faith, one baptism in Jesus Christ.

The Workshop continues to be the only national gathering of its kind in the world. The four-day event is designed to equip attendees with ongoing formation with plenaries and seminars, activities in the local host city community, and opportunities to join together in prayer. It provides a context for fellowship from which friendships can develop, friendships that are the starting place and cornerstone of

any work of unity in the Body of Christ. We discover that there is so much more that we share than there are differences which have separated us for far too long.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

In 2017 we gather in the Twin Cities at the Hilton Minneapolis. The hotel is in the heart of downtown and is within walking distance of workshop venues, shops along the Nicollet Street Mall, dozens of restaurants in all price ranges, and many area attractions. It is an easy light-rail trip directly from the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport.

Registration is easier than ever.

Online registration at www.nwcu.org covers all workshop events, including all lunches, the Tuesday evening concert,

and the Wednesday evening banquet. If you need to pay by check and register through conventional mail, you can download the registration form from the website and mail it in.

The Workshop registration rate is \$300 before **April 7th** (\$325 after the 7th).

If you are also a member of one of the denominational networks that hosts the Workshop, you can pay the network fee along with your workshop registration. If you are without a network affiliation, there is an additional \$35 fee for expenses underwritten by the sponsoring networks.

Room reservations at the Hilton Minneapolis must be made directly with the hotel. The workshop rate of \$169 per night is available only until **April 7th**.

Registration is easy as 1-2-3!

The National Workshop blends both a general program designed for all individuals interested in church unity, along with denominational network programs tailored for ecumenical and interreligious officers from sponsoring church bodies. Plenaries and other events sponsored by networks throughout the four-day workshop are open to all attendees—and you are welcome.

Step 1: Workshop Registration | www.nwcu.org

Full Registration. At the National Workshop's website you will find online forms to register for the Workshop. Full Workshop Registration is \$300 before **April 7th** (\$325 after the 7th), so be sure to register early. Workshop registration includes all luncheons, admission to the Tuesday evening concert, and the Wednesday evening banquet.

Student and Seminarian Discount! Registered students have a special rate of \$100 to attend the full workshop. If you are a member of a church body which has a sponsoring network, check directly with that network about the availability of scholarship funds.

One-Day Attendees have a flat rate of \$100 including students attending for one day. Lunch is included; admission to the Wednesday evening banquet is an extra charge.

Step 2: Register With A Network

Network Registration. As a part of the on-line registration, you will be asked either (1) to register with one of the denominational networks, or (2) to indicate that you are not affiliated with a network. You will then be directed to the appropriate form—network fees do vary.

C A D E I O | Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers

C E N for Unity | Consortium of Evangelical Networks for Unity

E D E I O | Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers

L E I R N | Lutheran Ecumenical and Interreligious Representatives Network

U M E I T | United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training

If you are not affiliated with a particular network, there is a base fee of \$35 to cover expenses that are underwritten by the networks.

Are you a member of a church body that does not have its own network, but has a full communion partnership with one or more of the sponsoring denominations with a network? You are welcome to register with a partner church body's network, or to register without a network affiliation.

Step 3: Room Reservation

Hotel Registration. You need to make your hotel reservation directly with the Hilton Minneapolis. You may make your reservation online at <https://aws.passkey.com/go/NWCU2017>. Or on the National Workshop website – go to the registration page and then click on the **HOTEL ICON** on the left. You can also call the Hilton Minneapolis at 1-612-376-1000. Be sure to ask for the special NWCU Conference rate, \$169 per night. That rate is good until **April 7th**.

Hotel Information

Hilton Minneapolis

1-612-376-1000

- Great setting in the heart of downtown Minneapolis • Skyway connection to City Center • Spacious guest rooms include refrigerator, safe and 50-inch TV • All rooms non-smoking • SkyWater Restaurant with breakfast buffet, lunch, dinner and in-room dining • Complimentary fitness center, indoor pool, sauna and whirlpool • Both service animals and pets (under 75 pounds) allowed with \$50.00 non-refundable deposit •

Check-in: 3:00 pm

Check-out: 12:00 noon

Self-parking: \$14.00/day (24 Hours)

Valet: \$27.00 (24 Hours)

Register Now!

