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**A NAAC Training Institute for the Catechumenate**

**Hosted by the Lutheran Church of the Nativity and the North Carolina Synod (ELCA)**

**SCHEDULE FOR ARDEN, NC + + + May 4-6, 2017**

**Thursday**

9:30 am Orientation for Small Group Leaders

11 am Conference Registration Opens

Noon-1 pm Lunch

1:15 Opening of the Institute: Welcome and Introduction Exercise

2:00 Gathering of Questions and Institute Overview

2:45 Forming a Community of Disciples (testimonial)

3:15 **Small Groups**—Session #1: INQUIRY

*Telling Your Story*

4:30 Meditation Break (Opportunity for participants to check-in to their hotel)

5:15 Rehearsal for Welcome Rite

6:00 Dinner

7:00 **Presentation 1:** *“A Journey of Discipleship: Introduction to the Catechumenate”*

8:00 Evening Prayer—including Rite of Welcome

9:00 Social Hour – Welcome Reception

**Friday**

8:15 am Continental Breakfast

8:30 Rehearsal for Rite of Enrollment

9:00 **Presentation 2:** *“Biblical Reflection and the Scrutinies of Lent*”

10:00 Short Break

10:15 **Small Groups**—Session #2: EXPLORATION AND CATECHESIS

*Reflection on Rite of Welcome and Bible Study*

11:45 Mid-day Prayer with Rite of Enrollment

12:15 Lunch

1:30 **Small Groups**—Session #3: INTENSE PREPARATION

*Reflection on Rite of Enrollment and Intense Preparation*

2:30 Workshop Choices:

1. “Catechumenate Friendly Music”
2. “Adjusting the Process to Your Ministry Context”
3. “Beginning Catechumenate”
4. “Tools for Ministry in Daily Life”

4:00 Meditation Break

5:00 Rehearsal for Easter Vigil (Worship Assistants and Story Tellers)

*6:00 Dinner*

7:00 **Presentation 3:** *“Reflections on the Great Three Days”*

7:30 Easter Vigil with Affirmation of Baptism

9:30 Reception (Easter Party)

**Saturday**

8:15 Continental Breakfast

8:30 Rehearsal for Rite of Affirmation of Vocation

9:00 **Presentation 4:** *“The Vocation of the Baptized: Ministry in Daily Life”*

10:00 **Small Groups**—Session #4: MYSTAGOGY AND BAPTISMAL LIVING

*Reflections on the Easter Vigil and Living the Baptismal Promise*

11:00 Short Break

11:15 Closing Worship with Rite of Affirmation of Vocation

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Q & A Open Forum: “*Taking the Journey Home” (panel)*

1:30 pm Turn in evaluations and departure