

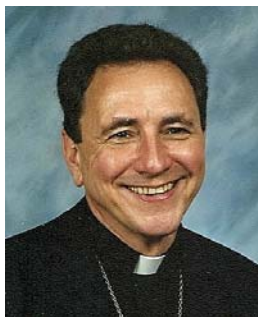
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We do not know to what new, recovered, or continuing tasks of mission this Concordat will lead our churches, but we give thanks to God for leading us to this point. We entrust ourselves to that leading in the future, confident that our full communion will be a witness to the gift and goal already present in Christ, "so that God may be all in all." (1 Cor. 15:28).

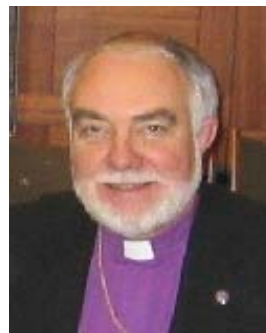
Immaculata Retreat House, 289 Windham Rd., Willimantic, CT, is located on a hill overlooking the scenic Willimantic River Valley. They provide private rooms, each with a full size bed, full private bathroom, individual climate control and WiFi connectivity. For details and driving directions visit their website: <http://www.immaculataretreat.org/>

OUR PRESENTERS



Bishop Emeritus Donald McCoid, ELCA, served as Chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops (1999-2003) and as U.S. co-chair for the Lutheran-Orthodox bilateral discussions and meetings. Since November 2007, he has been the Executive for Ecumenical and Inter-religious Relations, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Bishop Christopher Epting, TEC, has served on his church's Executive Council, on the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations, and was chair of the church's delegation in the drafting of "Called to Common Mission." He currently serves as Program Officer for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, The



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SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2009
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The Focus of the Retreat

Nearly a decade ago, the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America entered into a relationship of “full communion” on the basis of the document *Called to Common Mission*, culminating thirty years of dialogue with one another.

“Full Communion” describes a relationship in which both churches retain their autonomy and structures but fully recognize each other as Christ’s church and work together in witness, life, and service. This means that Episcopal and Lutheran clergy and laity may move freely between the two churches.

But how does that *really* work?

Join Episcopal and Lutheran clergy from across New England for a hands-on gathering in which we’ll provide Episcopal clergy with the essential tools to serve as effective liturgists in Lutheran churches, and Lutheran clergy to do so in Episcopal churches.

Questions? Contact

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Immaculata Retreat Center
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Willimantic, CT

Retreat Agenda

Wed., Sept. 23

- 3:00 Arrivals and Registration
- 4:00 Welcome and First Session:
“The Nature of the Unity We Seek,”
Bishops Epting and McCoid
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Session 2:
“People of the Prayer Book and
the Anglican Way,” Bishop Epting
- 8:30 Episcopal Compline
- 9:00 Evening Refreshments

Thurs., Sept. 24

- 7:30 Lutheran Morning Prayer
- 8:15 Breakfast
- 9:00 Session 3:
“The Confessions and Lutheran Worship,”
Bishop McCoid
- 10:30 Break with refreshments
- 11:00 Small Groups: “What is Happening with
‘Called to Common Mission’; What Do
We Want to Have Happen?”
- 12:00 Plenary Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Instructed Eucharist—joint liturgy
- 2:30 Plenary Discussion and Closing
- 3:15 Departure

Common Mission in Practice Registration Form Sept. 23-24, 2009

Name _____

For Name Tag _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Church Body _____

Church Name _____

Church Location (city, state)

I have room needs (e.g. accessibility)

have dietary needs (e.g. vegetarian)

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2009

Conference Fee:

- o \$105 per person includes program, overnight private room, and 3 meals.
- o Early Bird Discount rate: \$90, if mailed by July 1.
- o No walk-ins, please.

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