

February 25-27, 2027

Epworth By the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA

Schedule

Day 1 – "Entering the Pit Stop"

- **2:00 PM** Synod Assembly Business (*Separate Docket*)
- **5:30 PM** Dinner & Guest Room Check-In
- **7:00 PM** Worship Preacher: *Rev. CeCe Armstrong*
- **8:00 PM** Covenant Partners Fair & Reception

Day 2 – "Rest, Refuel & Repair"

Time	Program Element
7:00–9:30 AM	**Rest stop Morning sweat/ Breakfast / Morning Prayer**
9:30–10:15 AM	**Keynote 1 – "The Big Picture"** What is happening with American Christianity? From "nones" to political polarization to faith trends, the foundations of faith seem to be in flux. *What can we learn from recent data to support and inform congregations during this moment of dynamic change?*
10:30–11:45 AM	**Workshop Block I (*choose one*)**

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12:00 PM	**SACK Lunch & Conversation** Table conversations based on selections at registration
1:30–2:15 PM	**Workshop Block II (*choose one*)** **Revisiting the Great Ends of the Church for the Modern Era:** For the church to thrive, we must remember that we are primarily called to bear witness to the work of Jesus Christ in the World. Through an examination of the historic Great Ends of the Church, we will consider church vitality and the church's witness in its community and to the world. **Gifts of the Small Church:** The small membership church is not a problem to be solved. By understanding the nuances of the ways in which small membership congregations live and work, this workshop explores the unique ways in which smaller congregations shape disciples and transform their communities. **PDA – Trauma Informed Care, Part 2** **Stewardship for the Small Church**
2:30 PM	Break / Rest Area
3:00–4:00 PM	**A Conversation on the Work of the Church:** This session addresses questions on topics that have arisen throughout the day, and offers Q&A.
4:00 PM	Break/ Rest Area
5:30 PM–End of Day	**Dinner** **State Gatherings**

Day 3 – "Back on the Road"

Time	Program Element
7:00–9:00 AM	Rest stop Morning sweat/ Breakfast / Morning Prayer
9:30–10:15 AM	**Keynote 2 – "Four Questions for our Future Ministry"** *How do congregations understand flourishing and vitality in light of the changes in the religious context?*
10:15 -11am	**Trip-Tiks** - Action Planning
11:00 AM	**Closing Worship with Communion / Sending** Preacher: *Rev. CeCe Armstrong*

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Deadline for registration is January 21st, 2027