

Anglican/Lutheran National Worship Conference in Edmonton July 20-23, 2014

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Edmonton: The Anglican Church of Canada and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) will hold a national worship conference in Edmonton, July 20-23, 2014. The conference will take place at the Providence Renewal Center at 3005 119 Street Northwest.

The conference theme "Weaving Strands: Liturgy for Living" illustrates the cooperative nature of the conference, which promises to weave together Anglican with Lutheran, liturgy with music, and worship with everyday life.

The biennial conference, which began as an ELCIC initiative, has welcomed increasing involvement and support from full-communication Anglican partners. Involving both churches in the planning process has undoubtedly resulted in a more varied and richer experience for conference participants, says Lutheran co-chair Dr. Joy Berg.

The 2014 conference will bring together presenters and participants from across North America to explore diverse styles of worship. Featuring internationally acclaimed musician Dr. David Cherwien and widely-respected liturgy scholar Dr. Ruth Meyers, it is a unique opportunity for musicians and liturgists to share and network ideas and resources. The conference welcomes participation by clergy and laity who seek to build up the life of the Christian community through worship.

"We're presenting some of the best, most exciting work happening in our church," says the Ven. Dr. Chris Pappas, Anglican co-chair. "The strand that's weaving us together is a passion for Christ."

The conference will feature workshop leaders from different faith backgrounds with diverse perspectives, says Pappas. In particular, he points to Lutheran pastor James Hendricksen who will highlight uses for modern technology in worship; Bernadette Gasslein, an author well known in Roman Catholic circles, who will address the topic of secularism and its challenge to faith; priest/pastor Ann Salmon who serves a joint Anglican-Lutheran congregation in Edson and will share why a common liturgy is central to sharing a common ministry; and Linnea Good, a singer/songwriter who produces music for all ages and has a popular following in the United Church.

Several events open to the general public will be offered in conjunction with the conference. Concordia University College is hosting the worship and music symposium "Come to Us, Creative Spirit" to be led by David Cherwien on Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19. Musicians will be able to play for Cherwien and receive practical feedback. The symposium will also include an organ crawl through Anglican and Lutheran parishes to hear some of the best pipes in Edmonton. On Saturday, July 19, Linnea Good will present the workshop "Worship Music, with Families" at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Old Strathcona. A preaching festival, featuring several workshop leaders speaking at various parishes, will be offered the Sunday of the conference.

For further details about the National Worship Conference and to register online, visit:

www.nationalworshipconference.org Register before June 15 for the earlybird rate.

Also available are special rates for students and congregational groups registering multiple members at one time.

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