

## 2011 SEPA Bishop's Convocation DoubleTree Resort

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	By 9/23	By 10/12	Spouse	
Registration	\$115	\$150	Paid by SEPA	A. \$ _____
Meals & Shared Room	\$225	\$225		B. \$ _____
Meals & Single Room	\$300	\$300		C. \$ _____
Total: A + B or A + C				\$ _____

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name on name tag \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Assign

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Requirements/Special Needs/Medical Issues- *Use an additional sheet if needed.*

**Mail to:** Ms. Cynta Outterbridge  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA  
7241 Germantown Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19119-1723

**Make checks payable to:** SEPA Synod

**Deadline is October 12**

## CONVOCATION SCHEDULE Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

*DoubleTree check in time at 4 pm on Wednesday*

11:00 am	Registration
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Opening Devotions
1:30 pm	Presenter: <i>Dr. Peter Steinke</i>
3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm	Presenter: <i>Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger</i>
4:15 pm	Free Time
6:15 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Worship – <i>Holy Communion</i>

### Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Worship
9:45 am	Presenter: <i>Dr. Peter Steinke</i>
11:00 am	Break
11:15 am	Presenter: <i>Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger</i>
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Free Time
6:15 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Conversation with Bishop Burkat
8:30 pm	Closing Devotions

### Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Presenters: <i>Bishop Claire Burkat,</i> <i>Dr. Peter Steinke,</i> <i>Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger</i>
10:30 am	Worship
11:15 am	Lunch

*Board of Pensions sign up outside of meeting room.  
Massage available by appointment.  
Sign up at rear of meeting room.*

**Doubletree Resort**  
(Lancaster/Willow Valley)  
2400 Willow Street Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17062  
Phone: 717.464.2711

From Muhlenberg  
to Tomorrow...

Southeastern PA Synod  
Bishop's Convocation



November 9-11, 2011

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## Welcome from Bishop Claire Burkat



***Ecclesia Plantanda-***  
“The Church Must Be Planted”- was the ministry motto of Dr. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the patriarch of the American Lutheran Church. To honor the

300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, our convocation theme is **“From Muhlenberg to Tomorrow”**

Our convocation speakers will together explore the many ways the issues Muhlenberg faced can guide and inform our ministry challenges today.

Pastor Karl Krueger will regale and delight us with glimpses of how Pastor Muhlenberg faced his adversaries and survived harrowing ordeals, as he claimed his call to mission. Dr. Peter Steinke will lead us in a lively and thoughtful conversation about the hazards of anxious systems and the blessings and potential of healthy congregations and leaders. You will not be surprised to learn that upon his arrival in America, Muhlenberg was tested in his life and ministry every which way. Dealing with theological divisions, church splits, cultural conflicts, scandalous pastors, financial difficulties, woefully unprepared leaders as well as grueling travel, physical exhaustion and threat of injury and disease that were constant encounters. Buoyed by his conviction that the God who called him would also guide and direct his ministry, he engaged diplomacy, patience, wisdom, catechesis, and faithful preaching and worship leadership to unify the Lutheran Christians in the new world for the sake of mission.

I look forward to our time part to engage in conversation, refection, fellowship and worship. Please invite your colleagues, especially those new to our synod, for a look back and a way forward as we thank God for our ministry in these challenging times.



**Dr. Peter Steinke** is an internationally respected church consultant. He has been pastor, teacher, therapist, and a mentor for many. In 2004 the Inter-Lutheran Specialized Ministry organization gave him the CHRISIUS IN MUNDO Award. He received a Doctor of Letters Degree from Concordia Seminary in 2009. He has worked with troubled churches and organizations for more than 20 years and has helped churches and organizations with over 175 major conflicts. He has studied systems theory for many years and is able to bring to bear insights that change the way people think so unsolvable problems can be solved. He is the former Executive Director of Healthy Congregations, a system of training and workshops centered on the themes of systems thinking, responding to anxiety and change, leadership, and relationships. Dr. Steinke is the author of a number of books, including *How Your Church Family Works*, *Healthy Congregations*, *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times* and *A Door Set Open*.



**Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger** graduated from LTSP in 1980. In addition to serving parishes in Philadelphia and Windsor, Ontario, he earned a Ph.D. in History at the University of Michigan. He returned to his alma mater in 1999 as the Assistant Librarian and was promoted to Director of the Library in 2002. In addition to administering the library, he teaches courses in church history and has published articles. On Sundays he supplies in congregations in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In 2007 he was selected from a national pool of candidates to participate in the NEH’s Summer Seminar: The Reformation of the Book. This five-week seminar met in the famous libraries of Antwerp, Belgium and Oxford, England. The lessons learned in this seminar were translated into a course entitled *Book of Faith in Print and the Public Sphere* (2010). This course will be offered online for the first time in 2013.

## 2011 Bishop’s Convocation Scholarship Application

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Last Name

First Name

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Address

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Phone

I request scholarship assistance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Deadline of October 12)

The congregation/agency will provide \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Scholarships will be awarded by the Bishop’s Convocation Planning Team. The form must be postmarked by October 12, 2011. Along with your registration, please enclose a check for the full amount of your Bishop’s Convocation fees. If a scholarship is granted, you will be reimbursed in the amount of the award. If this is a problem, please call Joanne Carlson at 267-323-3759.

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To be completed by the Planning Team:

Scholarship Awarded \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Remaining Costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_