

Lower  
Susquehanna  
Synod

2016  
Assembly

29th  
Annual Assembly  
Lower Susquehanna Synod  
June 3-5, 2016  
Messiah College in Grantham, PA

What does the Lord require of you . . . .

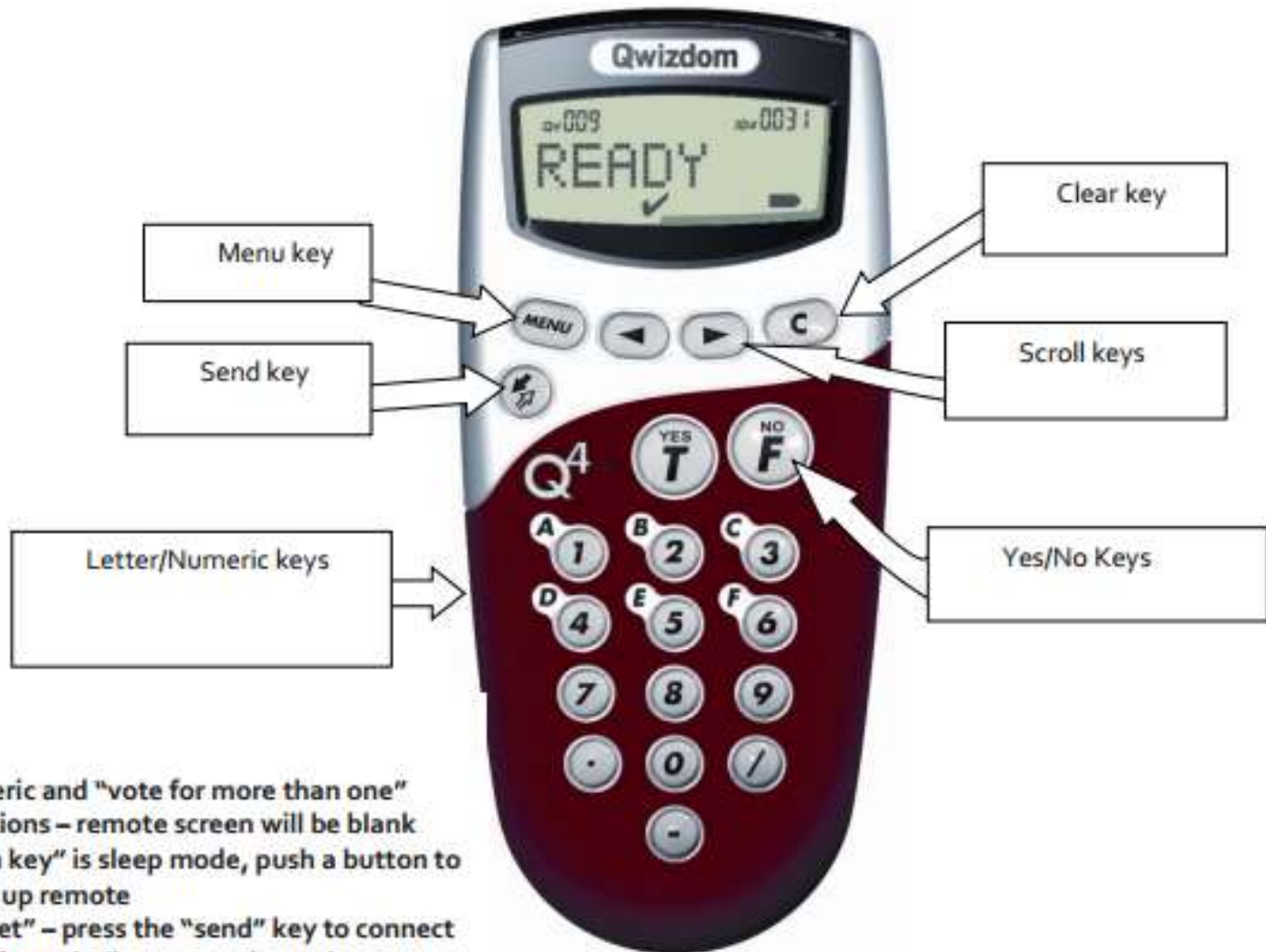
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for  
justice  
and  
mercy

micah 6:8

# General Information

- Not talking about all the resolutions that were passed
- Artist In Residence
- Use of technology for voting and ensuring quorums



**Notes:**

- ⇒ Numeric and "vote for more than one" questions – remote screen will be blank
- ⇒ "push key" is sleep mode, push a button to wake up remote
- ⇒ "no net" – press the "send" key to connect
- ⇒ "low batt" indicates new batteries are needed – raise hand for help

# General Themes

- Hungry For Justice and Mercy
  - Hunger J.A.M.
- Cult of Busyness
  - Bible Study of the Story of the Good Samaritan
- Being a Welcoming Church



HUNGER J.A.M.

# Social Media – Tweet Crazy Socks



Bishop Dunlop's "Sock-it-to-Hunger Challenge" raised \$1,400 for local hunger initiatives



LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD 2016 [GOSPEL CALL TO ACTION] SATURDAY PM  
THE GOOD SAM STORY

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?



PARABLES  
INVITE US  
TO LOOK IN  
THE MIRROR

Hey, Why did I  
do that?