Transportation Airport to Hotel

LIGHT RAIL | From either the Humphrey or Lindbergh Terminals at the Airport. Follow signage towards “ground transportation.”

The **Blue Line** serves downtown and runs every 7.5 minutes during rush hour and 10-15 minutes during non-rush hour. Travel time is approximately 25 minutes. Fares vary between \$1.75 - \$2.25.

In downtown Minneapolis, the **Blue Line** runs along 5th Street. You can exit at either **Government Plaza Station** (5th Street & 3rd Avenue) or **Nicollet Mall Station** (5th Street & Nicollet Avenue). The Hotel is located at the corner of 11th Street and Marquette Avenue, about a ½ mile walk.

OR . . . you can exit light rail at the **Nicollet Mall Station** and pick up the “Free Bus” a block away at 5th Street and Marquette Avenue. Exit the bus at the 11th Street stop (11th Street & Marquette) and you will be directly at the hotel.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FROM THE AIRPORT

LIMOUSINE | typical minimum charge: \$60

SUPER SHUTTLE | typical minimum charge: \$17

TAXI | typical minimum charge: \$40

DRIVING FROM THE AIRPORT

Take Highway 5 to Highway 62W to Interstate 35W.

Follow signs marked “Downtown Exits.” Exit the interstate at 11th Street and stay in the right-hand lane. The Hilton is located on the corner of 11th Street and Marquette Avenue. Driving distance: 12 miles.



National Workshop for Christian Unity 2017

A Time to Mark Reform, Repentance, and Reconciliation

Ecumenists from across the U.S. will gather in Minneapolis the first week of May to reflect on themes of reformation and renewal. A primary focus will be on commemorating the 500th anniversary of events in the Wittenberg of 1517 that initiated both a series of reforms and hostilities among Christians in western Europe. It will be a time to remember *reforms, reformers, and reformations* in the life of the Church. And it will be a time to work together on our common journey to heal the wounds of discord and separation so that the world may believe.

For those who have attended National Workshops in the past, they will notice several new features in 2017. Several national denominational leaders will be with us to mark the amazing gifts of reconciliation that we have experienced over the past several decades. These gifts include new relationships among church bodies, as well as new commitments to restoring communion among traditions. An evening concert will reflect themes of *reform, repentance, and reconciliation*.

Attendees will have the opportunity to get out of the hotel and experience ecumenical ministries in the community. A tour of ecclesial art and architecture in the Twin Cities will also be an option. Plenary sessions on-site will highlight new approaches to ecumenical and inter-religious engagement. Special plenary sessions are scheduled to bring denominational representatives together for intentional time to work on current initiatives to serve the people of God.



Tuesday Workshop Plenary | After 500 Years: Catholics & Lutherans “On the Way” Together

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Bishop Eaton served as Pastor for several Ohio congregations and Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, prior to her election as Presiding Bishop in 2013. She received her Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School. This past October she joined other Lutheran leaders with Pope Francis in Lund, Sweden to inaugurate the 500th anniversary commemoration of the Reformation. In July she will be an honored guest at the Islamic Society of North America convention. She will serve as preacher at Washington’s National Cathedral for the Reformation Day service this coming October.

The Most Rev. Denis J. Madden, retired Auxiliary Bishop, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore

Bishop Madden served as Associate Secretary General of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, which works in those lands in which from ancient times the majority of Christians belonged to various Eastern churches. He also served as the Director of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine office in Jerusalem. He is one of the co-founders of the Accord Foundation, a humanitarian organization that has worked in the West Bank and Gaza. He holds a master’s degree in psychology from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Notre Dame.

Special Guests and Speakers

Opening Worship | St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

Preacher: The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church

Previous to his election as Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, Bishop Curry served as Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. Having served in parish ministry in North Carolina, Ohio, and Maryland, he has been active in issues of social justice, immigration policy, family daycare, and inner-city redevelopment. He has a national preaching and teaching ministry, having been featured on The Protestant Hour. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University and furthered his education at The College of Preachers, Princeton Theological Seminary, Wake Forest University, the Ecumenical Institute at St. Mary's Seminary, and the Institute of Christian Jewish Studies.



Chaplain in Residence | Bible Study and Contemplative Prayer

The Rev. Grace Imathiu, Pastor, Community United Methodist Church, Naperville, Illinois

A gifted preacher and Bible study teacher, Rev. Imathiu's ministry has taken her to many places around the globe. She has been a regular preacher at the international youth gatherings in Australia, Germany, Ireland, and the U.S. Born in Kenya, she was educated in Kenya, the U.S., England, and Israel. Ordained in the Methodist Church in Kenya, Rev. Imathiu has ministered in Kenya, Washington state, Ohio, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Illinois. She is author of a collection of sermons titled *Words of Fire, Spirit of Grace*.



Wednesday Banquet Keynote

The Rev. Canon Peg Chamberlin, Executive Director, Minnesota Council of Churches

The Rev. Canon Peg Chamberlin has served as Executive Director of the Minnesota Council of Churches for nearly two decades. Rev. Chamberlin helped the Council launch the Respectful Conversations Project. This initiative provides a forum for thought-provoking conversations on the values guiding an individual's decision-making on some of the communities' toughest issues from human sexuality to the role of guns. Rev. Chamberlin is the Immediate Past President of the National Council of Churches of Christ-USA and was appointed to President Obama's first Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. She is the recipient of the Bridge Builder Award from the Islamic Resource Group and the Governor's Award for Women of Distinction.



Note: Cost for the banquet is included in the full registration payment for the National Workshop. For others, including one-day attendees, there is a banquet charge of \$50 by **April 7th** (\$55 after the 7th). Banquet tickets may be purchased on the National Workshop webpage at www.nwcu.org.

Seminars, Sessions, and Other Events

Ecumenical Engagement Seminar 1: Social and Environmental Justice

This seminar discusses the ecumenical and inter-religious dimensions of work for social justice and environmental justice in disadvantaged and disenfranchised communities. The speakers bring to light experiences with polluted water sources, megaproject disruption, and displacement.

Jill Fleishman

Ms. Fleishman is chair and a founding member of the Native American Justice Council at Iliff School of Theology, Denver. Ms. Fleishman has been a member of the Ohio and Federal bars since 1980. She used her experience as an attorney to help with legal issues related to the Standing Rock controversy. A longtime member of First Community Church in Columbus, Ohio, she has been active in social justice issues in the Denver area, and has helped to organize the faith community in Colorado on issues impacting disadvantaged communities.

The Rev. Monica M. Villarreal

Rev. Villarreal is Pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in Flint, Michigan. Inspired by Isaiah 58, she is a community leader, voice for the oppressed, and an advocate for justice and care for creation. Advocating for clean water as a human right, her experience with the water crisis in Flint highlights the interconnection between socio-economic injustice and environmental racism. A graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Pastor Villarreal leads several disaster relief initiatives that foster collaboration among congregations, government agencies, and social service providers.

Ecumenical Engagement Seminar 2: Climate Change

How are faith communities responding to the challenges of climate change and how might we work together as stewards of God's creation and witnesses to God's love? This seminar lifts up the dialogue, debate, and actions being taken by people of faith to address mitigation of and adaptation to climate change.

Alexei Laushkin

Mr. Laushkin is the President of the Kingdom Mission Society, which focus on the ministry of reconciliation with a special focus on racial reconciliation, Christian persecution, refugees, and the public life of the church. He is a regular speaker at church gatherings and conferences and has contributed numerous written articles.

