

Synod Study Conference, February 6 - 9, 2017

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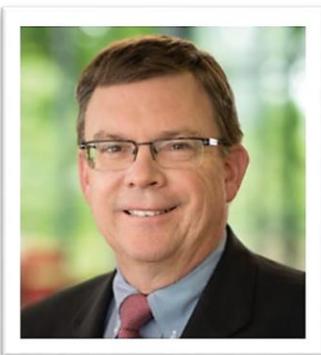
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Entering the Next 500 Years! The Reformation Today and Tomorrow

Lutherans and Catholics are commemorating the 500 Years of Reformation together!

In the keynote sessions, we will explore the reasons for an ecumenical commemoration of the Reformation, what such a commemoration signifies today, and what it means for us and for Gospel witness going forward.

Keynote Speaker: *The Rev. Dr. Dirk Lange*



Dirk G. Lange (PhD Emory University) is Associate Dean of Graduate Theological Education, Fredrik A. Schiötz Chair of Mission and Professor of Worship at Luther Seminary, St. Paul MN. His ministerial experience has covered a wide spectrum of activities, but all under one umbrella: liturgy in the lives of people. He has written extensively on topics in ecumenism and liturgical theology, including [Trauma Recalled](#). Dirk Lange was Project Officer for the global Joint Commemoration of the Reformation prepared by the Lutheran World Federation and Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (Rome). He is also a member of the International Joint Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue Commission. He is from Winnipeg, Canada.

Session I and II

We will dive into the reasons for an ecumenical commemoration of the Reformation including such topics as the rediscovery of Martin Luther and his theological and spiritual journey; the impossibility and then possibility of dialogue through the centuries, and moving beyond certain myths and previous centennials...

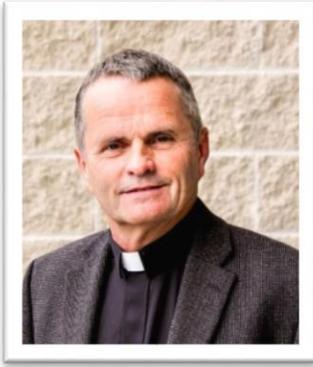
Session III

What does such a commemoration signify today? We will analyze the Common Prayer as a liturgy both in its structure and in its details asking what it means to be globally aware, ecumenically accountable and liturgically faithful.

Session IV

What does the Joint Commemoration mean for us and for Gospel witness going forward? Here we will explore how we can shape an ongoing reformation, initiating the next 500 years!

Guest Bishop: *Bishop Sidney Haugen* from the Saskatchewan Synod will be with us for the conference.



Saskatchewan born and—mostly raised there as well – Bishop Sid attended high school at LCBI, and received his first degree at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. Ordained in 1981, he married Kathy Hagen from Hagen, Saskatchewan and they have been blessed with three children, double blessed with their spouses and triple blessed with seven grandchildren.

Bishop Sid has served three parishes in 33 years as a parish pastor. The first was the rural parish of Ryley and Holden. The second was at Prince of Faith Lutheran in Calgary. The third call was to Our Savior’s Lutheran, Regina, where he served for 18 years. Rev. Dr. Sid Haugen was elected May 5, 2014 as bishop of the Saskatchewan Synod.

Thursday Speakers

“Theological Engagement and Discipleship”: *TED Talks Alberta Synod Style*

Thursday morning talks will be in TED Talk format, and feature the work of Rev. Dr.’s Kayko Driedger Hesslein, James Hendricksen, and Deborah Ann Taylor, as they share the essence of their D. Min. or Ph.D. dissertations.

Fees (Please note: registration fee does NOT cover your accommodations)

Fees include

Tuesday – breakfast and lunch; Wednesday – breakfast and lunch; Thursday – brunch; speaker’s honorarium and expenses; sound and audio equipment; worship supplies; northern subsidy; hotel assembly room costs and committee expenses.

