



God's Beloved Community Educational Retreat: *Fostering a Synod Where Trust Can Thrive*
First Call Clergy, Synod Authorized Ministers, and Pulpit Supply
March 15-17, 2026 Central Time Zone
The Dakota Event Center & Hampton Inn, Aberdeen, SD
3216 7th Ave SE. Aberdeen, SD 57401 t: 605.262.2600

Presenter: Deaconess Valerie Webdell
Chaplain: Pr. Shadoe Hanson

Sunday March 23

4:00-6:00 PM Arrival and Check-in at Cedar Shores Conference Center
6:00-7:30 PM Dinner at Dakota Event Center
7:45 PM Opening Worship
8:15 PM Announcements
8:30 PM Fellowship

Monday March 24

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast/Coffee Available
8:30-9:00 AM **Morning Devotions and Bible Study:** Pr. Shadoe Hanson (Exodus 18.13-27)
9:00-10:00 AM **Session I – You Can't Do It Alone** – Deaconess Valerie Webdell
10:00-10:30 AM Break
10:30-12:00 PM **Session II – Healthy Community** – Deaconess Valerie Webdell
12:00-1:00 PM Lunch
 (deadline for one-on-one signups)
1:00-2:15 PM **Session III – Emmaus Walk**
2:15-6:00 PM Sabbath Time: (optional board games/puzzles/social time)
3:00-5:00 PM Individual Conversations available with Synod Staff and Presenters
 30-minute slots offered with:
 Jonathan Vehar
 Renee Splichal Larson
 Kathy McHenry
 Joel Pakan
 Kari Webb
 Deaconess Valerie Webdell
 Pr. Shadoe Hason

6:00-7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Evening Devotions and Bible Study: PR. Shadoe Hanson
7:15 PM	Fellowship (games/puzzles/social time)

Tuesday March 25

8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast / Coffee Available
8:30-9:00 AM	Morning Devotions and Bible Study: Pr. Shadoe Hanson
9:00-10:30 AM	Session IV – Everything Isn’t Terrible - Deaconess Valerie Webdell
10:30-11:00 AM	Break
11:00-11:30 AM	Q & A with the Bishop
11:30 -	Closing Worship
12:00 PM	Lunch