



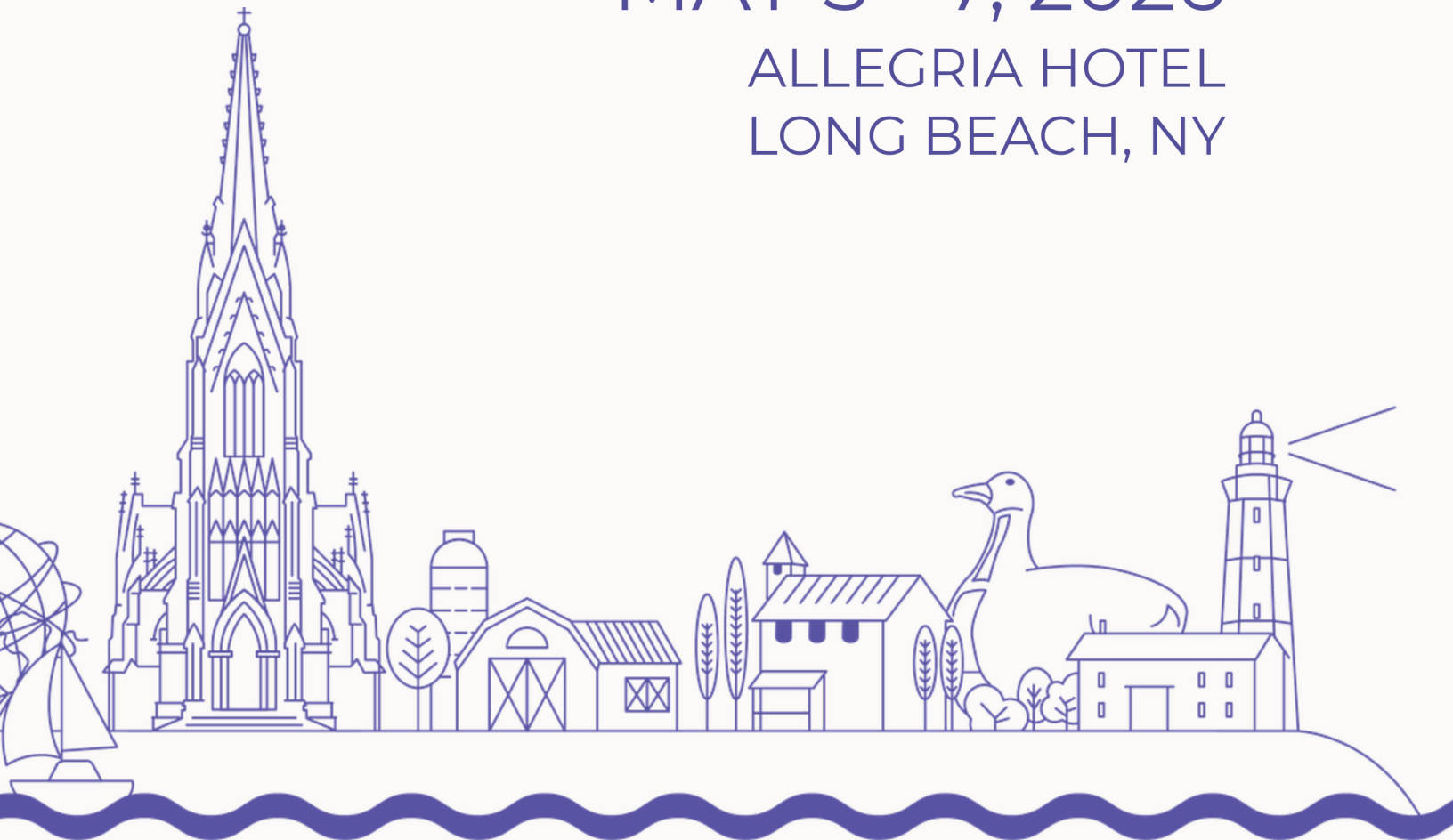
THE  
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE  
OF LONG ISLAND

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# Clergy Retreat

MAY 5 - 7, 2026

ALLEGRIA HOTEL  
LONG BEACH, NY



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Time	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am		<b>Breakfast</b> 7:00 - 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b> 7:00 - 8:30 am
8:00 am		<b>Prayer</b>   8:30 - 9:00 am	<b>Prayer</b>   8:30 - 9:00 am
9:00 am		<b>Break</b>   9:00 - 9:15 am <b>Session 1</b> <i>The Rev. Jeremy Carlson</i> 9:15 am - 10:15 am	<b>Break &amp; Check Out*</b> 9:00 - 10:00 am
10:00 am		<b>Break</b>   10:15 - 10:30 am <b>Session 2</b> <i>The Rev. Jeremy Carlson</i> 10:30 am - 11:45 am	<b>Closing Eucharist</b> 10:00 am - 11:30 am
11:00 am		<b>Noonday Prayer</b> 11:45 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b> 11:30 - 12:30 pm
12:00 pm		<b>Lunch, Announcements, &amp; Group Photo</b> 12:30 - 1:00 pm	
1:00 pm		<b>Free Time</b> 1:00 - 5:30 pm	
2:00 pm			
3:00 pm	<b>Hotel Check-in * Registration Free Time</b> 3:00 - 5:00 pm		
4:00 pm			
5:00 pm	<b>Social Hour</b> 5:00 - 6:00 pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>   5:30 - 6:00 pm	
6:00 pm	<b>Buffet Dinner</b> 6:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>Dinner</b> 6:00 - 7:00 pm	
7:00 pm		<b>“Seaside” Chat</b> with Bishop Provenzano 7:00 - 9:00 pm	
8:00 pm	<b>Compline</b>   8:00 - 8:15 pm		
9:00 pm		<b>Compline</b>   9:00 - 9:15 pm	

free time/breaks/registration
  rooftop
  ballroom

The rooftop is available at all times for “Friends of Bill” gatherings, fellowship, and board games.

\*Please note that the hotel check-in time is 3 pm and check out is 11 am.

## ABOUT OUR SESSION LEADER



**The Rev. Jeremy L. Carlson** is an Episcopal priest and serves as the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Southampton. Jeremy was ordained in 2018 in the Diocese of Alabama. Before beginning ministry at St. John's, Jeremy served on staff at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church in Birmingham. Before beginning ordained ministry, Jeremy worked as a lawyer and a teacher. Jeremy holds degrees from The University of the South (M. Div. 2018), The University of Alabama (B.A. 1995, J.D. 2004), and the University of Alabama, Birmingham (M.A. Ed. 1997). Jeremy is married to Laura Carlson; the couple have two remarkable daughters. Away from work, Jeremy enjoys fly fishing, being outdoors, and playing the trombone.

## TRANSITION MINISTRY

*Transitions since Winter Clergy Day 2026*

Name	Position	Parish
Christine Scott	Deacon	All Saints', Baldwin
Lisa DeBenedittis	Curate	Cathedral of Incarnation
Benjamin Brenkert	From PIC to Rector	St. Ann's, Sayville
Spencer Cantrell	From PIC to Rector	St. George's, Astoria
Laurence Byrne	P/T PIC	Grace Church, Whitestone
Robert Russo	Deacon	St. Ann's, Sayville
Paula Kong-Sinclair	Deacon	St. Peter's Church, Rosedale
Cecily Broderick	From PIC to Rector	Christ Church, Sag Harbor
Stephen Morris	Interim PIC	St. Philip's, Dyker Heights
Rudolph Anthony	From PIC to Rector	Grace Church, Jamaica
Aissa Hillebrand	Deacon	St. Mark's, Islip

## GRANT DEADLINES FOR MINISTRY FUNDING

Episcopal Ministries of Long Island provides funding for Episcopal parish-based ministries across the diocese as they work to meet the needs of all people in their communities. If your parish aspires to start a new ministry or strengthen an existing one, you are encouraged to connect with us to discern if applying for a grant from EMLI is the right next step for your ministry. Grants are accepted and reviewed quarterly. Deadlines each year are as follows: March 15, June 15, September 15, December 15. Visit [episcopalministries.org/grants](https://episcopalministries.org/grants) for details.





## DCDI

### Join us for the Culture Cycle of DCDI

We study culture because it has been said that “Culture eats strategy for breakfast!”\*

Therefore, if you really want to be successful in creating a healthy and growing congregation you need to understand your church’s culture.

**DCDI can help you: identify, assess, leverage, and energize your culture.**

### Register for the Diocesan Church Development Institute today!

DCDI is a leadership training program that develops the spiritual community and organizational life of congregations. It equips clergy and lay leaders to serve their congregations through a highly integrated training experience that engages participants in the issues and dynamics that they face as leaders. This program will increase trust, improve negotiation skills, build consensus, and manage conflict in your leadership team. It will also energize your leaders for mission and achieving strategic goals while navigating the challenges of cultural change.

We meet by Zoom during our scheduled Friday dates from 9:00-12:30 and in person on Saturday dates from 9:30-4:00 at the Church of the Ascension in Rockville Center.

**Registration closes on June 1, 2026**

### Cycle: Exploring Church Culture

- 2026 June 12-13
- 2026 September 11-12
- 2026 October 23-24
- 2026 December 4-5



For more info, scan the QR code above to visit [dioceseli.org/dcdi](https://dioceseli.org/dcdi), or contact:

The Rev. Elisabeth Tunney  
DCDI Program Director  
(860) 324-8579, [etunney@dioceseli.org](mailto:etunney@dioceseli.org)

*\*attributed to Peter Drucker, whose work had a significant impact on management theory*

## BISHOP WALKER HOUSE

At Walker House, our mission is to offer a vibrant spiritual sanctuary where individuals and groups can find peace, prayer, and a warm welcome. Rooted in a century of history, we provide serene spaces for reflection and renewal, fostering spiritual communion in the heart of Long Island.

Clergy are welcome for overnight stays and retreats. Day events and small group meetings provide additional opportunities for gathering.

We invite you to scan the QR code to visit [walkerhousegc.org](https://walkerhousegc.org) for reservations and details.

For more information, please contact House Manager Toni Contino at [guesthouse@dioceseli.org](mailto:guesthouse@dioceseli.org).



## CATHEDRAL NEWS

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### “This Fragile Earth, Our Island Home” – April 25, through May 31, 2026

The Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City is hosting its second international art residency, Luke Jerram's *Gaia*, a 20-foot illuminated sculpture of Earth built from NASA imagery suspended in its historic Gothic nave through the end of May.

*Events worth noting:*

**Mass for the Endangered (May 8, 7 pm)** — Perhaps the most ambitious offering of the residency: a six-movement choral and chamber orchestra work setting original text alongside the Latin Mass, composed as a prayer for endangered animals and ecosystems. Performed beneath *Gaia*, with proceeds benefiting Last Hope Animal Rescue.

**Project Genesis (May 22, 7:00pm)** — Project Genesis brings the sweeping ambition of classic prog rock to the nave on May 22. This not to be missed night pairs sonic music with sacred architecture and a glowing Earth overhead — an unexpectedly fitting combination.

**Jazz Cocktails Under Gaia** — Mother's Day Celebration (May 10, 6–8 pm) — Live jazz from Manhattan Rhythm, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres beneath the installation, with the possibility of dancing.

**Trivia Night (May 27, 7:00pm)** — Bring yourself or register a parish team to compete for a good cause - the Cathedral's outreach ministry, and a few prizes! Hosted by NYC's The Big Quiz Thing this promises to be a fun-filled evening for all.



“Fight for Earth” Day 2026  
*Photography by Jennifer A. Uilhien,  
Girl in a Camera Productions*



Scan the QR Code or visit [www.incarnationgc.org/gaia](http://www.incarnationgc.org/gaia) for a full calendar of concerts, lectures, yoga, and contemplative events surrounding the installation.

## PARISH ADMINISTRATORS' XCHANGE (PAX)

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*Elevating Administrators Through Information Exchange and Support*

PAX connects and supports those who serve in the day-to-day administration of your parish. Through regular Zoom gatherings, participants receive key updates, hear from guest speakers, and share practical insight with one another. As part of the PAX experience, PAX members are invited to an annual in-person appreciation luncheon hosted by the Diocese.

Bishop Provenzano encourages every parish to make time for participation. Parish Administrators, Assistants—or even wardens or vestry members—are all welcome.

Is your parish administrator not connected yet? Invite them to join. Are they already part of PAX? Please make sure they're receiving our emails, so they stay in the loop. To learn more, or to sign up, contact Celeste LaCasse at [clacasse@dioceseli.org](mailto:clacasse@dioceseli.org).



May 16

## “Marching in the Light of Love” – A Farewell Celebration Honoring the Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano

On May 16, we gather to honor the Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano for his 17 years of visionary leadership as the Eighth Bishop of Long Island. Since 2009, Bishop Provenzano’s episcopate has been defined by progressive activism, institutional revitalization, and a steadfast commitment to inclusive ministry. As he prepares to conclude his tenure this September, clergy and laity are invited to celebrate this lasting legacy of reconciling love. Due to limited seating at the Cathedral, in-person attendance is by registration only; however, the Eucharist and ceremony will be available via livestream for all. Visit [dioceseli.org/farewell](https://dioceseli.org/farewell) for updates and registration.

May 29-30

## Overnight in the Cathedral

Invite your youth and young adults to experience the Cathedral of the Incarnation in a new light. This immersive overnight event features hip-hop meditations, a tower tour, and Midnight Mass. Participants will reflect on stewardship while sleeping beneath the "Gaia" Earth installation. Please share this unique opportunity for prayer and creation-care with your parish communities.

June 20

## Juneteenth Jubilee

Scholars selected for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island’s Barbara C. Harris Scholars Program will be presented with their scholarships by the Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island, during a “Juneteenth Jubilee” on June 20th at 11 am at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City, NY. The event is open to the public.

