



Life Changing Adventures in Faith

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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with great joy and excitement that the Lutherlyn Board of Directors announces that, at our special board meeting on October 1, 2017, we unanimously elected Deacon Debra Roberts as our new Executive Director. Deb is the first woman and Deacon to hold this position in Lutherlyn's history. Deacon Roberts was unanimously recommended to the board as the Executive Director by the search committee, chaired by Rev. Sandra Jones, after they considered 14 applications and interviewed 4 candidates.

Deb is someone that many of you have known for years in various capacities from counselor to Assistant Director and Deb's history with camp goes back even further as a camper. Deb is well known and also well prepared to be our new Executive Director, with an appropriate level of seriousness and honesty about the scope of her new position. Deb's enthusiasm for her Christian faith, the Lutheran tradition, and Outdoor Ministry is evident. Her commitment to Lutherlyn and her hope for the future is evident. We are confident that Deb's passion for Lutherlyn's Core Purpose and Strategic Direction will be integrated throughout the camp's ministry to build community with the campers, guests, staff, and constituency.

You can mark your calendars for Deacon Roberts' installation on the evening of December 2nd; more details to follow but plan on being there to celebrate with Deb.

We ask for your continued prayers for Deb and Lutherlyn as she moves into this new position for which she is "excited, but a little bit terrified." God has richly blessed Lutherlyn with almost 70 years of Life-Changing Adventures in Faith. Along the way we have been blessed with leaders who have helped us build a foundation and grow the ministry of Lutherlyn. We have every confidence that Deacon Roberts will lead Lutherlyn with integrity, honesty, and a passion to guide Lutherlyn into the future. Thank you to Rev. Sandra Jones and the search committee of Rev. Scott Hall, Virginia Kreisel, Pat Melpolder, and Walt Treser for their work. Thank you also, to you, the Lutherlyn family, for your continued support, prayers, and participation.

Peace,

Rev. Joel A. Benson, President
Lutherlyn Board of Directors



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