Concurrent Sessions C: Friday from 3:15-4:30 PM



C1 Laity Invited to a Conversation with Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry **Antrim Chapel**

Reflecting on one of the ELCA's priority areas - a connected, sustainable church - Presiding Bishop Curry's focus for this year is to emphasize a connected church. Come and have a conversation about what that would mean for the laity. Commissioned lay ministers who are not appointed as SAMs are invited to this session.



C2 God is Neurodivergent: Theology and Practice to Include All Brains - Nathaniel Porter, **Colket: Pickle**

This session includes an overview of neurodiversity and a range of neurodivergent types (such as autism, ADHD, bipolar, and many learning disabilities), an introduction to disability theology with specific consideration of how the Bible reflects and addresses neurodiversity, and practical ideas for more fully integrating neurodivergent folk into the lives of congregations.



C3 Exploring Essential Oils for Emotions & Support - Jamie Serafin **Miller: 212**

Discover a hands-on way to understand how stress and emotions affect daily life, relationships, and faith. You'll learn how scent influences the brain and explore gentle practices with essential oils that support calmness, emotional balance, and resilience. Each person will make a custom roller blend to take home.



C4 Compassionate Community through the Enneagram - Christina Nelson **Miller: 213**

The enneagram is a powerful tool for increasing self-awareness, spiritual receptivity, and collective liberation. As we wrestle with the gifts, challenges, and wisdom of our type, radical acceptance and compassion are essential. In this workshop, we will dive deeper not only into the unique aspects of each enneagram type but also into how we can resonate with and understand one another. There will be opportunities for small-group discussions designed to foster self-reflection and community care. You do not need to know your type to participate. The goal of this workshop is to give participants a taste of how powerful a tool for transformation the enneagram can be in their lives.



C5 Crafting Crystal Seashell Wonders - Maribeth Ocock **Miller: 112**

Dive into the enchanting world of crystal crafts this workshop. Discover the magic of transforming ordinary seashells into sparkling ornaments using simple, everyday ingredients. Perfect for all ages, this hands-on experience will ignite your creativity and leave you with stunning, handcrafted treasures to cherish or gift. Join us for a journey of discovery and creativity by the sea!

Continuing Education

Rostered ministers and commissioned lay ministers who attend will receive 10 CEUs. If a certificate is needed, you can contact Lenae Osmondson at osmondson@vasynod.org.