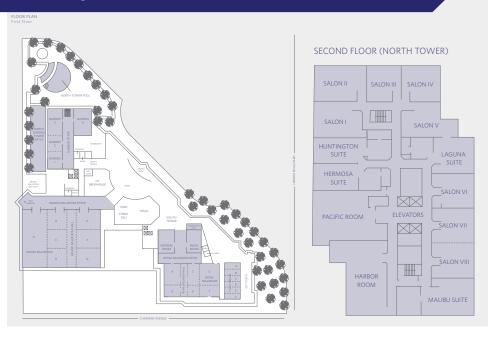
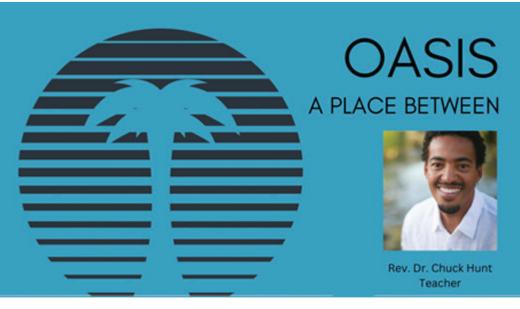




Hotel Layout





April 27, 4PM (pacific time); 7pm (eastern time)

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Welcome Note

Dear friends,

Welcome to Extravaganza 2023! Welcome to California! It is going to be so good to see so many of you this year. We all share in a common call. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we get to be a part of the faith formation of young people and their families. It is a blessed and holy calling. I don't know about you, but there are days when I do not feel adequate to the task. And yet, here I am...called to my congregation to do this work. But then the Apostle Paul reminds me that God says: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Over these days, you will learn skills and you will build relationships. But ultimately we want you to remember that you are created for a purpose, and that you are exactly where God wants you to be.

Know that God is with you. Know that God's grace is sufficient. Know that you have all you need. Know that you are enough.

God's peace!

Rev. Todd Buegler Executive Director

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Extravaganza 2023 Schedule (subject to change)

Thursday, February 2

10:00am-2:00pm: Early Onsite Registration Open (Grand Foyer)

1:00pm-6:00pm: Intensive Care Courses

The Curiosity Tour - led by C. McNair Wilson (Salon VI)

3 Big Questions - led by Jen Bradbury & Brad M. Griffin (Salon VII)

Groups with Gravity - led by LOM leaders (Salon VIII)

3:00pm-7:00pm: Network Board of Directors Meeting (Malibu) closed meeting

8:30pm-9:45pm: Early Arriver Meet n' Greet (OC Brewhouse in hotel lobby) - food and drink at your

own expense

Friday, February 3

Prayer Chapel available all day (Huntington)

9:00am-4:00pm: Intensive Care Courses continued

The Curiosity Tour - led by C. McNair Wilson (Salon VI)

3 Big Questions - led by Jen Bradbury & Brad M. Griffin (Salon VII)

Groups with Gravity - led by LOM leaders (Salon VIII)

9:00am-4:00pm: Multicultural Initiative (Garden 4)

9:00am-12:00pm: Network Board of Director Meeting (Presidential Suite) closed meeting

9:00am-10:30pm: Exhibit Hall Open (Grand Foyer & Ballroom A)

10:00am-7:00pm: Registration Open (Grand Foyer)

1:30pm-2:15pm: Bible Study (Garden 3)

1:30pm-2:30pm: Early Bird Workshop #1 (See Workshop Schedule in Network App or on Page 8) 3:00pm-4:00pm: Early Bird Workshop #2 (See Workshop Schedule in Network App or on Page 8)

3:00pm-4:00pm: Post Travel Yoga (Garden 2)

5:00pm-7:00pm: SYMBOL Reception (Presidential Suite) - closed session

5:00pm-5:30pm: First Timer's Welcome (Garden 4)

5:30pm-7:15pm: First Timer's Dinner (off site at Red Robin) - *prepaid add on* 5:30pm-7:15pm: Multicultural Initiative & Network Board Dinner (off site)

