

Monday, March 27th, 7.00-8.30pm

**St. Thomas University of Miami Gardens, Chapel of St. Anthony
'Healing Christian Divisions'**

A joint presentation by Bishop Donald McCoid and Dr. John Borelli.

Donald J. McCoid served as the Executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), from 2007 to 2015, and as the Director of this section until his retirement in 2016. Bishop Emeritus McCoid also served as the Bishop of the ELCA's Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod from 1987 until September, 2007. McCoid has been active in ecumenical relationships, serving on the Christian Leaders Fellowship of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, and as Chair of the Council of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. He was the United States co-chair for the Lutheran-Orthodox bilateral discussions and served as the co-president of the Lutheran World Federation-Orthodox Church international dialogue. He has traveled extensively for ecumenical work in Asia, Africa, and Europe. McCoid served as the President of the National Association of Ecumenical Officers.

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