Concurrent Sessions A: Friday from 10:30 AM-11:45 AM



A1 If God Calls, Why Not the Church? - The Rev. Dr. Jean Bozeman **Miller: 113**

Travel with Pastor Jean through her journey of how the spirit has enlightened, equipped, and empowered her to love the church deeply, while sometimes discovering that the church was still learning what in the world to do with someone like her. This November 14, 2026, will mark the date that, 50 years ago, Jean became the first woman to be ordained by the Virginia Synod. What began as a simple "yes" to God's call became a lifelong journey of ministry filled with unexpected turns, highs, moments of doubt, and countless experiences of joy and grace.



A2 Born of Water and the Spirit - The Rev. Susan Briehl **Colket: Pickle**

Explore the multi-faceted meaning of the Sacrament as proclaimed by baptismal fonts, both ancient and new.



A3 Vocation in the Real World: Serving God in Secular Spaces - Marty Holliday **Miller: 212**

This workshop explores how our baptism sends us not only into congregational life but also into offices, farms, classrooms, hospitals, homes, and communities as bearers of Christ's presence. Together, we will reflect on the spiritual challenges of modern work and reclaim our daily roles as holy callings. Whether you are employed, retired, caregiving, volunteering, or discerning what's next, discover how the Spirit is already at work through you for the sake of the world.



A4 From Hurts to Heeding: How the Church Helps Souls Heal from Moral Injury, so They Can Heed the Spirit's Call - The Rev. Chris Bowen **Miller: 114**

An introduction to moral injury and its impact on our ability to hear and heed the call of the Spirit. This will be a space for church leaders to explore the practices and rituals that free the baptized to live into their vocations anew.



A5 Ministry in Transition and Beyond - The Rev. John Wertz Jr. **Miller: 012**

Congregations across the Virginia Synod are experiencing a time of transition. In this workshop, we will explore tools for managing transition, opportunities for collaboration and partnership, and ideas for strengthening ministry during a pastoral transition.



A6 Bible Rhymes for Spirit Times - The Rev. Joel Neubauer **Miller: 213**

How might poetry and song help our modern analytical minds listen for the Holy Spirit's creative power? Relish gospel passages from our liturgical cycle with Pastor Joel Neubauer, using music and meter to explore an artistic approach to Bible study.