



# Coexistence: Creative Inspiration for Living Together

## Gathering of the Ministerium

September 29 - October 1, 2025

*Gather to meet, reconnect, worship, relax, learn, sing, pray, and play together while overlooking the ocean. The Gathering of the Ministerium offers valuable continuing education for all rostered ministers, interns, vicars, and actively serving synod authorized ministers. Everyone who attends, whether on-site or digitally, will receive 10 CEUs.*

**WORSHIP | CONTINUING ED | FELLOWSHIP | RELAX**



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



**Digitally connect to  
Zoom from home**



## The Rev. Dr. Patricia Cuyatti Chávez

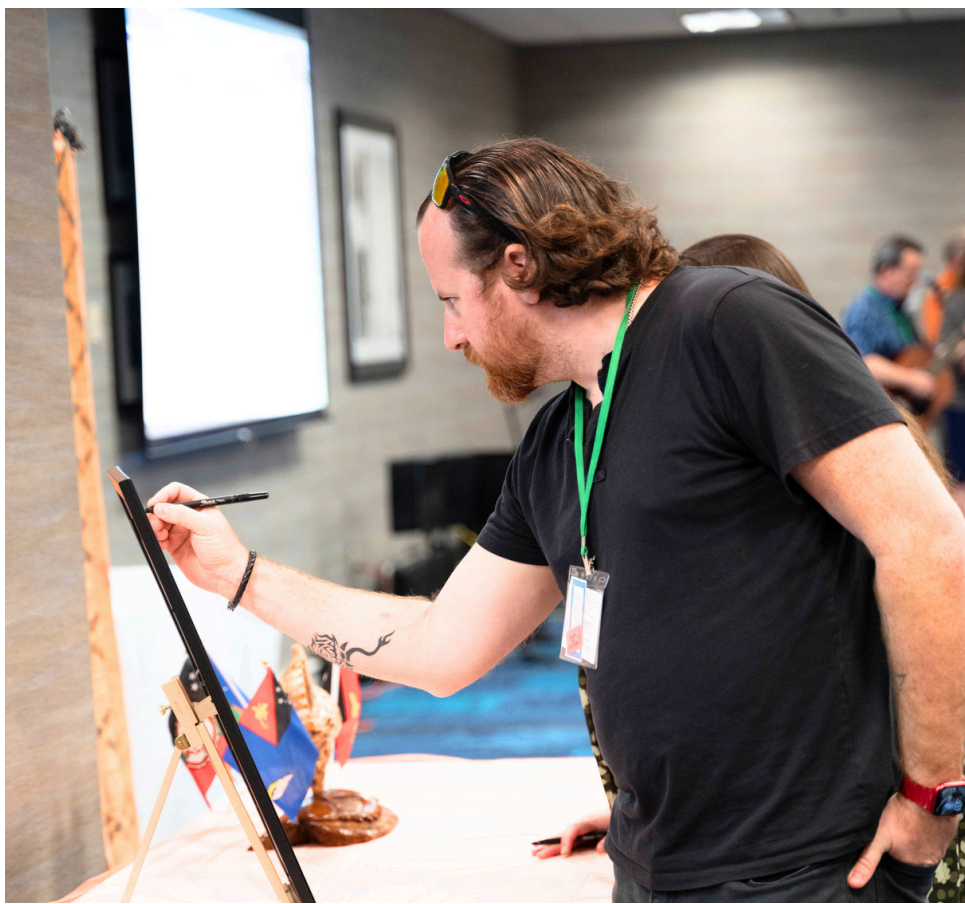
Born in Huancayo City, Peru, Patricia is rooted in the Quechua and Afro-Peruvian cultures and traditions. After attending a technological seminary and gaining work experience, Patricia completed a degree in Theology at the Seminario Evangélico de Lima and a Master's in Theology at the Instituto Ecumênico de Pós-Graduação in São Leopoldo, Brazil. In June 1999, she was ordained to the Word and Sacrament in the Lutheran Church of Peru (ILP). She served as a part-time pastor and was elected the Pastor President of the ILP (Bishop's office). After completing one term, Patricia declined to be reelected to allow other pastors to learn and grow in leadership.