7:30pm-9:00pm: General Session #1 (Grand Ballroom)

9:00pm-10:30pm: Welcome Reception (Grand Foyer & Ballroom A)

Saturday, February 4

Prayer Chapel available all day (Huntington)

7:30am-8:15am: Yoga (Garden 2)

8:00am-5:15pm: Exhibit Hall Open (Grand Foyer & Ballroom A) 8:45am-9:30am: General Session #2: Track Launch (Grand Ballroom)

9:45am-10:45am: Track Session #1

How to Build a New Kind of Church Without Getting Fired (Garden 4)
Making Your Church a Safe Place for Children and Youth (Royal C & D)
Your Story Is Enough: You Can't Fill From an Empty Cup (Royal A & B)
Reclaiming the E Word: A New Form of Outreach (Royal E & F)

11:00am-12:15pm: Workshop Session #1 (See Workshop Schedule in Network App or on Page 8)

12:30pm-2:00pm: Lunch Break (on your own) or Synod Lunches

View Synod Lunch Info: elcaymnet.org/#synodlunch

2:00pm-3:00pm: Multicultural Initiative Check In (Garden 4)

3:15pm-4:30pm: Workshop Session #2 (See Workshop Schedule in Network App or on Page 8)

4:45pm-6:15pm: General Session #3 (Grand Ballroom)

6:30pm-8:30pm: Rostered Leaders Dinner (off site at Red Robin) - prepaid add on

8:00pm-10:00pm: Theology Pub (off site)

8:30pm-11:00pm: Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Reception (Malibu) - for LOM Outdoor Ministries Staff

Sunday, February 5

Prayer Chapel available all day (Huntington)

7:30am-8:15am: Yoga (Garden 2) 8:00am-8:30am: Bible Study (Garden 3)

8:00am-5:30pm: Hospitality Table Open (Grand Foyer)

8:00am-6:00pm: Exhibit Hall Open (Grand Foyer & Ballroom A)

9:00am-5:00pm: Registration Table Open (Grand Foyer)

9:00am-10:00am: Track Session #2

10:30am-12:30pm: General Session #4: Brunch Church (Grand Ballroom) meal provided

12:30pm-1:15pm: Multicultural Initiative Check In (Garden 4)

1:30pm-2:45pm: Workshop Session #3 (See Workshop Schedule in Network App or on Page 9) 3:00pm-4:15pm: Workshop Session #4 (See Workshop Schedule in Network App or on Page 9)

4:30pm-5:00pm: Book Signing - Drew Tucker - (Grand Foyer)

5:00pm-6:45pm: Dinner Break (on your own) 5:00pm-6:45pm: SYMBOL Dinner (Garden 1)

7:00pm-8:30pm: General Session #5 (Grand Ballroom)

9:00pm-10:30pm: Hymn Sing/Cranberry Jam (Grand Ballroom) 9:30pm-10:30pm: Network Partners Reception (Presidential Suite)

Monday, February 6

7:30am-8:15am: Yoga (Garden 3)

8:00am-11:30am: Exhibit Hall Open (Grand Foyer & Ballroom A)

9:00am-10:00am: Registration Desk Open (Grand Foyer) 9:00am-10:00am: Track Session #3: Wrap up & Sending 10:15am-11:45am: General Session #6 (Grand Ballroom)

2:00pm-7:00pm: SYMBOL Meeting (Garden 1)

Available Throughout the Extravaganza:

Extravaganza Office: Hermosa

Registration & Hospitality Table: Grand Foyer

Prayer Chapel: Huntington

ELCA & Youth Gathering Meeting Space: Salon 1 **Spiritual Direction:** Onsite and Online, By Appointment + QR Code: https://www.elcaymnet.org/SpiritualDirection



Tracks and Track Leaders

Your Story Is Enough: You Can't Fill From an Empty Cup

Track Leader: Vance Blackfox Track Sessions in Royal A & B

Everyone has a story to share, yet too often we don't feel like it's important enough to tell our own stories. And more often we aren't available to hear others tell theirs. As we live out our calls to work and journey with young people, might learning to effectively share our stories and invite youth to tell theirs, transform both their journeys and the church? This track will help ministry leaders claim their stories of triumph and tragedy, learn how to invite others to do the same, and provide resources for self-care and building your ministry. We are not on this journey alone, and we sometimes need to learn how to hold space for hearing another's story, and also telling our own, so that the body of Christ can more fully journey alongside each other together.

