



Workshop Presenters

Misconduct in Congregations: Moving from Hurt to Wholeness
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Barbara Keller has been the consultant for the prevention of sexual misconduct to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America since 2006. Her responsibilities include: Professional Boundary training, Safe Church seminars and workshops for pastors who follow a misconduct. Barbara is also available by phone and email to victims, bishops, pastors and church leaders who are communicating with victims and those who are dealing with other issues of sexual abuse. Prior to working for the church, Barbara supervised a treatment program in suburban Philadelphia for sex offenders, domestic violence offenders, adult and child victims.



The Rev. Dr. Marcus C. Lohrmann currently serves as Interim Pastor for Memorial Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio. Prior to that, he was the Interim Bishop for the Florida-Bahamas Synod in 2017. From 1998-2016 he served as Bishop for the Northwestern Ohio Synod. Previous pastorates include Olivet Lutheran Church, Sylvania, OH; St. John, Hicksville, OH; and for the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Hazelwood, MO. Marcus is married to Heidi and they are blessed with 3 adult children/spouses and 6 grandchildren. He graduated from Christ Seminary-Seminex in 1977 and received a D. Min. Degree from Seminex in 1988. He considers parish ministry as one of the most precious of all callings.



The Rev. Dr. Beth Marie Halvorsen has served as a Lutheran pastor in Texas (Galveston, Austin, Greater Houston) since 1984. As an intentional interim pastor for the last decade, she has guided congregations in significant crisis or conflict toward healthy spirituality and community engagement. She also delights in serving on the NALIP faculty. A graduate of St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary, she received her D.Min. Degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She continues to use her doctoral work, Centered Flexibility, in multiple ways with congregations and in teaching. Beth Marie and her husband are blessed with two daughters, two grandchildren, and three cats.