



Montana Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Montana Synod Weekly Announcements
April 5, 2021

2021 Montana Synod Assembly
Registration

Registration will close April
15th

"Equipping Ministry for Change"

...Equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...

Ephesians 4:12

The 2021 Montana Synod Assembly will be held as a virtual meeting June 4-5.

Tutorials will be available to help voting members with participation.

Please only register if you are a voting member nominated by your congregation!

[Click here for the Assembly registration link!](#)

Multiple voting members can be registered at the same time when you click on the form. Please note, there will be no physical registration or physical payment allowed this year. Please insure that each individual voting member has their own unique email address and has the ability to check it regularly.

There will be no visitor registrations this year, the assembly will be streamed on Youtube, so any non-voting individuals can watch there.

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If you have any questions about the registration process email:
cmccarty@montanasynod.org

Covid Relief information from Region 1 Disaster Response

On March 24 FEMA announced a funeral expense help fund for people who have lost loved ones to COVID-19. [The link for this announcement is here.](#)

[More information on the program is here.](#) The program will be initiated in April, but a specific date has not yet been published.

Be aware, there are lots of scams out around this offering. It is easy to imagine how people who have suffered losses would be easy targets. So, information and facts would seem helpful here. FEMA, once they get started, will offer a toll free number for people who wish to apply. They will *not* be calling people who have suffered losses, and they will *not* be taking applications online. This is for the safety of the public.

Thanks,

Dave Brauer-Rieke

Bishop Emeritus, Oregon Synod, ELCA

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United Theological College of the West Indies

Invites applicants for the following short course

Certificate in Gender and Leadership in Church Society

PURPOSE?

This course proposes that leadership competence transcends gender and that people of any gender and sexual orientation together, appropriately qualified and trained can provide quality leadership in church and community towards disciple-making.

The programme is relevant and will challenge participants to interrogate practices and beliefs which exclude women from leadership and encourage them to envision and work towards an alternative reality of a partnership of equals.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Ministerial students preparing for ordination.
- Lay leadership in congregations
- Graduates of UTCWI and other theological institutions - clergy and lay.

Duration of Course: 9 Weeks

Start Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 pm (Jamaican time)

 **APPLY NOW**

CONTACT US FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Region 1 Boundaries Training

May 18 & 20, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)

Presented online via Zoom

Rostered leaders serving in the synods of Region 1 are invited to participate in boundaries training, led by Pastor Grant Barnett Christenson and Pastor Lynne Ogren of the Montana Synod. The topics covered use FaithTrust Institute's 201 course materials.

Day One sets the foundation of good boundaries with three sessions:

The Joy of Boundaries

Power and Vulnerability

Living with Healthy Boundaries: Self-Care

Day two will look more specifically at concerns related to:

Living with Healthy Boundaries: Internet Technology

Living with Healthy Boundaries: Social Media



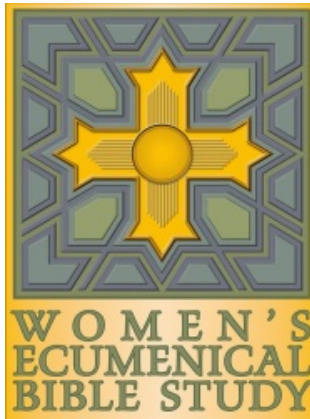
Register for one or both days through Northern Rockies Institute of Theology of the Montana Synod at <https://www.montanasynd.org/nrit.html>

Day 1: \$30 Day 2: \$30 Both days: \$50

3 Contact hours of continuing education per day. (6 hours for both days)

For questions on registration, contact Jenny Kunka, Director of NRIT: j.kunka@nrit.org

For questions on course content, contact Lynne Ogren: lynneogren@gmail.com or Grant Barnett Christenson: grant@ctkbozeman.org



WEBS 2021 SPRING BOOK STUDY W/ SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Cynthia Bourgeault's

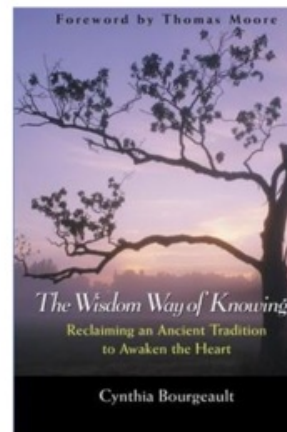
The Wisdom Way of Knowing:

Reclaiming an Ancient Tradition to Awaken the Heart

April 5 - May 24, 2021

Mondays: 9:30-10:45 a.m. via Zoom

For Zoom link email
contact: Rev. Valerie Webster, facilitator
vwebster587@gmail.com



Christikon Clips



Christikon Auction Goes Online

April 6-13 on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Christikonbenefitauction>

Like our page and share it with your friends! Watch for sneak peeks!

The annual **Christikon Benefit Auction – Quilts, Vacation Get-aways, and a Whole Lot More** begins on Tuesday April 6th and runs through April 13th. Items are some of the finest artistry including a variety of hand-made quilts, art work, gift baskets, Big

Sky Condo, Murray Hotel Weekend, Big Sky Golf, jewelry and so much more. The auction will most definitely look different this year so join us on facebook and support Christikon's ministry and enjoy the friendly competitive bidding.

Youth Campers: Our Early Registration Discount has been extended to April 15th!
You've got time to get registered!

Christikon is celebrating its 70th year! Don't forget to register for one of our many sessions available this summer! **How about Work Weekend?** Bring your family and enjoy camp/fellowship and more while helping to prepare camp for the season! We look forward to welcoming you to camp! Go to www.christikon.org and find your session!

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ— exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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Upcoming FLBC Retreats & Events

Visit <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/> to learn more about our year-round programming and to find additional COVID-19 related information.

BACKPACKING WITH THE BISHOP!

Join FLBC Staff and Bishop Laurie Jungling for a backpacking trip through the Jewel Basin, August 22 - 26. Find more information at <https://flbc.net/backpackingwiththebishop/>



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Adult Spirituality Retreat - "Shepherd Me, O God"

April 18 - 20, 2021 (Sun - Tues)

\$165/person (\$125 for Monday only)

Join Pastor Brenda Satrum at FLBC for time with your Shepherd, as we dwell with God in Word, prayer, silence, and song. (CEU Credits available) Register online or by contacting the FLBC office by April 4th!

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 9th, 2021

\$25/adult | \$18/ages 5-14 | Free/4 & under

Celebrate Mother's Day on the lake! 3 settings are available: 9:30am, 11:00am, and 12:30pm. Contact FLBC to register by May 1st!

Memorial Day Family Retreat & Work Weekend

May 28-31, 2021

FREE! Registration still required :-)

Come have a fun weekend and help FLBC get ready for summer!

Women's Retreat

June 11 - 13, 2021

\$165/person (\$125 for Saturday only)

Join us for a weekend of rejuvenation, fellowship and fun! Pastor Miriam Schmidt (Big Sky, MT) will lead us through the theme "Saying No, Saying Yes - A Spiritual Practice"

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