Tyler Sit

Mr. Sit is the church planter of New City Church, a Minneapolis-based church that focuses on environmental justice. New City has been featured in national print and radio media. It was named one of the "50 Environmental Projects to Watch" by Grist. An outdoors enthusiast, he also designs communications for an urban garden program.

Michael Terrien, Obl. OSB

Mr. Terrien serves as a trustee of the Parliament of the World's Religions. An associate member of CADEIO, he coordinates the network's plans for addressing climate change and environmental degradation. He currently serves on the Archdiocese of Chicago's Encyclical (*Laudato si'*) Working Group and was project director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. Mr. Terrien co-founded Play for Peace, a global organization that builds relationships in communities trapped in cycles of conflict.

Christian Unity may be closer than you think.

Ecumenical Engagement Seminar 3: Liturgy and Prayer

Planning an ecumenical prayer service that integrates various texts, ritual forms, and music can be challenge. This is especially true when the situation includes racial tension and community crisis. Last summer, when Philando Castile was shot by a St. Anthony, MN police officer, his pastor at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church approached the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Paul about holding the funeral there. Hear the story of ecumenical collaboration, the positive impact on the community, and its value for church relations in St. Paul.

The Rev. Dr. Steve Daniels Jr.

Rev. Daniels is Pastor of Shiloh Missionary Church in St. Paul. He is the former President of the Minnesota State Baptist Congress.

The Rev. John Ubel

Fr. Ubel is Rector of the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Paul. He previously served as rector and faculty member of the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity.

Ecumenical Engagement Seminar 4: Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World

This seminar explores *Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World*, a joint ecumenical effort of the World Council of Churches, the World Evangelical Alliance, and the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. According to this joint initiative, “[p]roclaiming the word of God and witnessing to the world is essential for every Christian. At the same time, it is necessary to do so according to gospel principles, with full respect and love for all human beings.” Learn about current and best practices for witnessing the love of God to all.

The Rev. Dr. John H. Armstrong

Rev. Armstrong is the founder and president of ACT3 Network, a mission committed to empowering leaders and churches for unity in Christ’s mission. Ordained in the Reformed Church in America,

he is a writer and editor and is an active leader in ecumenism. He co-leads the Catholic-Evangelical Conversation in Chicago.

The Rev. Don Rooney

Fr. Rooney is Pastor of St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Springfield, Virginia. He has served as the Diocesan Officer for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and is the immediate past president of CADEIO network. Father Rooney is an active participant in several local and national dialogues and is a founding partner in the Catholic-Muslim Dialogue of northern Virginia.



Interfaith Series Session 1: Minnesota Council of Churches

The Minnesota Council of Churches sees its mission as manifesting unity in the church and lifting up the common good. The Council is active in ministry to refugees and immigrants.

The Rev. Jared Morey

Rev. Morey is Pastor of Northfield United Methodist Church and Communications Director for the Minnesota Council of Churches. He attended graduate school in a religion and peace program at Wesley Theological Seminary and American University. As part-time associate pastor, he is responsible for discipleship and outreach. At the Council, he manages the Respectful Conversations Project, the Healthy Homes-Healthy Congregations Project, and the immigration policy program.

Interfaith Series Session 2: Muslim Christian Cooperation in Ministry

Augsburg College in Minneapolis, a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, hosts cooperative ministry between Christians and Muslims. This session features the particular dimensions of collaborative work in responding to and welcoming new immigrant communities in both campus and congregational settings.

Fardosa Hassan

Ms. Hassan is Muslim Student Program Associate at Augsburg College. A recent graduate of the college, she is the recipient of the Courageous Woman Award. She was recognized by President Barack Obama and invited to take part in the Interfaith Campus Challenge at the White House. Ms. Hassan also works as the Youth Connection Program Coordinator at Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul.

