



GATHERING OF MINISTERIUM

September 30-October 2, 2024

WORSHIP | CONTINUING ED | FELLOWSHIP | RELAX

CALLED TO LEAD IN AN AGE OF ANXIETY: THE VOCATION OF BAPTIZED CHILDREN OF GOD

Gather to meet, reconnect, worship, relax, learn, sing, pray and play together while overlooking the ocean. The Gathering of the Ministerium includes valuable continuing education for all rostered ministers, interns, and Synodical Authorized Ministers. Everyone who attends, whether in person or online, will receive 10 CEUs.



**On-Site at the Holiday Inn &
Suites North Beach,
Virginia Beach**



**Digitally connect to
Zoom from home**



Rev. Danielle DeNise

Pastor Danielle DeNise serves as the Director for Evangelical Mission in the North Carolina Synod. Prior to beginning that role in 2017, she served as the Pastor for Discipleship at St. John's, Salisbury and the as a deacon and Director of Congregational Life at Christ the King, Cary. Pastor Danielle is a graduate of American University and Duke Divinity. She is set to begin her doctoral work this fall at United Seminary. Pastor Danielle loves that her work allows her to walk alongside so many different types of congregations and bear witness to the remarkable moves of the Spirit happening in our midst. Pastor Danielle is an Ohio girl (Go Buckeyes!) that moved south as quick as she could to enjoy the sunshine. She is married to Michael and they have two kiddos - Moses and Olive. Our family loves the beach and baking. Danielle enjoys swimming and reading.

Event Theme

This year's theme invites the Interns, SAMS, Deacons, and Pastors of the Virginia Synod to remember and claim our baptismal identity in the present season of ministry that is marked by both anxiety and hope. The event will include a total of 4 sessions. Sessions 1, 2, and 3 will include 30 minutes of large group time with Pastor Danielle and 60 minutes of workshop time. Session 4 will consist of 90 minutes presentation led by Pastor Danielle. When you register for the Gathering, you will select what workshop you will attend for Sessions 1, 2, and 3. Please review page 5 of this brochure to see the workshop offerings.

Schedule



Monday

**Notes the opportunities for digital attendees*

- 12:30 **Event Check In + Reunion
(lunch on your own)**
- 1:45 ***Welcome and Introduction of New
Rostered Ministers
Ordination Anniversary Celebration**
- 2:00 ***Covenant Renewal Litany & Land
Acknowledgement**
- 2:45 ***Continuing Education Session 1:
Evolving Leadership in Changing Ministry
Landscape**
- 3:15 ***Session 1 Workshops**
- 4:20 **Break & *Bishop Meet & Greet for
digital attendees**
- 6:00 **Dinner**
- 7:30 **Beer and Hymns at Smartmouth
Brewing Company**

Tuesday

- 7:00 **Breakfast on your own**
- 8:30 ***Morning Prayer**
- 9:00 ***Continuing Education Session 2:
Evolving Ministry Contexts & Culture**
- 9:35 **Session 2 Workshops**
- 10:35 ***Break**
- 11:00 ***Continuing Education Session 3:
Adaptive Leadership and Ministry
Models**
- 11:35 **Session 3 Workshops**
- 12:35 **Have Fun! Lunch on your own and
free time activities**
- 5:30 **Dinner**
- 7:00 ***Bishop and Staff Time**

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Wednesday

- 7:00 Breakfast on your own
- 8:30 *Continuing Education Session 4:
Leadership as Baptized Children of God
- 10:00 Short Break
- 10:15 *Closing Worship with Eucharist
- 11:30 Have Fun, Hit the Road!

Digital Attendees

This year's gathering includes an option to participate as a digital attendee. Digital attendees will be able to connect to the gathering on their own devices online. They will be able to participate in all continuing education presentations, worship and will participate in small groups. No meals will be provided for digital attendees.



Workshops Options

Session 1- Option A

Exploring Multi-Vocational and Part-Time Ministry

Join the workshop to share your experience, questions, and curiosity about multi-vocational and/or part-time ministry. This workshop is designed to open up space for sharing, wondering, and supporting those already in multi-vocational ministry, part-time ministry, or those in discernment about it. A member of the Ministerium Team will be present to listen and participate.

Session 2- Option A

Healthy Communities

Join Pastor Liz Radtke to talk about anxiety within ministry sites and how to care for your own anxiety and lead in a healthy way.

Session 3- Option A

Fostering Partnerships between Ministry Sites and Organizations

Join Pastor John Wertz to hear about partnerships between ministry sites of the Virginia Synod and outside organizations that are mutually beneficial.

Session 1- Option B

Vocation and Retirement

Join Pastor Bill Boldin for a conversation on vocation and retirement.

Session 2- Option B

Inviting Lay Members to Serve Boldly

Join Martin Paulson, Synodically Authorized Minister, who serves Shiloh Blacksburg to hear his call story and learn how he invites lay members to serve boldly in the life of the congregation.

Session 3- Option B

Sharing your Mission

Join staff from EnCircle for a conversation on how you can tell the story of your ministry site in ways that reach different audiences, those who have been part of church for a long time, and those who are joining the mission for the first time.

In-Person Community Options

ATTEND THE GATHERING IN-PERSON AT VIRGINIA BEACH

Beer & Hymns

Be a part of Beer & Hymns at Smartmouth Brewing's Virginia Beach Pilot House at 313 32nd Street. Raise a glass and raise your voice in praise of God. One drink ticket will be provided for each person who attends. Beer and Hymns begins at 7:30 p.m. on Monday night and all musicians are invited to bring an instrument to join in accompanying our song.



