

# living out the LARCUM covenant

## 500 Years Later: Ecumenical Dialogue as Gift and Call

**Susan K. Wood, SCL**  
**Presenter**

*Sister Susan Wood will focus  
our thoughts at this Centenary  
and consider a path to the future.*



VIRGINIA  
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Virginia LARCUM Conference  
**2017**

**Richmond, Virginia**

**Friday and Saturday,  
December 1 & 2**

# welcome

to Richmond, Virginia

## PARTICIPATING LOCAL CHURCHES

### Epiphany Lutheran Church

1400 Horsepen Rd., Richmond 23226  
(804) 282-6066

### Saint Bridget Catholic Church

6066 Three Chopt Rd., Richmond 23226  
(804) 282-9511

### Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

6000 Grove Ave, Richmond 23226  
(804) 288-2867

### Trinity United Methodist Church

903 Forest Ave, Richmond 23229  
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and The Catholic Diocese of Richmond

# register

Please register as soon as possible with the registrar AND make arrangements at the hotel of your choice (below).

Regular conference fee:

\$35.

Student rate

no charge

*Please let your friends know about our program and give them a personal invitation on behalf of the Virginia LARCUM Committee! Thanks.*

**Please send all correspondence to Registrar no later than November 17, 2017:**

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# lodging

Included here are some nearby hotels.

### Candlewood Suites Richmond - West Broad

2100 West Dickens Rd.

Richmond, Virginia 23230

(804) 324-3900

\$119/night, free wifi

### Embassy Suites By Hilton - Richmond

2925 Emerywood Parkway

Richmond, Virginia, 23294

(804) 672-8585

\$159/night with breakfast

### The Weston - Richmond

6631 West Broad Street

Richmond, Va 23230

(804) 282-8444

\$174/night, breakfast available, not complimentary

**Please See Insert For Parking Information And A Map Of The Hotels And Churches.**

# schedule

**December 1, 2017**

**FRIDAY Evening**

at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

**6:00pm**

**REGISTRATION, WELCOME RECEPTION**

**6:30pm**

**ORIENTATION FOR NEW ATTENDEES**

**7:00–8:15pm**

**Session One**

**The 2017 Centenary: How did we get here?**

*Sister Susan Wood*

*Introduction, Rev. Eric Moehring*

*A comparison of memories of what it was like before the ecumenical period with ecumenical accomplishments today reveals a seismic shift in perspective. This centenary is the first anniversary of the Reformation to occur in an ecumenical age, Lutherans and Catholics telling the story of the Reformation together rather separately. This session reviews the ecumenical commitments of Catholics and Lutherans and explores what is required for us to be in dialogue and what a reconciled church might look like.*

**8:15pm**

**WORSHIP OF THE GREAT ASSEMBLY**

*and Signing of the LARCUM Covenant*

*Bishop Richard Graham, Welcome*

*Bishop Michael Burbidge, Presider*

*Bishop Ted Gulick, Preacher*

*Please refer to the enclosed map for neighborhood parking. On Friday evening parking is available behind St. Stephen's and St. Bridget.*

**December 2, 2017**

**SATURDAY Morning**

at Saint Bridget Middle School Auditorium/Chapel

**8:00am**

**Continental Breakfast**

**8:30am**

**MORNING PRAYER**

*Bishop Sharma D. Lewis*

**9:00-9:30am**

at Saint Bridget Catholic Church

**REGISTRATION FOR NEW ARRIVALS**

**9:30–10:45am**

**Session Two**

**Documents Marking the Centenary:**

***From Conflict to Communion and Declaration on the Way***

*Introduction, Rev. Tom Prinz*

*The International document, From Conflict to Communion, and the U. S. document, Declaration on the Way, are study resources for churches commemorating the 2017 centenary. This session provides an overview of the two documents and examines the themes of the ecumenical prayer service that accompanies From Conflict to Communion.*

**11:00am-12:15pm**

**Session Three**

**The 2017 Centenary:**

***A Time of Vulnerability and Opportunity***

*The 2017 centenary is neither an ecumenical winter nor simply a time of harvesting past accomplishments, but it is a time of both vulnerability and opportunity. Ecumenical dialogue is both a charism and a vocational call. Moving forward, ecumenical engagement must look towards a pastoral ecumenism, a hierarchy of virtues, and a hermeneutic of generosity.*

