



To close our 2021-2022 study year, we have a power-packed Trifecta of presenters who will present a 3-part series called The Church Universal. They are our very own Pastor Mark Kvale, Assistant to the Bishop Dione Stepanek, and Bishop Felix Malpica.

- Thursday, April 28, Pastor Kvale will address How We Got Where We Are: our theology, religion and practices and some watershed people, moments and events that have gotten us here.
- Thursday, May 12, Pastor Stepanek will address Where We Are and How We're Doing: how are we doing when it comes to helping the church grow, gathering people into it, nurturing them in faith and helping them put that faith into action following the example of Jesus?
- Thursday, May 26. Bishop Malpica will talk about Where Are We Going, Where Should We Be Going, and How Do We Get There: Moving ahead in the twenty-first century, what will be the struggles and rewards in churches locally, in America and the church worldwide? Possible topics include the shortage of pastors and the challenges of more lay leadership, the impact of the ongoing pandemic, the challenges of technical outreach, declining membership, and general economic and social fabric insecurity. Or, he may surprise us!

This will be an exciting and informative series! And a very timely one going into Pentecost. It will also give us a special opportunity to meet and get acquainted with these two new, wonderful leaders in our Synod.

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On the intervening Thursdays:

- Thursday, May 5, the Intergenerational Church - This will be a discussion day to help us prepare questions for the Synod visit.
- Thursday, May 19 - Seekers Review - In hope 2022-2023 will be post-pandemic, we will review the experience of Bible verses book study approaches taken this past year and have an open discussion for what the group wants do, and be, going forward. Do we want to again concentrate more on Bible Study, or more on book study, or a balance of both? This will be our annual end of the year party day! Bring a treat (but no lunch type stuff). And most of all bring ideas!

We meet weekly on Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11AM. We begin with Devotions, followed by Caring and Sharing and then launch into our study topic. We hope you will join us!