- \$290 adult participants, including rostered, spouses, lay leaders and retired
- \$ 20 per child’s meal (children under the age of 10 are free)
- \$160 students registered with the Committee for Theological Education & Leadership
- \$110 daily rate (includes lunch and conference costs)

Accommodations

Payment for your accommodations is NOT covered by the conference registration fee. The Conference will again be held at the Coast Canmore Hotel and Conference Centre, and that hotel has offered the following special rates:

-  Option 1: \$86/night, minimum 3-night stay, non-refundable - Phone 1-800-716-6199, quote group code **CCM-GFC1712**, or internet weblink <http://coa.st/1038>
-  Option 2: \$105/night, 24-hour cancellation; additional adult per night \$15: Phone 1-800-716-6199, quote group code **CCM-GFC1713**, internet weblink <http://coa.st/kbtw>

Children under 18 years stay for free. You can also negotiate the same rate for 3-night pre- or post-conference stay. **Cut-off date for booking accommodations is January 6, 2017.**

Registration

Please register online by going to <http://albertasynod.ca/education/study-conference/>. All registration fees must be received at the Synod Office by **January 6**. We cannot reimburse any cancellations after January 10. *A separate registration form must be filled out for each person attending the conference, including children, which you can find online.* The conference registration desk opens at 4:00 p.m., Monday afternoon.

An **opening night reception** will provide opportunity to introduce yourself to all those who are new to the Synod or to this event after the opening worship service, which will be held at **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**, 1201 – 1 Ave., Canmore. Directions from Coast Canmore Hotel (1.4 km): walk/drive NW on Bow Valley Trail/Hwy. 1A West. Turn right on to 13 St.; turn right on to 1 Ave. Church is on the right.

Meals

Your registration fee includes five meals; breakfast and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday, and brunch on Thursday. **Supper is on your own on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.** If you have allergies of which we need to be aware, please indicate them on the registration form; the Coast will make every effort to accommodate your needs, however *there will be no reduction in the registration fee if you choose to eat elsewhere.*

If you are interested in joining others for dinner on Monday after you register, please e-mail Pastor Faith Brace (fbrace@telusplanet.net) so she can make a group reservation; plan to meet in the Coast lobby at 5:00 p.m.

Children under the age of ten may join you for breakfast or lunch at no extra cost. There is a charge of \$20 per meal per child, for children ten years and older, which must be included in your registration payment.

Travel

Subsidy is available for those flying from the Yukon or the Northwest Territories; please send an email copy of your flight confirmation to the Synod office (info@albertasynod.ca). If your flight arrives in Edmonton or Calgary enroute to Canmore, please make your own travel arrangements to Canmore with one of the other participants.

Funding

Three funding sources may be considered:

- Congregation or employing agency, as per letter of call;
- Continuing Education Plan; or
- Personal funds

Worship

Revs. Kathy Calkins and Jeff Decelle will be Study Conference Chaplains. Opening worship on Monday evening will be **Holden Evening Prayer, held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church** in in Canmore (1205 – 1 Avenue), with a reception to follow. **Offering** will be collected on Wednesday night during Eucharist, and is **designated towards the Reformation Challenge – Scholarships for the Evangelical Lutheran Schools of Jordan and the Holy Land.**

Outdoor Opportunities

Local hotels have a great deal of information about local events and activities, so please refer to the pamphlets available in their lobbies. Please remember to bring warm outdoor clothing; swim suits, exercise clothing. **NEW IN 2017:** There is no park fee being charged during 2017 for Banff National Park in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Canada's Confederation.

Afternoon Options

Opportunities for exercise, study, conversation and fun have been scheduled for those who wish to participate. The following options are being offered, some for an additional fee:

 **NEW IN 2017:** A curling fun spiel has been organized for one of the afternoon options on **Tuesday, February 7th, 2-5 p.m.** at the Canmore Golf and Curling Club, 2000 8 Ave. \$30/person; payable at the rink to Craig Wentland (cash or cheque). All experience levels are welcome - even those who have never pushed off the hacks – or don't even know what a hack is! Sliders and brooms (necessary equipment) and a brief tutorial by *curler extraordinaire*, Rev. George Friedrich, will be provided. Please bring a pair of clean shoes (**no grit or sand**). If you wish to participate in this event, please submit the registration form found on the Synod website (Study Conference) before January 31.

 **NEW IN 2017:** Conversations regarding New Letter of Call / Employment Contract Documents with Lisa Thiessen from ELCIC Group Services. New documents for Letters of Call/Employment Contracts were approved at National Church Council in September 2016. Lisa will be at the Conference on **Wednesday, February 8th at 1:30 pm** to share the new documents and explain what they will mean for Rostered Leaders.