Track: How to Build a New Kind of Church Without Getting Fired

Track Leaders: Peggy Hahn & Jessica Noonan Track Sessions in Garden 4

Pandemic life has made ministry hard for over two years, and most of us have had enough. Our people want us to return to normal, but what is "normal"?! How do we encourage change in our ministries, looking forward and not getting stuck reminiscing over "what was" - even if that was only three years ago, not 30 years ago? This track includes envisioning new ways of doing ministry, while also finding the courage and partnerships, alongside the skills and energy to pursue doing ministry in a new way...without getting fired for thinking and dreaming outside of the box. If you are looking to stretch your ministry muscles in new ways, and to collaborate using fresh ideas while keeping the gospel central in all we do, this track is for you!

Reclaiming the "E" Word: A New Form of Outreach

Track Leader: Bishop Leila Ortiz Torres Track Sessions in Royal E & F

Too often we cringe at the word "evangelical" with its deep ties to colonization, conversion, and condescension. How do we reconcile those connotations with our identity as Evangelical Lutherans and our call to go and make disciples, spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth? How do we teach our children and youth to share their joy and faith in Jesus if they see our fear of how we might be received? This track shares refreshing ways of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who have been hurt by the church or who just haven't seen us live out the gospel in ways that remind us that the Word is enough, and that rooted in the

Word, they are already enough, and we are ENOUGH! Evangelism isn't about butts in the pews but building genuine relationships filled with the love of Christ. For ministry leaders who are "on fire" and want to share, but are afraid and/or don't know how to, this track will give direction and examples of how to evangelize in an approachable, relational and practical way with grace enough for all.

Track: Making Your Church a Safe Place for Children and Youth

Track Leader: Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy Track Sessions in Royal C & D

The statistics can seem overwhelming when we talk about how young people are treated within society, from bullying to abuse to isolation; both from their peers and from adults. So how do we as ministry leaders build and provide a safe place for our children and youth? We've had enough of the inequity, racism, and fear in the world - but does it have to be the same in the church? No! This track is designed to provide resources to ministry leaders who desire the skills to understand issues of diversity, identity, purpose, and belonging, and to put that understanding into practice, as a grace-filled leader. If you are feeling overwhelmed, lack resources, and are tired of feeling inadequate in your training to speak and lead in these areas, this track is for you!

On the Main Stage

In addition to the Track Leaders (see page 6) the main stage will be shared by these additional leaders:



The Many



Kara Haug

Adrian Michael

Green



Anthony Eder



Rev. Gretchen Mertes



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Onsite Workshop Listings (See Network App for Online Workshop Listings)

Track Information Key: Box color indicates which track(s) featured in corresponding workshop.

Track: Your Story Is Enough: You Can't Track: Reclaiming the E Word: A New

Track: How to Build a New Kind of Church Without Getting Fired

Track: Making Your Church a Safe Place for Children and Youth

EARLY BIRD SESSION #1: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - 1:30 - 2:30PM

Fill From an Empty Cup

The Losing Proposition of Authentic Evangelism: Embracing Relevancy, Impact, Accessibility, and Inclusion at All Costs

Leader: C.J. Clark Royal A

Finding God in the Midst of Storms

Leader: Dennis "Tiger" McLuen Royal E & F

Seeking Sacred Space?