The Rev. Mike Matson

Rev. Matson serves as Pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and ministers as Chaplain to Student Athletes at Augsburg College, his alma mater. He is a Naval Officer in the Reserves and serves as a Command Chaplain. He also serves as Chaplain to the First Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department. Pastor Matson received his Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

Interfaith Series Session 3: Refugee Resettlement and Ministry

Episcopal Migration Ministries, the refugee resettlement program of The Episcopal Church, recognizes that more than 43 million persons have

been forcibly uprooted in the world today. The program strives to provide welcome, relief, and assistance through creative partnerships.

Allison Duvall

Ms. Duvall is Manager of Church Relations and Engagement for Episcopal Migration Ministries based in Lexington, Kentucky. Previously, she served as Executive Director of Reading Camp, an umbrella organization created to share a reading program model across the Anglican Communion, with community partners and schools, wherever there are literacy needs. She is a graduate of Transylvania University and holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Religious Studies.

Interfaith Series Session 4: Preserving the Christian Heritage in the Middle East

This session provides an introduction overview of the efforts of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at St. John's University to save handwritten culture in the Middle East and Beyond.

Dr. Daniel K. Gullo

Dr. Gullo is the Joseph S. Micallef Curator of the Malta Study Center and serves as Assistant Director of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. He holds a doctorate in history from the University of Chicago, and his specialty is the history of monasticism and book culture in late medieval and early modern Europe, with a particular interest in the history of religious orders during the 15th and 16th centuries.



OFF-SITE EVENTS

Tuesday Evening Concert

St. Olaf Roman Catholic Church welcomes the National Workshop on Tuesday evening for a special concert around the themes of *reformation, repentance, and reconciliation*. The venue is the contemporary sanctuary built in 1955 with a Lively-Fulcher pipe organ. The concert is open to the public and a free-will offering is designated for ecumenical ministries in the city center.

Wednesday Off-Site Opportunities

Workshop attendees can choose between on-site or off-site events on Wednesday afternoon.

Note: Your preference for off-site events is requested at the time you register so that plans can be made for accommodating the logistics for each group.

Ecumenical Ministry in the Community

Get out of the hotel and experience ecumenical ministry taking place in the community. Churches in downtown Minneapolis collaborate in serving the homeless and people in need.

Janice Anderson

Ms. Anderson is the Director of Christian Life at the Roman Catholic Basilica of St. Mary. She oversees ministries that provide charity and care, justice formation, and volunteer ministry. Previously, she served as the Director of Social Ministry at Basilica St. Vincent de Paul.

The Very Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund

Rev. Lebens-Englund is the Dean of St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Minneapolis. Prior to coming to Minnesota, he served the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane as Canon for Congregational Development, as well as Canon to the Ordinary.

Ecclesiastical Art and Architecture Tour

Another off-site opportunity is a walking tour of churches and religious art exhibits in downtown Minneapolis. Visit landmark church buildings with local experts and tour the Reformation art exhibit at the Thrivent center.

Carl Halker

Mr. Halker is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. He regularly provides guided tours of the cathedral's rich architecture and design.

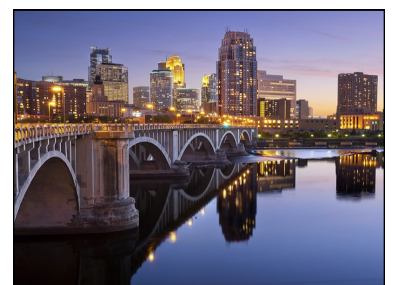
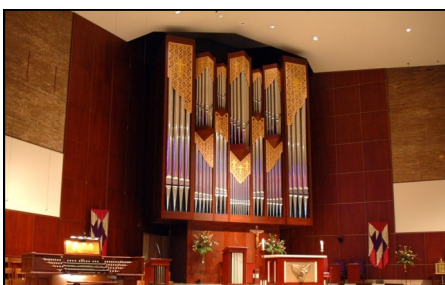
The Rev. Melissa Pohlman

Rev. Pohlman serves as Pastor for Community Ministry at Central Lutheran Church. The church has been a landmark in downtown Minneapolis for nearly a century.