Jul 23-26

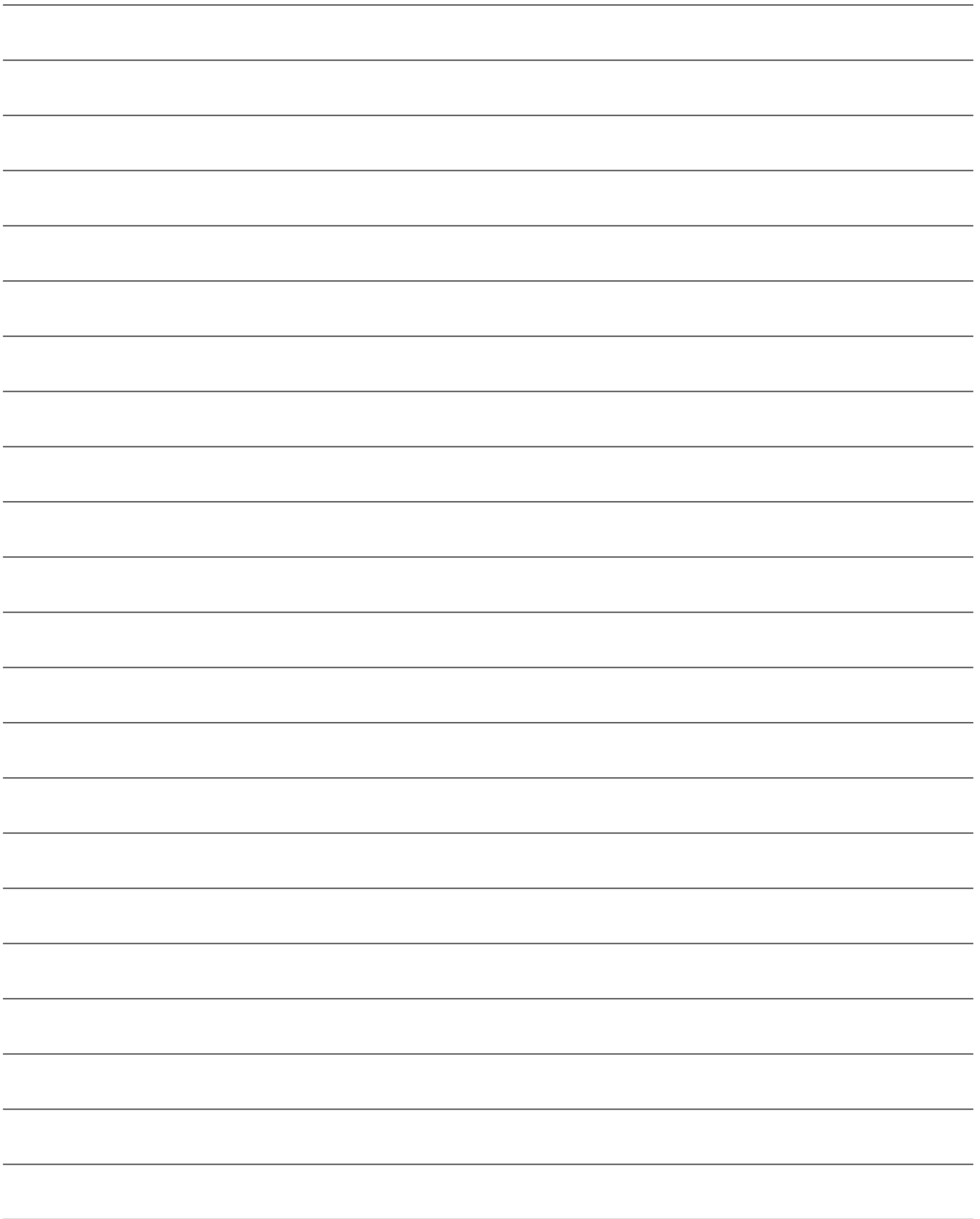
## ELEVATE Summer Camp

Camp ELEVATE is Back! From July 23–26, youth are invited to Camp DeWolfe for a weekend of adventure and leadership development as we explore this year’s theme, “HARVEST.” Campers will be challenged to discover and harvest the unique gifts God has planted within them through beachside fun and intentional community. Transportation is available to and from the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Contact Chelsy DeHart at [cdehart@dioceseli.org](mailto:cdehart@dioceseli.org) for questions or scholarship information. Learn more and register at [dioceseli.org/elevate](https://dioceseli.org/elevate).

Sept 19

## Ordination & Consecration of the Ninth Bishop of Long Island

The Rev. Dr. Adam J. Shoemaker will be ordained and consecrated as the Ninth Bishop of Long Island at the Tilles Center on the Campus of LIU Post. More information will be available soon.





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