The good  
Samaritan at  
ROYALTY + KING



CONFESSION  
&  
REPENTANCE



\* THE CORE IDENTITY OF OUR AGE \*

**BY BUSINESS**


WEAR IT

THE REAL ISSUES

WOMEN'S JUSTICE  
HUMAN JUSTICE  
GENDER JUSTICE



IF YOU'RE  
WEARING  
THESE BAND-AIDS  
TAKE THEM  
OFF



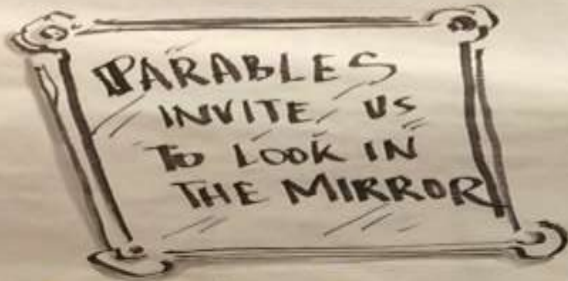
# The Good Samaritan *Luke 10:25-37*

# Good Samaritan



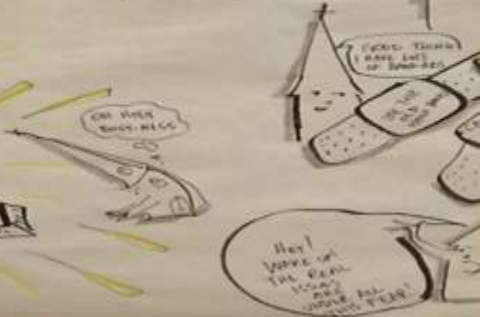


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**BUSINESS**









# LOWER

# SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD 2016

GOSPEL CALL TO ACTION  
for Justice & Mercy  
FORMED in COMPASSION

good samaritan story



COMPASSION IS A RISKY BUSINESS

WE ARE CALLED to enter into the others SUFFERING



- CARE about
- listen to
- reach together
- join
- befriend
- walk beside
- befriend
- Sit with
- Don't Judge



STOP WORKING ON ME FOR A CHANGE & LET ME WORK ON YOU



WELCOME TO THE HOME OF THE

# Dover Youth Basketball



City of Dover Parks & Rec



**Youth Soccer League**

*call for details*

PIANO

AND

VIOLIN

LESSONS



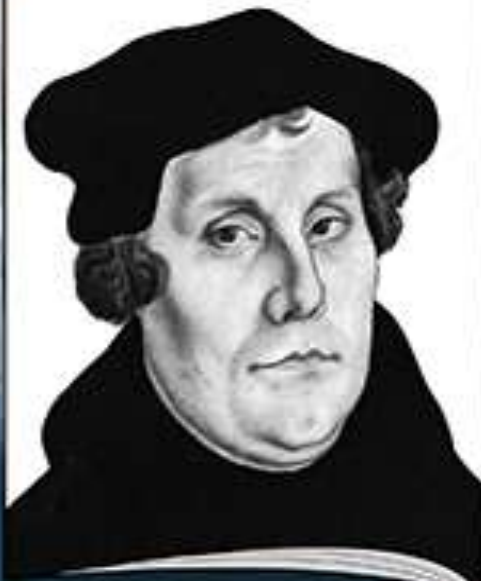


# Saturday Lunch Forums

- 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation
- Stewardship & Generational Giving

# 500 YEARS OF THE REFORMATION

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“We are saved  
by faith alone,  
but the faith  
that saves is  
never alone.”

-MARTIN LUTHER

2017



B I B L E



Psalms  
46

# Generational Giving

## GIVING ACROSS THE GENERATIONS



### Generation Y

- Born 1981 – 1995  
(age 18-32 as of 2013)
- Represent 11% of total giving
- 32.8 million donors in the U.S.
- 60% give
- \$481 average annual gift
- 3.3 charities supported



### Boomers

- Born 1946 – 1964  
(age 49-67 as of 2013)
- Represent 43% of total giving
- 51.0 million donors in the U.S.
- 72% give
- \$1,212 average annual gift
- 4.5 charities supported



### Generation X

- Born 1965 – 1980  
(age 33-48 as of 2013)
- Represent 20% of total giving
- 39.5 million donors in the U.S.
- 59% give
- \$732 average annual gift
- 3.9 charities supported



### Matures

- Born 1945 and earlier  
(age 68+ as of 2013)
- Represent 26% of total giving
- 27.1 million donors in the U.S.
- 88% give
- \$1,367 average annual gift
- 6.2 charities supported

*Generational groups, total U.S. population, and giving data (on average)*

# Generational Giving

- Need to understand why people give and where they are giving
- Technology defines “Generations” as much as age or date of birth
- Gen Y is 11% of total giving, but not to Church

# Generational Giving

- Need to understand why people give





# Struggles of Churches

- No longer the Center of peoples lives
- Struggling to fill ranks of pastors
  - Last year, 689 ELCA churches have open calls and budget to pay a pastor
  - Gettysburg and Philadelphia Seminaries exploring merging – not enough students
- Not as engaged in the community as once were

No longer enough to “Go to Church”

**The church**



**has left  
the building.**

We need to “Go to where people are”

