

# LARC: Lutherans, Anglicans, and Roman Catholics

## **“Going Out Yet Not Knowing: Ministry in the Paradox of a Connected / Disconnected Culture” Tuesday, October 22, (1:00pm) to Thursday, October 24 (1:00pm)**

At the Augustine Center of the Sacramentine Monastery  
2798 North US 31, Conway, Michigan 49722 (Petoskey area)

### **Our Retreat Leader for 2019 is The Rev. Brian Kirby Unti**

The Rev. Brian Kirby Unti was elected in 2013 to serve as Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He retired in July of this year. Unti earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech and public address from the University of Washington in 1974, and a master of divinity degree from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1978. He served as associate pastor at Faith Lutheran in Bellingham, Washington from 1978 to 1980. He then served 33 years as the lead Pastor of St. Matthew’s in Renton, Washington. He is married to Kim Unti and together they have four children.

In discussion to prepare the theme for this year’s retreat, he said, “God is disrupting the Church to dismantle us. We are afraid that if we lose our current forms, we will lose the Sacred. The Sacred will remain, but we need to weed out the ‘-isms’, the broken-ness. The language of the culture is no longer my first language. I have had to overcome a lot of change during my ministry. The greater the resistance I have overcome the greater the joy.”

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We live in the paradox of a culture that is more connected than ever before and yet more dis-connected. The planners of the LARC Retreat discern the Spirit is disrupting our ways of working to challenge and invite us to claim new opportunities. We seek a better understanding of the “Nones”, “Dones” and “Spiritual But Not Religious”, who are nonetheless hungry for authentic spirituality and for social community grounded in shared values. Join us for a time of reflection, prayer, informed dialogue, and honest sharing.

#### How to Register for the LARC Retreat

\$ 200 (payable to “St. Francis Episcopal Church”)  
(Commuters: meals, no overnight \$105)  
The Rev. Elizabeth Chace, St Francis Episcopal Church  
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#### Directions

From Petoskey: North on US-31, pass M-119 stoplight, 2.7 miles, on right just before Crooked Lake.  
From I-75: Exit 310, west on M-68, follow curves through Indian River, to US-31 in Alanson, south through Alanson, Oden, and Conway, on left just past Crooked Lake.

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