After her term as the Pastor President, Patricia completed a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Theology at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and one year of hospital chaplaincy. She served as the Regional Secretary for Latin America, the Caribbean, and North America in the Lutheran World Federation and moved to the U.S. in 2022. Since moving to the U.S. she has served in a variety of ministry roles and continues to hold numerous board and leadership positions that connect her to local and global communities. To learn more about Patricia, [click here](#).

## Event Theme

This year's theme invites interns, SAMs, deacons, and pastors to think deeply on Psalm 107:30, "They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven." The Rev. Dr. Patricia Cuyatti Chávez using her global ministry experience, biblical scholarship, and Lutheran theological voice will explore the gift and trust of being the Body of Christ in the world through four sessions that will bring a biblical and theological perspective to our current times and equip the Ministerium for leading with a Gospel-centered hope and vision.





# 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:  
Living Together in Solidarity**
- 3:45 **\*Synod Staff Time #1  
Break & \*Bishop Meet & Greet for  
digital attendees**
- 6:00 **Dinner**
- 7:30 **Beer and Fellowship at Smartmouth  
Brewing Company**

## Tuesday

- 7:00 **Breakfast on your own**
- 8:30 **\*Morning Prayer**
- 9:00 **\*Continuing Education Session 2:  
Living Together in Joint Struggles**
- 10:00 **\*Synod Staff Time #2**
- 10:15 **Break**
- 11:00 **\*Continuing Education Session 3:  
Living Together and Sharing  
Resources**
- 12:00 **\*Synod Staff Time #3**
- 12:15 **Have Fun! Lunch on your own and  
free time activities**
- 5:30 **Dinner**
- 7:00 **\*Bishop Time**





# Schedule

## Wednesday

- 7:00** Breakfast on your own  
**8:30** \*Continuing Education Session 4:  
 Living Together in a Sustainable Common Life  
**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 online using their own devices. They will be able to participate in all continuing education presentations and worship. No meals will be provided for digital attendees.





# On-Site Community Options

Attend the gathering in-person at  
Virginia Beach

## Beer & Fellowship

Walk over or drive to Smartmouth Brewing's Virginia Beach Pilot House at 313 32nd Street to raise a glass and enjoy fellowship with one another. One drink ticket will be provided for each attendee. There will be an open mic for musicians who want to perform during the fellowship time.



## PrayGround

"Let the little children come." Attendees with small children are encouraged to use the prayground, which will be located in our main gathering space. If your family is traveling to the beach and the prayground 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 prayground will not be staffed.





# 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](mailto:jboynton@gracewin.org) Bayville Farms Park Disc Golf Address: 4132 First Ct Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 (19 min away from hotel).



## 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.](#)



## 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.



# Hotel Information

Holiday Inn & Suites, North Beach  
3900 Atlantic Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
757.428.1711

Reservation Group Code is SYN



## 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 29**; our group name is Virginia Synod, and our **group code is SYN**. After August 30, reservations will be based on space and rate availability.

You are also invited to come early or extend your stay, and the hotel is offering 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 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 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 15 (On-Site)  
or September 22 (Digital)

[Register Here](#) - Early Bird Discount until August 11

## On-Site Attendees

\$185 for Rostered Minister and  
\$90 for Non-Rostered Spouse/Partner

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

Early Bird Discount until August 11 of \$170  
for Rostered Minister & \$75 for a  
Non-Rostered Spouse/Partner

Hotel Block closes on August 29

Registration deadline September 15

## Digital Attendees

\$85 to participate digitally

Early Bird Discount until August 11 of \$70

Registration deadline September 22

*The schedule notes the opportunities for  
digital attendees*

 REGISTER NOW



### **Cancellations and Refund Policy for Gathering of the Ministerium 2025**

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

Registration refunds for cancellations through September 15, 2025, will be issued as follows: a \$15.00 processing fee will be charged, and the remaining balance will be refunded. September 16 through September 29, 2025, 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.