PrayGround

"Let the little children come." Rostered Ministers with small children are encouraged to use the pray ground, which will be located in our main gathering space. If your family is traveling to the beach and the pray ground area would be helpful, make sure to respond to the registration question. If we do not receive responses that this space will be beneficial for this year's gathering, it will not be provided. The pray ground will not be staffed.



Questions Regarding Portico

The Rev. Cathy Schibler

I am grateful to be part of Portico's ministry, to walk alongside you – our rostered ministers who use Portico Benefits. As we gather for the Ministerium, please feel free to stop by the table to chat, make an appointment if you have questions about your benefits, or would just like to review your benefits. It's important to us to support you in your ministry! And if you are attending digitally, I would be happy to meet via TEAMS, just email me to make an appointment or let us know during registration. I look forward to being with all of you!



Free-Time Options

Take advantage of one of the free-time options to spend time with colleagues or on your own. Please watch for additional free-time options on the Virginia Synod Rostered Ministers Facebook page.



Disc Golf

Join us for an afternoon of Disc golf at Bayville Farms Park Disc Golf! No experience necessary and if you don't have a disc, do not fear, nor be afraid, because we will be with you and let you use a disc. We would love for you join us! Our afternoon will start immediately after the Ministerium session with lunch at New River Taphouse - 1716 Pleasure House Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 (22 min away from hotel), and then go to disc golf which is nearby the restaurant. If you have any questions beforehand, touch base with Jonathan Boynton, jboynton@gracewin.org Bayville Farms Park Disc Golf Address: 4132 First Ct Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 (19 min away from hotel).



Golf

Enjoy a full afternoon on the golf course. The recently renovated Red Wing Golf Course will host golfers of all skill levels. The cost for golfers is \$35 dollars plus tax and is payable at the golf course. Golfers wishing to carpool to the course should meet in the hotel lobby promptly at noon. As a church of grace, mulligans will be awarded abundantly and generously! Pastor David Derrick is the point of contact for this activity.



Nap

Resist the urge to craft Sunday's sermon or reply to all those emails. Instead, take a nap, watch an episode of your favorite show, or sit on your hotel balcony and enjoy the sounds of the ocean.



Sand Sculptures

Each year sand sculptors from around the world come to Virginia Beach for the Neptune Festival to compete in the annual International Sand Sculpting Championship. A group will meet in the lobby at 1:30 to go check them out.

Area Attractions

Take time to explore activities and attractions in the local community. Use the QR Code to review a list of fun things opportunities.

[Fun things in the area](#)



HOTEL INFORMATION

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES, NORTH BEACH

3900 ATLANTIC AVENUE

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23451

757.428.1711

Reservation Group Code is TVS



HOTEL RESERVATION PROCESS

You will be responsible for making your hotel reservations by calling the Holiday Inn directly at 757-428-1711 or [clicking here](#). To receive the negotiated room rate (\$122 plus taxes), **your reservation will need to be made by August 30**; our group name is Virginia Synod, and our **group code is TVS**. After August 31, reservations will be based on space and rate availability.

You also are invited to come early or extend your stay, and the hotel offered a discounted rate for adding Saturday and/or Sunday (\$129), Wednesday, and/or Thursday nights (\$122). Guests may check-in anytime after 4:00 PM. Requests for early check-in can be made when you make your reservation, but it is not guaranteed. Check-out time is 11:00 AM, but for Wednesday, the check-out time has been adjusted to noon.



If you are an existing IHG member, please have your number available when making your reservation. All reservations must be accompanied by a first-night room deposit plus applicable state and local taxes and guaranteed with a major credit card. If a guest wishes to cancel a reservation, **the deposit is refundable if notice is received 72 hours before the day of the arrival** and a cancellation number is obtained. Guests will not incur room charges for an early departure.

This hotel is a family-friendly property. It has amenities available for adults and children. Please call or check the hotel's website for those activities open during our meeting and what equipment is available at the hotel vs. what you may need to bring with you. While not included in your registration package, breakfast (buffet or a la carte) is available at The Greenery Restaurant, adjacent to our meeting space.



Event Registration

REGISTER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 13 (IN-PERSON)
OR SEPTEMBER 23 (DIGITAL)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

TWO ATTENDEE OPTIONS

On-Site Attendees

\$180 for Rostered Minister and
\$90 for Non-Rostered Spouse

Remember to reserve your hotel room
(*information on page 6*)

Early Bird Discount until August 5 of \$165 for
Rostered Minister & \$75 for a
Non-Rostered Spouse

Hotel Block closes on August 30

Registration deadline September 13

Digital Attendees

\$80 to participate digitally

Early Bird Discount until August 5 of \$65

Registration deadline September 23

*The schedule notes the opportunities for
digital attendees*

Refund Policy for Gathering of the Ministerium 2024

*For all cancellations, please complete this request form, <https://forms.gle/uuFSwMBAABAM6oNX8>.
Don't forget to cancel your hotel room!*

*Registration refunds through September 17, 2024, for cancellations will be issued as follows: A
\$15.00 processing fee will be charged, and the remaining balance will be refunded.*

*September 18 through September 30, 2024, refunds for cancellations will be issued as follows: 50%
will be refunded due to the non-refundable processing fee charged by the hotel.*

All refunds will be processed after the event.