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Have you registered your child for Summer Camp yet?!?!
Several sessions have met capacity, so don't wait any longer:
[Register for camp today!](#)

Never been to Camp Fowler?
Want to introduce everyone you know to Camp Fowler?
Come for the Spring Open House!
Saturday, May 27
[RSVP, please](#)

Orientation and Preparation Meeting for General Synod Delegates



All delegates to General Synod are invited to a meeting at the Regional Synod Office on Thursday, May 25. The office is located at 1790 Grand Blvd in Schenectady NY. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm. This meeting will give an orientation to the Synod workbook and the meeting itself; what to expect.

Come with your questions.

If you would like to participate in the meeting via Zoom video conferencing, please email Ali at the Synod office: synodalbany@gmail.com

Not a delegate, but interested in General Synod 2017? You're invited too.

Save the Date: Enneagram Workshop with Ian Cron October 6 & 7 2017



Ian Morgan Cron is a bestselling author, nationally recognized speaker, Enneagram teacher, psychotherapist, Dove Award-winning songwriter, and Episcopal priest. His books include the novel *Chasing Francis* and spiritual memoir *Jesus, My Father, the CIA, and You*. Ian draws on an array of disciplines—from psychology to the arts, Christian spirituality and theology—to help people enter more deeply into conversation with God and the mystery of their own lives. He and his wife, Anne, live in Nashville, Tennessee.

Details for this workshop, including location and cost, will be released soon.



The New York State Council of Churches is very excited to announce our First Annual Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide Conference July 18, 2017 to July 20, 2017 in Johnstown, NY.

Across the country, religious and social justice leaders, working in a wide variety of contexts, know there is a divide of perspectives and worldviews amongst members in our rural, suburban and urban congregations. There is convincing evidence, however, that the divide in many ways has a superficial quality. The shallowness of the conversation and labels like rural/urban, liberal/conservative can obscure common concerns and interests as communities of faith seek to attend to the real-life struggles of their parishioners and collectively work towards building a more just society.

Join the New York State Council of Churches at Fulton-Montgomery Community College in Johnstown, New York this summer as we bring people across the country to bridge the divide amongst diverse communities and ministry contexts and do justice in our communities and world.

[Register HERE](#)

**Free Training in Mental Health First Aid
from the Mental Health Association, NYS**



HEALTHY MINDS FOR A HEALTHY NEW YORK

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an 8-hour training certification course which teaches participants a five-step action plan to assess a situation, select and implement interventions and secure appropriate care for the individual. The program introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact and overviews common treatments. This evidence-based CPR-like program improves trainees' knowledge of mental disorders, reduces stigma and increases the amount of help provided to others. The adult Mental Health First Aid course is appropriate for anyone who wants to learn how to help an individual who may be experiencing a mental health crisis or concern.

This training is free for those who work with young adults (16-24) in Schenectady, Albany, Rensselaer, and Saratoga Counties and will be held in Troy, Ny on June 28 from 8:30am - 5:00pm.

[Registration](#)

Grants are Available for You!



Do you have a new ministry that needs a little seed money? Is it focused on discipleship, mission, or revitalization?
Apply for a Synod Ministries Grant for up to \$1,000.

The grant for can be found [HERE](#). Once completed, it will be reviewed by the Synod Ministries Board and you will be notified quickly about your request and if your application was approved. Most projects receive funding within a month of their application.

Questions? Contact Reilly at rsa.comscoordinator@gmail.com



Check out our [website](#) for current job listings within the RSA

Grant applications for new ministries in Mission, Discipleship, and Revitalization are available for churches on our [website](#)

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