 Conversation: De-Briefing Keynote Presentation – Luncheon tables will be identified as 'reserved' for those who wish to have a conversation about the morning's presentation with Dr. Lange.

 Walking tour of Canmore – This will be a leisurely stroll of about 2 km including time for a coffee break. It will take approximately 2 hours. The guide will draw attention to some of the historical buildings that mark the development of the town – Canmore Hotel, CPR Trestle Bridge, St. Michael's Anglican Church, NW Mounted Police Barracks, Ralph Connor United Church, Mine Shareholder's Cabin and the Civic Centre.

 Hike the Heart Creek Interpretive Trail – This is an easy and interesting 3-km hike with a popular place for rock climbing on the cliffs that surround the stream. After a brief climb, you will arrive at the interpretive trail and the seven log bridges.

 Banff Upper Hot Springs – The hot springs is one of Banff's most famous attractions. The pools are fed by 100% natural mineral waters to a temperature of 37 – 40 degrees C. There is a cost of \$7.30 for adults (youth and seniors are \$6.30).



Cross Country Skiing – The Nordic Centre offers 65 km of groomed trails all accessible from the Centre and 6.5 km of illuminated trails for night skiing. A beautiful meadow located in the middle of the trail system offers spectacular views of Canmore, Bow Valley and the surrounding Rocky Mountains.



Dog Sled Rides – Snowy Owl Sled Dog Tours have provided this unique experience for tourists for the last 28 years. Their custom sleds carry 2 adults. A two-hour ride is offered at a cost of \$160 per person. You must book individually, 3 weeks ahead and must pay at the time of booking, with a credit card. Please arrive 45 minutes ahead of the departure time at 109, 829 - 10th St. Canmore. Contact info: leaddog@snowyowltours.com or 403-678-4369. Warm clothing is recommended although blankets are provided.

Announcements and Use of Space

Groups choosing to acquire separate meeting space must make reservations directly with the hotel, arranging for payment before leaving. We encourage the use of posters and handouts for sharing announcements. Any announcements to the assembly must be submitted to the Study Conference Planning Ministry Team Chairperson (Rev. Faith Brace) at the beginning of the Conference. **The SCPMT Chairperson will share announcements at the appropriate time in the agenda.**

Sincere Thanks to –

- The Conference Planning Committee: Rev. Faith Brace, Cathy Kochendorfer, Rev. Dr. Tim Wray; Rev. Kevin Powell
- All the conference presenters!
- Our Refreshment Break Sponsors
- The Welcome Reception Hosts

This annual gathering provides time to offer your support to ministry colleagues; to give yourself a necessary break in routine; to experience worship from a different perspective and the privilege of considering the insights of the respected keynote presenters. Your feedback forms were considered when developing the plans for this year's Conference, and implemented to the best of our abilities. We hope that the preparations reflect that input.

STUDY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning		8:00 am: Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am: Worship 9:15 am: Announcements 9:30 am: Key note Speaker 10:30 am: Break 10:50 am: Bishop Larry 11:20 pm: Key note continued, with Q & A.	8:00 am: Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am: Worship 9:15 am: Announcements 9:30 am: Key note Speaker 10:30 am: Break 10:50 am: Guest Bishop Sid Haugen 11:20 pm: Key note continued, with Q & A.	9:15 am: Opening Prayer and Brunch 9:45 am TED Talks – Alberta Synod Style: Rev. Dr. James Hendricksen, Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein, Rev. Dr. Deborah Ann Taylor.
Noon		12:30 pm Lunch (provided)	12:30 pm Lunch (provided)	11:30 am Godspeed and Departure; check-out
Afternoon	4:00 pm Registration 5:00 pm Dinner (Georgetown Inn) Coffee is available	Free Time (see “Options”) 2:00 pm Curling Fun Spiel	Free Time (see “Options”) or “Letter of Call /Employment Documents” with Lisa Thiessen (ELCIC Group Services) 1:30 - 2:30 pm (main hall).	
Evening	7:30 pm: Welcome Holden Evening Prayer at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Welcome Reception	8:00 pm: Healing Service (Bishop Larry preaching)	7:30 pm: Eucharist Service (Bishop Sid will be preaching)	