

Anglican Diocese of the Living Word  
**Missions Conference and Synod May 28-30, 2026**  
McLean Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA

**Purposefully Protestant**  
Proclaiming, Preserving, Persevering

Thursday May 28

- 2:00pm Missions Conference and Synod arrival & check-in  
(Welcome Center Lobby)
- 3:00pm Opening Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 4:30pm Introduction of Synod theme, “Purposefully Protestant”  
Bishop Julian to introduce Dr. Chris Castaldo  
Testimony: Dr. Chris Castaldo  
Bishop Marc to introduce Bishop Glenn Lyons  
  
Sherri to speak about Castaldo | Lyons dinner
- 6:00pm Banquet (Fellowship Hall) | The Sculptor’s Hand:  
Transformative Faith  
  
Emcee to announcement Dinner instruction

Friday May 29

- 8:00am Morning Prayer and Bible Study (Sanctuary)  
Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Glenn Lyons
- 9:00am Synod initial business session (Sanctuary)  
Pastoral Address | The Rt. Rev. Julian Dobbs (Sanctuary)
- 10:45am Refreshments
- 11:30am Conference Forums:

**Forum 1 – Purposefully Protestant - A Protestant Worldview in Today’s Culture:**

Focus: How a distinctly Protestant worldview shapes life, ministry, and cultural engagement.  
Speaker: David Closson (Family Research Council)

**Forum 2 – Purposefully Protestant - Cranmer Under Protestant Pressure:**

Focus: Capitulation and Lessons for Today.” What Cranmer got right, where he yielded, and how faithful pastors stand today. Speaker: Rev. Steven Wedgeworth

**Forum 3 – Purposefully Protestant — Protestant Mission in Hard Places.**

Focus: The context of ministry in rural America and in the Northeast, where Christian populations are low. Speaker Rev. Blake Johnson

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**Forum 4 –Purposefully Protestant — Being Men in a World Full of Boys.** Focus: Biblical Manhood: What does it mean to be a mature, godly man shaped by Protestant convictions and the Word of God? Speaker: Bishop Glenn Lyons (South Africa)

**Forum 5 - Purposefully Protestant — Above Confessions: Conversations, Convictions, and Common Ground. Session Focus:** Dr. Chris Castaldo brings a compelling voice shaped by his journey from Roman Catholicism to evangelical Protestantism. Drawing upon his pastoral work, scholarship, and recent writings, the forum explores how faithful Protestants engage with Roman Catholics—and believers of other traditions—with truth, grace, and gospel-centered clarity. Speaker: Dr. Chris Castaldo

- 12:30pm            Midday Prayer and clergy renewal of ordination vows (Sanctuary)
- 1:00pm            Faith and Fellowship Lunches

**Faith & Fellowship Lunch Option 1 — One Flesh, One Purpose**

**Speakers:** Rev. John Yates & Susan Alexander Yates

**Description:** Over lunch, Rev. John Yates and Susan Alexander Yates will share biblical wisdom and personal insights from more than 55 years of marriage and decades of ministry together. Drawing on their deep experience in marriage enrichment and family discipleship, they will explore how Protestant convictions and the authority of Scripture shape and sustain godly marriages. This forum will encourage couples to embrace God’s design of “one flesh” unity and to live out their shared purpose in Christ with joy, faithfulness, and resilience.

**Faith & Fellowship Lunch Option 2 — Gospel Partnership in Cuba**

**Speaker:** Bishop John Boonzaaijer

**Description:** Join Bishop John Boonzaaijer over lunch as he shares about the growing Anglican witness in Cuba and the remarkable ministry partnerships that the Lord is establishing there. Drawing on years of engagement with clergy and congregations on the island, Bishop John will offer insight into the unique spiritual hunger, the daily challenges believers face, and the opportunities before us as a Province to support gospel ministry in a context marked by both hardship and hope. This forum will highlight the resilience of the Cuban Church, the centrality of Scripture in discipleship and mission, and the ways cross-cultural partnerships strengthen the Body of Christ.

**Faith & Fellowship Lunch Option 3 – Table Fellowship**

For those who would like to enjoy a slower pace and simply share a meal together, this option provides space for unstructured fellowship. No scheduled speaker or program—just an opportunity to connect with friends old and new, encourage one another in Christ, and enjoy good food together.

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- 2:15pm Introduction of Dr. Chris Castaldo  
Presentation: Dr. Chris Castaldo (Sanctuary)
- 3:15pm Refreshments
- 4:00pm “Ask It Straight: Questions for the Bishop”  
(Sanctuary – Chair: Rev. Ife Ojetayo)
- 4:30pm Business Session Agenda (Sanctuary)  
Presentation on congregation reporting  
Consideration of the Diocesan Budget  
Elections to Standing Committee and Ecclesiastical Court  
Constitution and Canon amendments  
Motion to adjourn business session of synod
- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)
- 6:30pm Dinner on your own in local restaurants
- 6:30pm Special Dinner with Bishop Glenn Lyons and Dr. Chris Castaldo

**Saturday May 30**

- 8:00am Breakfast with Bishop Julian & Brenda Dobbs  
(Fellowship Hall & McLean Room)  
Presentation to be chaired by Dr. Jonathon Wylie, with Mr. David Closson and Mr. Tyler Bauer) Protestant worldview in the public square, religious liberty, and how convinced evangelical Christians might be equipped for faithful engagement in public life today.
- 9:00am Diocesan clergy meeting with the diocesan bishop  
(Multipurpose Room)  
Laity meeting with Dr. Chris Castaldo (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00am Clergy vesting and photograph  
[black cassock, white surplice, black tippet]
- 10:30am Holy Communion and Ordination (Sanctuary)  
Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Glenn Lyons
- 1:00pm Departure (Grab-and-go catering extras available  
in the Fellowship Hall)