**12:15pm**

**CLOSING DEVOTIONS, Blessing**

*Bishop Bob Humphrey*

**12:30pm**

**LUNCH**

*Please be sure to indicate on the registration form if you will be staying for lunch.*

# covenant

The unity of the church is the gift of the Spirit and a task of the church. We hereby CALL INTO COVENANT our respective Synods, Dioceses and Conferences and COMMIT OURSELVES to the following actions. In behalf of the unity of the church, WE WILL:

1. pray for each other, particularly at the principal Sunday celebration;
2. sponsor seasonal prayer services, especially during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity;
3. encourage shared lectionary studies;
4. promote pulpit exchanges in accord with the respective guidelines of each tradition;
5. encourage cooperation among member churches in providing premarital preparation for ecumenical marriages;
6. encourage shared religious formational and educational events, e.g. youth ministry, vacation Bible school, living room dialogue;
7. develop joint efforts in evangelism and social justice;
8. develop covenants among our congregations, institutions and chaplaincies;
9. support statewide, regional and local LARCUM Conferences, and establish annually a joint meeting of our ecumenical bodies;
10. encourage each diocese and synod to develop supportive prayer services and covenanting models for its congregations through their respective ecumenical and liturgical committees;
11. urge congregations to study the existing dialogues among our churches;
12. develop covenants among schools and academies for shared programs;
13. ask congregations to develop and reflect on their cooperative ministries to discover areas of convergence among our four churches;
14. sponsor shared retreats and formational events for clergy and parish leadership;
15. develop campus ministry covenants among Catholic Campus Ministry, Canterbury Association, Lutheran Student Union, and Wesley Foundation, and support covenants at existing ecumenical ministries and with college chaplains;
16. seek ways to coordinate program and planning at the district/synodical/diocesan/conference level;
17. collaborate at the judicatory level on justice issues and social concerns;
18. review and evaluate this Covenant annually at a meeting of the state LARCUM Committee representatives with Bishops;
19. establish goals annually which advance this Covenant;
20. celebrate the renewal of this Covenant annually at the statewide LARCUM conference.

May the Holy Spirit, who has brought us to this moment of covenanting, bring us to ever deepening levels of unity. To this end we affix our names and recommend it to our respective judicatories, this 1st day of December, 2006.

# speaker

**Susan K. Wood, SCL, Ph.D.**, a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, Kansas is professor of systematic theology in the Department of Theology at Marquette University. She received her doctorate from

Marquette University in 1986.



Dr. Wood teaches courses on ecclesiology, Henri de Lubac, the nouvelle théologie, ecumenism, and sacramental theology, as well as more general courses in systematic theology. Her research interests have focused on the theology of ordained ministry, the ecclesial dimen-

sions of sacramental theology, and the theology of Henri de Lubac. She is currently co-authoring a book on Catholic-Lutheran relations with Timothy Wengert in anticipation of 2017, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, for Paulist Press.

Very active in ecumenical work, she serves on the U.S. Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue (1994-present), the North American Roman Catholic-Orthodox Theological Consultation (2005-present), the conversation between the Roman Catholic Church and the Baptist World Alliance (2006-2010), and the International Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue (2008-present). She has also participated in consultations on baptism, theological anthropology, and the nature and purpose of ecumenical dialogue sponsored by Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches and the Joint Working Group.

She is an associate editor of *Pro Ecclesia* and serves on the editorial advisory board of the journal "Ecclesiology." Most of her writing explores the connections between ecclesiology and sacramental theology. In addition to numerous articles, she has published *One Baptism: Ecumenical Dimensions of the Doctrine of Baptism* (The Liturgical Press, 2009), *Spiritual Exegesis and the Church in the Theology of Henri de Lubac* (Eerdmans, 1998), and *Sacramental Orders* (The Liturgical Press, 2000), translated into Spanish (Barcelona, 2008), and recipient of the second place book award in the category of liturgy from the Catholic Press Association, May 25, 2001. She is the editor of *Ordering the Baptismal Priesthood* (The Liturgical Press, 2003) and co-editor, with Alberto Garcia, of *Critical Issues in Ecclesiology: Essays in Honor of Carl E. Braaten* (Eerdmans, 2011).

Dr. Wood is currently President of the Catholic Theological Society of America.