

How can I use my Gifts to be a part of the Synod's Ministry?

PRAY for the ministry we all share as the Allegheny Synod.

IDENTIFY AND SHARE your gifts in congregations, the synod, and partner ministries.

COMMUNICATE important information from the Synod with members of your congregation(s).

ENCOURAGE FINANCIAL SUPPORT to fund the many vital ministries of the Allegheny Synod.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Ongoing Synod Events

SYNOD ASSEMBLY – Annual gathering of laity and associates in ministry, diaconal ministers, and pastors (rostered leaders) for renewal and decision making.

DISCERNING YOUR DISCIPLESHIP (DYD) – Ongoing school to educate lay leaders in specific areas of ministry.

SYNOD YOUTH EVENTS – Annual events for Junior High, and Senior High Youth.

BISHOP'S CONVOCATION – Annual gathering for pastors and lay rostered leaders of the synod which includes time for worship, learning, renewal and fellowship.

Our Synod Organization

SYNOD ASSEMBLY - Highest legislative authority of the synod.

SYNOD COUNCIL - Board of directors between annual assemblies.

Who are Our Ministry Partners?

Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries (ALSM)
Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries
Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg
Gettysburg College
Lutheran Campus Ministry at PSU
Campus Ministry at PSU Altoona
Campus Ministry at UPJ
Susquehanna University
Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Ministry in Appalachia (ELCMA)
Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA (Lampa) Region 8, ELCA – Mid-Atlantic
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Shawnee Campground Ministry
Sequanota Conference Center and Camp

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**GOD'S
WORK.
OUR
HANDS.**



**TOGETHER
WE ARE THE
ALLEGHENY
SYNOD**

of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

The root words of synod mean, “**on the road together**”. A synod is a grouping of congregations who collectively do the work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Mission Statement

Rooted in the Gospel of our Lord, the Allegheny Synod inspires, encourages, and supports the church, in response to God's call to gather around Word and Sacrament, and to scatter into the world to offer God's gifts of love, forgiveness, care, justice, and mercy.

Quick Facts About the Allegheny Synod

The Allegheny Synod consists of **seven counties** in central Pennsylvania which are:

Bedford
Blair
Cambria
Centre
Clearfield
Huntingdon
Somerset



The Allegheny Synod is made up of **eight conferences** or groups of congregations cooperating to do ministry which are:

Altoona	Nittany
Bedford	Northern Somerset
Clearfield	Southern Somerset
Johnstown	Upper Juniata

Our Total Congregations	116
Our Total Baptized Members	35,421
Our Average Attendance	8,146
Homes receiving our Lutheran Letter	6,400

The **Montana Synod** is a synod of the ELCA that is our partner for mutual support and sharing.

The **Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church** is our Companion Synod.

Who are the Staff Persons that Serve the Synod?

BISHOP

The Rev. Michael L. Rhyne

ASSISTANTS TO THE BISHOP

The Rev. Timothy Knauss
The Rev. Paula Schmitt

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Michelle L. Bossler

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Who are the Synod Officers?

The Rev. Michael L. Rhyne, Bishop
Spence Garvin, Vice President
David Finney, Secretary
Todd Hammaker, Treasurer

How do I Contact the Synod?

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SYNOD INVOLVEMENT

How may I Serve?

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES supports and encourages the many facets of congregational ministry including: learning, evangelism, stewardship, social ministry, worship, and ministry with children, youth, and families.

LEADERSHIP encourages and supports lay and rostered leaders of the Allegheny Synod.

SYNOD OUTREACH supports the Synod's relationships with our ecumenical partners and partner ministries, such as Global Missions, Sequanota, and Campus Ministries.

FINANCE has responsibility for developing and administering an annual program proposal (budget).

CANDIDACY provides support for individuals in the synod who are studying to be pastors, associates in ministry, diaconal ministers, and deaconesses.

RECONCILIATION assists congregations moving from conflict to reconciliation.

REVITALIZATION assists congregations to focus their ministry.

TRANSITION assists congregations in times of pastoral or staff vacancy.