



South-Central Synod of Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## Synod Assembly May 4 & 5, 2019 Summary Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall, Madison

Here are some fast facts:

**Our Theme Was: "Building Beloved Community:  
Strengthening Our Souls for Leadership"**

### Keynote Speaker

Ruth Haley Barton, Founder & CEO of The Transforming Center  
Her keynote addressed the challenges of spiritual leadership in a high performance culture. We also took time to assess the states of our souls and explored crucial disciplines for forging and maintaining a connection between our souls and our leadership as we strive to build beloved community.

### Workshops & Other Activities

18 Workshops spanned a variety of topics and Youth & Young Adults enjoyed a special lunch gathering with Bishop Thomas-Breitfeld and Judith Roberts, ELCA Director for Racial Justice Ministries.

### Offerings

Designated for the **Bishop's Discretionary Fund** used to support Pastors & Deacons in times of Crisis/Special Need and Synod Ministries . . . \$4,529.68

**Blessings of the Backpacks** - 1,000 backpacks to feed children in the south-central synod of Wisconsin were packed and distributed.

**GHM**—8 congregations participated, 3,209 rolled bandages, 123 newborn kits and 57 hospice kits were received and transported to GHM in St. Paul.

### Heart & Hands Award

Two congregations received this year's Heart and Hands award for building beloved community through creative partnering.

**Advent Lutheran Church/Madison Christian Community** for long-term partnering of two congregations for one spirit-led purpose

**St. Peter's Lutheran—Loganville** for partnering with local experts to meet a pressing community need through timely "Farm Stress & Suicide" Forums



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### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- #1 - Memorialize the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to adopt proposed social statement *Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action*
- #2 - Every Congregation Should Support SCSW Diakonia Program
- #3 - Memorial on Carbon Fee & Dividend
- #4 - Faith In Society Forums for the 21st Century
- #5 - Supporting Refugee Children
- #6 - No Way to Treat a Child: Protecting the Human Rights of Palestinian Children
- #7 - Immigration Reform and Refugee Resettlement

For the full resolutions, contact the synod office at 608/270-0201 or email Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life at [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org)

### ELECTIONS

#### Synod Council

Treasurer - Bruce Hutler

Female Clergy - Rev. Naomi Garber

Lay Male - Eric Knueve

Lay Female - Mary Nervig

Youth - Emily Sullivan

#### **Consultation Committee**

Rev. Karen Hofstad

#### **Discipline Committee**

Rofe Nervig, David Nesestuen, Carolyn Butts, Rev. Ann Walsvik

#### **Next Synod Assembly:**

**May 2 & 3, 2020**

**Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells**