

# Living DiscipleLife Festival

2010 NT-NL SYNOD ASSEMBLY  
 AMARILLO CIVIC CENTER  
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Welcome to the Living DiscipleLife Festival – an opportunity to learn and grow together, gathering some insights and resources for the ministry of your congregation. You may choose three of the six classes that are being offered.

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Room	1:15 – 2:00	2:15 – 3:00	3:15 – 4:00	4:15 – 5:15
Heritage (Main hall)	<b>Living DL – 101</b> Missional Congregations	<b>Living DL – 101</b> Missional Congregations		<b>The Future Of DiscipleLife</b>  <b>A Visioning Conversation</b>  Heritage Room
B		<b>Living DL – 102</b> Millennial Generation	<b>Living DL – 102</b> Millennial Generation	
C	<b>Living DL – 103</b> Youth Ministry		<b>Living DL – 103</b> Youth Ministry	
S	<b>Living DL – 104</b> The Ethics of Food	<b>Living DL – 104</b> The Ethics of Food		
A		<b>Living DL – 105</b> Global Accompaniment	<b>Living DL – 105</b> Global Accompaniment	
D	<b>Living DL – 106</b> Generosity vs. Anxiety		<b>Living DL – 106</b> Generosity vs. Anxiety	

## LIVING DISCIPLELIFE COURSE OFFERINGS

### Living DL – 101: Missional Congregations

**Instructor:** The Rev. Stephen Bouman is Executive Director of the ELCA Unit for Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission. He previously served as bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod (a highly diverse and growing synod in the ELCA).

**Description:** Pastor Bouman will share ideas of how ministries have revitalized their mission from his vast experience of working with a variety of congregational settings in many communities.

**Host:** Hattie M. Hammer, Executive Director, Mission Endowment Fund – NT-NL Synod.

### Living DL – 102: The Millennial Generation

**Instructor:** The Rev. Shawn Norris has served as the Lutheran Campus Pastor at the University of Kansas for the last 12 years and has been well trained by two millennial children.

Description: Out the window – Eutychus (Acts 20) was just the first in a long line of young adults to fall asleep and fall out of the church. Come and find out how to connect with young adults in your community and keep them awake and engaged.

Host: Pastor Celene Welch, Campus Pastor, Denton

### **Living DL – 103: Building a Stronger Youth Ministry**

Instructor: Jon Thompson, Program Director of Briarwood Retreat Center and Church Camp, who has 15 years experience working with youth in both Christian settings and scouting.

Description: Building a year round program that attracts the youth and helps keep them active is a challenge. Jon will talk about setting goals that appeal to the youth of the congregation – goals such as backpacking, canoeing, high-adventure trip, etc. Planning, fundraising, shakedown trips, and the actual trip can keep the group actively working and learning together throughout the year, teach many skills, and provide opportunities for youth to grow in their faith.

Host: Matt Cleaver, chair of the synod's Nurturing and Supporting Youth and Families Team

### **Living DL – 104: The Ethics of Food**

Instructor: Dr. L. Shannon Jung, Professor of Town and Country Ministries at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri; author of *Food for Life: The Spirituality and Ethics of Eating* (2004); *Sharing Food: Christian Practices for Enjoyment* (2006) and *Hunger & Happiness: Feeding the Hungry, Nourishing Our Souls* (2009)

Description: "Ethics of Food" considers the consequences of choices regarding food production, policy, marketing, selection and use. Even simple choices made at food markets amount to moral speech on behalf of personal health and the well being of others: "Every scan is a vote!" Resources for further exploring this important topic in the local parish will be identified.

Host: Pastor Chuck Hubbard, chair of the synod's Public Witness Goal Team.

### **Living DL – 105: Dancing in Worship & Other Lessons of Global Accompaniment**

Instructor: Pastor Kate Warn has served as a missionary and NT-NL's Pastor-in-Residence in Sierra Leone since Feb. 2009. She teaches, preaches, leads worship and works with the developmental programs of the ELCSL. She has served two congregations in the U.S. and has worked in Sudan.

Description: The NT-NL Synod and ELCSL are partners in God's mission through the ELCA Companion Church program. We will explore this relationship as "accompaniment" and offer insights on the gifts and challenges shaping the life of the church in Sierra Leone.

Host: Debbie Lemon, chairperson of the synod's Companion Synod committee

### **Living DL – 106: Generosity vs. Anxiety: Stewardship on the Rocks?**

Instructor: David Misenheimer served Lutheran parishes for 25 years prior to an extended ministry as a consultant with Kairos and Associates.

Description: In this uncertain economy (and amid ELCA issues), many congregations and individuals are caught between the anxiety of the day and the Biblical and baptismal call to generosity. Using 2 Corinthians 9 as a touchstone, we will discover principles to guide individuals and congregations toward growing generosity in the midst of fearful economics.

Host: Jim Level, chairperson of the synod's Encouraging Generous Hearts Goal Team