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## 2015 Virginia Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering

- Bible Study
- Small Group Discussions
- Personal Growth through Presentations and Discussions
- Fellowship
- Great Atmosphere and Food

**When:** Saturday, April 25 – Sunday afternoon, April 26, 2015

**Where:** Roslyn Episcopal Conference and Retreat Center  
8727 River Road – Richmond, Virginia 23229

Ambassadors for Christ

“The Challenge Message of Jesus “

**Theme Statement:** Can you imagine a world where the unfortunate ones are blessed...where opposing people are reconciled...where evil is disarmed by grace? In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus describes his vision for such a new community, a wonderful alternative to the contemporary culture of hate and fear. Pastor John Herman will lead us in an in-depth study of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), demonstrating that it is at once the most hopeful and most challenging teaching of Jesus.

### **Presenter: The Rev. Dr. John Herman**



The Rev. Dr. John Herman served at Christ, Fairfax, Bethlehem in Lynchburg and Peace, Charlottesville, in 30 years of parish ministry. In retirement, he is president of Adult Lutherans Organized for Action, an inter-Lutheran organization committed to assisting congregations in developing ministry with middle and older adults. Dr. Herman has written a five-volume discipleship curriculum, *Going Deeper: A Journey with Jesus*, and a daily devotional and small group discipleship resource about the Sermon on the Mount. He says his passion is leading congregations toward a discipleship model of church. His life mission statement is “Coaching individuals and congregations into the fullness of God’s mission”. He has led workshops and spoken at conferences in Chicago, New York, Maryland, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Dr. Herman earned master degrees from Princeton and Trinity Lutheran Seminaries and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Philadelphia Seminary where he has been an adjunct professor. He and his wife, Leslie, live on Virginia’s Eastern Shore. They have two adult married daughters and three grandchildren.

### **Chaplain: The Rev. Andrew Bansemer**



Serving as the chaplain for the event, we are pleased to have a son of the Virginia Synod, Pastor Andrew Bansemer of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Marion. Andrew is a son of Bishop Richard Bansemer, former bishop of the Virginia Synod. Andrew served as our Chaplain for the last 3 years. We are grateful for Andrew’s passion for the Gospel and desire to share with us and lead us in worship and devotion to God.