Travis Salisbury

Mr. Salisbury serves on the staff for the Roman Catholic Basilica of St. Mary. He coordinates the details of the liturgical services of The Basilica and the 500 liturgical volunteers that make these celebrations possible.

Sing to the Lord a new song!



NWCU 2017 Schedule

Monday

- 8:30 to 5:00 Registration
9:00 to 5:00 Network meetings
4:00 to 5:00 Newcomers meeting
5:15 to 6:15 Opening Reception
6:30 p.m. Opening Worship | St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

Tuesday

- Continental Breakfast | hosted by Graymoor Institute
8:15 to 9:15 Workshop Eucharist | Roman Catholic Rite
9:20 to 10:00 Bible Study: Road to Emmaus
10:15 to 11:45 Plenary: After 500 Years: Catholics and Lutherans "On the Way" Together
12:00 to 2:00 Workshop Lunch – followed by Dialogue
2:15 to 4:15 Network meetings: Next Steps on the Way
 - ◆ CADEIO + LEIRN
 - ◆ CEN + emerging networks + congregationally based traditions
 - ◆ EDEIO + UMEIT4:30 to 5:00 synthesis of day's events
7:00 p.m. Workshop Event: Concert | St. Olaf Roman Catholic Church

Wednesday

- Continental Breakfast | hosted by the Ecumenical & Interreligious Networks
8:15 to 9:15 Workshop Eucharist | United Methodist Rite
9:20 to 10:15 Bible Study: Revelation Tree of Life
10:30 to 11:45 Network meetings
12:00 to 1:30 Workshop Lunch (by regions)
2:00 to 5:00 Sessions
 - ◆ Ecclesiastical Art and Architecture Tour | off-site
 - ◆ Ecumenical Ministry in the Community | off-site
 - ◆ Interfaith Series | at the Hotel7:00 p.m. Workshop Banquet

Thursday

- 8:15 to 8:45 Contemplative Prayer
9:00 to 10:30 Seminars
 - ◆ Social Justice
 - ◆ Caring for Creation
 - ◆ Praying Together
 - ◆ Christian Witness10:45 to 11:15 Outcomes
11:15 Sending Prayer
Brunch
Afternoon Network meetings

The National Workshop 2017 Calendar at a Glance

MONDAY, May 1	TUESDAY, May 2	WEDNESDAY, May 3	THURSDAY, May 4
8:30am Workshop Registration	7:15 - 8:15am Graymoor Continental Breakfast	7:15-8:15am Networks' Continental Breakfast	8:15 - 8:45am Contemplative Prayer
9am to 5pm Network Meetings	8:15 - 9:15am Eucharist Roman Catholic Rite	8:15am-9:15am Eucharist United Methodist Rite	9:00 - 10:30am Seminars • Social Justice • Creation and Climate • Liturgy and Prayer • Christian Witness
	9:20 - 10am Bible Study - Road to Emmaus	9:20 - 10am Bible Study - Revelation Tree of Life	10:45 - 11:00am Outcomes
	10:15 - 11:45am - Plenary After 500 Years "On the Way" Together	10:30 - 11:45am - Network Meetings	11:15am Sending Prayer Brunch
	Noon - 2:00pm Workshop Lunch - Followed by Dialogue	Noon-1:30pm Workshop Lunch (by regions)	Afternoon Network Meetings
	2:15 - 4:15pm Network Meetings: Next Steps on the Way CADEIO + LEIRN CEN + emerging networks EDEIO + UMEIT	2:00 - 5:00pm Sessions • Eccelesiastical Art & Architecture Walking Tour (offsite) • Ecumenical Ministry in the Community (offsite) • Interfaith Series (onsite)	
4pm to 5pm Newcomers Meeting	4:30 - 5:00pm Synthesis of day's events		
5:15-8:15pm Opening Reception			
8:30pm Opening Worship Service St. Mark' Episcopal Church	7:00pm Workshop Concert St. Olaf Catholic Church	7:00pm Workshop Banquet at the hotel	