

April 12, 2023

Dear Disciples of the Southern Mission District,

You are all invited to attend the annual spring Convocation of the Southern Mission District to be held at Trinity Lutheran Church (276 Cleveland St) Warrenton, VA on **Saturday, June 10, 2023**. Registration and fellowship are at 9:30 AM with a firm meeting start of 10 AM. The Convocation will conclude around 3:30 PM. Lunch is included! **Registration deadline is May 30.**

This annual gathering of our Mission District is a great opportunity to connect with other disciples from our Mission District, discuss the business of the District and Region, and enjoy the fellowship of our District. This year we will be hearing a presentation from our newest mission plant now fully formed and recognized congregation Lutheran Church of the Valley (Harrisonburg, VA). Come hear about their journey! There will also be a Bible study, worship, and time to visit one another. The attached schedule gives you the day's agenda and times, along with a print registration form and a lay delegate certification form that you may return to our registrar, Robin Harris. Please print, fill out, scan, and email the form(s) to Robin at rjh67@gmail.com or you may mail them to her at 1800 Oak Street, Lebanon, PA 17042.

You may also register and pay online this year if you prefer that method.

Please go to <https://atlanticmissionregionnalc.regfox.com/southern-mission-district-convocation-2023> to register. You may register and pay for more than one person at a time on the registration site.

We will be having an election for SMD dean this year. Pr. Dennis Di Mauro, our current interim dean, is eligible to be elected for his first 3-year term. However, if you feel the call to serve please fill out a nomination form (attached to this email). Also attached is a list of all clergy eligible to be elected to serve as dean and an outline of the responsibilities of the Mission District dean. Please prayerfully consider those pastors in our Mission District who you would like to nominate to serve as dean and on the AMR Council (3 year term), and give them the form to fill out and return to Robin Harris. **Nomination deadline is May 23.**

Again this year we are asking that you please **download and print all of the business meeting documents and have them with you at the Convocation.** These documents will be emailed to you a couple weeks before the Convocation. Please preview all of them before the Convocation and come prepared with any questions or points of discussion. If you are unable to download and print these documents please check the appropriate box on the registration form and the documents will be mailed to you.

Registration fee is \$20 per person. You will be able to pay the registration fee online if you choose to register online. If you opt to register via paper/mail then **make your check out to the AMR** with SMD Convo on the memo line. Please include it in the envelope with your registration paperwork.

In Christ,
Robin Harris
Administrative Assistant to the Deans and Council of the Atlantic Mission Region