



**Sheraton Music City Hotel
Nashville, TN**

August 7-11, 2017

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ **holding fast the word of life**, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured as a libation upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.*

NALC Convocation and Mission Festival August 9-11, 2017

Proposed Agenda

Wednesday, August 9

- 1:30 pm **Service of the Word**
- 2:30 pm Mission Festival Session I — *Renewing Congregational Life Through the Word of God*
 Introduction
 Keynote I — *Bishop John Bradosky*
 Panel Q & A and Table Talks
- 5:00 pm Closing Prayer and End of Session I
- 5:30 pm Dinner (included)
- 7:30 pm Mission District Gatherings
 Bible Study — *Bishop John Bradosky*
 Mission District business meetings
- 9:00 pm End of Mission District Gatherings

Thursday, August 10

- 8:00 am Devotion
- 8:30 am Mission Festival Session II
Introduction
Keynote II — *The Rev. Dr. Joseph Parsalaw, ELCT*
Table Talk
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:10 am Breakouts (Practical Learning Lab)
- 11:15 am Keynote III — *Dr. Gemechis Buba*
- 12:00 pm Mission Festival Concludes
- 12:30 pm Lunch (included)
- 1:30 pm **Festival Eucharist observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and Opening of Convocation**
- 3:00 pm Convocation Session I
Call to order
Adoption of Rules of Procedure
Approval of Agenda
Introduction of Lutheran Week Planning Team
Introduction of Reference and Counsel
Introduction of Staff
Report of Nominations Committee: Court of Adjudication, Executive Council
and Canada Section elections
First Ballot
Lutheran World Relief — *Ambassador Daniel Speckhard*
Report on Lutheran Benefits Plan
Introduction of Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Guests
Bishop's Report
Life-to-Life Discipleship Report
Church and Ministry Task Force Report
- 4:15 pm Keynote Bible Study Address I — *Dr. James Nestingen*
- 5:00 pm Session I (continued)
Recognition of Ordination Anniversaries
Recognition of Military Chaplains and personnel, and their families
Recognition of Chaplains serving in other contexts
Introduction of Seminarians
NALS Greeting — *NALS President Schifrin and Chair of Board of Regents*
Nexus Institute — *Pr. Russ Lackey*
Introduction of Newly Ordained Pastors
Recognition of Congregational Anniversaries
Report of First Ballot
Second Ballot (if needed)
- 6:30 pm Dinner on your own / free evening

Friday, August 11

- 6:00 am Deans' Breakfast
- 8:00 am Devotion
- 8:15 am Keynote Bible Study Address II — *Dr. Nathan Howard Yoder*
- 9:00 am Convocation Session II
 "Reflections on Martin Luther From a Roman Catholic Perspective" —
 Fr. Jared Wicks, SJ, Scholar in Residence, Pontifical College, Josephinum
 Ecumenical and Inter-Lutheran Guests greetings
 "Reformed Perspective of the Lutheran Reformation — *Carmen Fowler*
 LaBerge, Presbyterian Lay Committee
 Treasurer's Report
 2018 Budget Proposal
 Report of Bishop's Election Task Force
 Proposed Constitutional Amendment
 Report of NALC Structure Task Force
 Report of Stewardship Task Force
 "Holy Families" report — *Pastor Steve King*
 Lutherans for Life — *Pastor Scott Licht*
 Report of Second Ballot
 Third Ballot (if needed)
 Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:00 am Session II (continued)
- 12:00 pm Workshops (box lunch included)
- 1:30 pm Convocation Session III
 Report of Third Ballot (if needed)
 WNALC Report
 NALC Disaster Response
 Missions Report
 Global Workers
 Vision and Goals for 2018
 Ministry Partners
 Water Mission
 Announcement of 2018 Pastors Conference
 Announcement of 2018 Canadian Rockies Theological Conference
 Announcement of Location for 2018 Convocation
- 5:00 pm Installation of elected officers and close of Convocation