

??...DID YOU KNOW THAT...??

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- The ELCA has a website designated for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation? Visit www.ELCA500.org to view events, resources, news, videos and more. You are invited to post anniversary-related events to the website.
- This year's Pedal for a Purpose seeks to raise \$50,000 for the Prison & Family and Foster Care ministries of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois? Visit www.csis-elca.org and click on the Pedal for a Purpose tab on the homepage for more information.



- This year's synod assembly will be held at the Gateway Convention Center, Collinsville, IL, June 1-3, 2017? Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson, an ELCA pastor, professor and author will be the assembly keynote speaker. The Rev. Dr. Wyvetta Bullock, Assistant to the Presiding Bishop, Executive for Administration, will be the ELCA Churchwide Representative. This year's assembly theme will be "Redeemed for Reformation".
- The ELCA has designated March 8, 2017 as "International Women's Day"? This day is dedicated to celebrating women's achievements throughout history and across nations. The International Women Leaders initiative is one of the priorities of the Campaign for the ELCA. Learn more at www.ELCA.org/campaign



- The ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission Program (for young adults age 21-29) allows participants to embark on a year-long journey of service in one of 11 countries? For more details, visit: www.ELCA.org/YAGM or call (800) 638-3522, ext. 2939.
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has been an advocate for refugees, children and migrants for more than 75 years? To learn more, visit www.lirs.org.



- The ELCA has many resources to help congregations discuss immigration issues as they relate to what is happening in the world today? The ELCA has a Social Message on Immigration that can be found at www.ELCA.org/socialmessages The ELCA also has advocacy resources at www.ELCA.org/resources/advocacy
- The ELCA's Ammparo strategy provides protection, advocacy, and representation for unaccompanied migrant minors? Visit www.ELCA.org/resources/Ammparo for more information.



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