

## **FORUM ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE REPUDIATION OF THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY**

One of the few but very important items of business to be considered by the 2016 Montana Synod Assembly is a Resolution for the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery. This Resolution is recommended by the Montana Synod Council, and if adopted will be forwarded to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, which meets in August, for action.

The “Doctrine of Discovery” is a legal principle that colonizing European nations who “discovered” the “New World” could claim the land, and that its Native American inhabitants had no property rights of their own.

To help our Assembly Voting Members learn more about the “Doctrine of Discovery” and the proposed Resolution for our Synod and the ELCA to repudiate it, **we will have a special Forum on Friday, June 3, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.** Ms. Prairie Rose Seminole, ELCA Program Director for American Indian and Alaska Native ministries, will be with us.

**Since this 1:00 pm Forum will be just before the official start of the Assembly, we encourage voting members and visitors to join us! We hope to see you there!**