We will talk with one another about:

- Why is talking about sexuality and gender identity in the church so difficult? And why do we need to keep talking about it?
- What are the premises for our various understandings - a lifestyle choice or part of God's created diversity?
- How do we interpret Scripture as both law and gospel?
- Why isn't saying, "All are Welcome" enough?
 Why do we have to be explicit and name various groups?
- What does it mean to be a Reconciling in Christ Synod? How does that designation impact our congregations?
- How do we travel together with Jesus in ways that do not exclude those who hold differing views?

Recognizing that among people of faith, there are a variety of opinions, perspectives and feelings regarding sexual orientation and gender identity, Bishop Candea will be hosting conversations prior to synod assembly:

Can We Talk About This?

There will be two opportunities to engage in these conversations:

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 16, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom

Meeting ID: 869 0743 3878

Passcode: 911723

Voting members to the assembly as well as other members of the synod are invited to participate.