Leader: Desta Goehner Royal C & D

EARLY BIRD SESSION #2: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - 3:00 - 4:00PM

Sci-Fi Church

Leader: Stephanie Luedtke Royal C & D

Reimagining Mission: The Theory and Practice of Accompaniment

Leader: Rev. Peter Harrits Royal A

You Really Are Enough: How Vocation, Jesus, Your Neighbor and Creation Will Save You

Leader: Jeremy Myers Royal E & F

Ministry Beyond the Walls of Your Congregation

Leaders: Dr. Kris Bjorke, Rev. Eric Wolf, Megan Floyd Royal B

WORKSHOP SESSION #1: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - 11:00AM-12:15PM

Leading a Movement: The Art of Being Just Brave Enough

Leaders: Peggy Hahn & Jessica Noonan Garden 4

The Big Orange Splot

Form of Outreach

Leader: Nicole Meyer Garden 1

Divest from (the myth of) White Supremacy Culture

Leader: Desta Goehner Royal C & D

Facing our Fears: Integrating Healthy Sexuality Conversations and Practices for Ages 0-18

Leader: Kara Haug Royal A & B

Our Children and Youth are MORE Than Enough

Leader: Jeremy Myers Garden 3

Until All Are Fed

Leader: Esther K. Sianipar Garden 2

Renaming and Reclaiming YOUR Story: Filling Each Other's Cups when We Can't Fill our Own

Leaders: Rev. Emily Norris & Ian Heseltine

Royal E & F

WORKSHOP SESSION #2: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - 3:15-4:30PM

"Youth Sunday" No More

Leader: Bishop Leila Ortiz Torres Royal E & F

Leading Youth Worship/Youth Leading Worship

Leader: Rev. Drew Yoos Salon VI

Think Like a Futurist

Leader: Stephanie Luedtke Garden 1

Living the Dream: Ministry Edition

Leader: Dawn Trautman Royal E & F

Bold, Loud, and Joyful: Raising Transgender and Gender-Expansive Youth in Faith

Leader: Jamie Bruesehoff Royal C & D

New Orleans Bound - 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

Leader: Tammy Jones West Royal A & B

Family Ministry Has Left The Church!

Leader: Lyle Griner Garden 4

Enough Already! Get Out of Your Building!!!

Leader: Jeremy Myers Garden 3

Intersectional Faith

Leader: Derek Stienmetz (They/Them/Theirs) Garden 2

WORKSHOP SESSION #3: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - 1:30-2:45PM

Faith and Healing in Action

Leader: Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy Royal C & D

Hearing the Wisdom of Young Adults

Leader: Jeremy Myers Garden 3

Press Pause: Ask the Question

Leaders: Antoine Cummings and Desta Goehner Royal A & B

Teaching the Bible from a Middle Eastern **Perspective**

Leader: Danielle Dadashi Garden 1

Sharing Faith on the Road of Life

Leader: Tiger McLuen Garden 2

Babies in the Building: A New Look at Early **Childhood Ministry**

Leader: Dawn Rundman Garden 4 **WORKSHOP SESSION #4: SUNDAY,** FEBRUARY 5 - 3:00PM-4:15PM

Story & Community

Leader: Vance Blackfox Royal A & B

Working Together and With At Every Age

Leaders: Rev. Mary Kaye Ashley and Lindsay Colwell

Garden 1

On The Way Together - Pathways for **Intercultural Development**

Leader: Rev. Peter Harrits Royal E & F

Sharing Faith on the Road of Life

Leader: Tiger McLuen Garden 4

Fill Your Bucket with Stories!

Leaders: Rev. Jennifer Rome and Rev. Heather Roth Johnson Royal C & D

The Gift of Relationship: Empowering **Preteens for Peer Ministry**

Leader: Victoria Hoppes Garden 2

Adding Sunshine to Your Ministry: A Fresh Approach to Intergenerational Worship

Leaders: Michelle Palmer & Adam Palmer Salon VI

Hearing the Wisdom of Young Adults In November 2022

Leaders: Riverside Innovation Hub Garden 3

Workshop Sessions on Saturday and Sunday & Track Sessions will be recorded and will be made available to Network Plus members through Martin's List at a later date.





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