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Subject: Bus Captain Updates!

Hi Everyone!

Blessings to you this Holy Week! Below are some updates as many of you are starting to gear up for your second bus meeting...

Bus Meeting Resource 2 and Bus Covenants

Attached is a resource you can use for your second bus meeting. Whether you use it or not, **you need to come out of your final bus meeting with a bus covenant!!**

The buses that do the best on the Synod Journey are the ones where the adult leaders have had a conversation around expectations and consequences, and have come to an mutually agreed upon understanding. All of you come from different congregational and leadership cultures – you will have different opinions on when/how cell phones should be used, what is appropriate clothing, what should be quiet hours on the bus. It is critical that you have conversations on how you will approach all of these things as a united front during travel! And the time to do that is well before you step on the bus so your expectations can be clearly shared with your youth. At the bottom of the attached resource is a list of questions you might use to guide your conversation with the adults on your bus. As long as your covenant is within the expectations of the Synod Journey covenant, each bus can make its own decisions on how to approach expectations.

I'll be honest – cell phones are the biggest issue, and need to be discussed in length with adult leaders. On the Bus Captain website I have linked our Synod Journey covenant for you to refer to in regards to cell phones and what we mean by community time. One simple way I have seen bus captains in the past indicate when it is community time is they simply put a colored posted at the front of the bus – red meant no cell phones, green meant you could use cell phones. Some buses collect the phones so they aren't a temptation, then give them out during community time. If you do this, be sure to have a strategy in place how you will keep them safe.

Once you have put together your covenant, please email me a copy so I know how to support you along the Journey!

Wednesday Activity Choice

I have started to hear from some of you what your activity choice will be for Wednesday before we head to Houston – thank you! Please share those with me as soon as you are able if you have not done so! If your plans include needing to make arrangements for tickets or something else, I will be in touch with you on how to do that. (For those of you who have emailed me your plans – that email will be coming right after I send this!) I am still hopeful I can provide some funds to help cover partial expenses for this day...but with lots of variables up in the air still, I'm still sticking to the June 5 meeting to let you know. So plan on having the groups on your bus cover any of those expenses for now.

Bus Captain Meeting: June 5 at the Synod Office in Duluth

We have **Tuesday, June 5, 10am – 2pm set for the Bus Captain meeting** when I will walk through all the details for your role and give you the supplies you will need. I know that date doesn't work for some of you who have jobs outside the church, so I am looking for a make up date...

Please fill out this Doodle Poll by Wednesday, April 4 with all of the dates/times you have available:

<https://doodle.com/poll/2w8kmvznueibdidn>

If there is a date/time that works for everyone we will just meet that once. Otherwise, for those of you who can meet June 5 we will keep that date and I will meet separately with those who can't.

Bus Captain Website

Just a reminder that I have your resources posted on our Bus Captain website at www.nemnsynod.org/BusCaptains.

That's it for today! Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns! I can't thank you enough for the work you are doing to prepare our bus groups for this Journey!

Smiles,
Catherine =)

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