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NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Mission Support at Work:
Bringing People Together

Ministry across the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod is made possible through mission support, staff and volunteer leadership, ministry teams, congregational participation, and partnerships. This month's newsletter highlights several upcoming opportunities to worship, learn, serve, and connect.

OCT 14

Racial Justice Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom
Prayer, conversation, learning, resource sharing, and action centered on justice, equity, and reconciliation.
Learn more: godslove.org/racial-justice-team

OCT 17

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering

Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Location: The Lutheran Center, 2354 Grove Road, Allentown
Accepted items: Baby Care Kits, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, and quilts
Additional collection: Items may be brought to Christ Lutheran Church in Reading on Fridays in October from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The Berks County collection is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, at 9:30 a.m.
Learn more: godslove.org/26LWR-ingathering

OCT 17

Handling Conflict in the Congregation

Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 175 S. Third Street, Lehighton
Continuing education for current licensed lay ministers focused on handling conflict within congregations.
Learn more: godslove.org/handling-conflict

OCT 31

The Installation of Bishop Jennifer Dee

Saturday October 31, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, 2344 Center St, Bethlehem, PA 18017
Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry will participate in the service, with hors d'oeuvres served following the installation.
Learn more: **godslove.org/bishop-installation**

NOV 9-10

2026 Bishop's Conference – "Navigating Differences in a Polarized World"

November 9–10, 2026
Location: Shawnee Inn and Resort, 100 Shawnee Inn Drive, Shawnee on Delaware
Presenter: Dr. Shirley Mullen
Registration deadline: October 8
A conference for pastors, deacons, and licensed lay ministers helping engage disagreement with courage, compassion, attentive listening, and hope.
Learn more: godslove.org/BC2026

NOV 13-15

Come Away: Young Adult Retreat

November 13–15, 2026
Time: Friday at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Location: Bear Creek Camp, 3601 Bear Creek Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre
Registration deadline: October 15
Organized by Gather Lehigh Valley for young adults ages 18–35. Full and partial scholarships are available.
Learn more: godslove.org/come-away

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027

MAY 15 2027

Imagine More as a Synod

Saturday May 15, 2027
Location: Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5500 Route 873 Schnecksville, PA 18078
An event for youth and adult leaders attending the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering to help NEPA participants meet one another, build relationships, learn what to expect, and prepare through worship, activities, and conversation.
More details to come at godslove.org/imagine-more-as-synod

Help Make Ministry Possible

Mission Support strengthens congregations, supports leaders, and helps new ministries take root across our synod and the wider church. Thank you for being part of this shared ministry. Learn more about Mission Support and how your congregation can support at **godslove.org/missionsupport**.