

# Leader News

An E-Note to NT-NL Rostered Leaders



## July / August 2011

### DiscipleLife Alive! Celebration Day



*Join us for a day when we will celebrate the gift of DiscipleLife Alive!, hear about the progress we have made, and plan together for the congregational phase this fall -- a time when the story of DLA! will be carried into our congregations and to our individual members, seeking their prayers and pledges. All are invited.*

Tuesday, September 20, 2011  
Briarwood Retreat Center  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
[Learn more.](#)

A **Pre-Retirement Seminar** is offered at Briarwood about once every three years. The next is Oct. 11-12, 2011. The seminar is sponsored by the ELCA Board of Pensions and offers valuable information for those nearing retirement. This year the seminar is preceded by a **ReFirement Seminar** (Oct. 10) which helps participants look at the values and dreams that they hope their retirement will fulfill. [Learn more and register.](#)

The **Congregational Leadership Academy** will be offered again in early 2012 to help develop the leadership skills of your top leaders. Skills for understanding congregational systems, conflict management, and missional vision are the primary skills that are considered. The event takes place at Zion, McGregor; the text is Peter Steinke's [A Door Set Open](#). [Learn more and register.](#) This academy is funded in part by the Leadership Formation Fund made possible by *DiscipleLife Alive!*



ELCA Global Mission has announced a search for a **Companion Synod Pastor in Residence for Sierra Leone**. The position is a two-year residency and will fill the position currently held by Pastor Kate Warn who plans to return to the U.S. Info contact [Pastor James Gonia](#).

The IRS raised the **mileage rate for business use** of a personal vehicle to 55.5 cents per mile effective July 1.

The Augsburg Fortress *Little Red Book* for 2012 is now available as a [free downloadable resource](#) in a variety of electronic formats. The hard copy can be purchased for \$9.95 -- but you must place your order by July 31.

**Preserve your congregation's history!** Know what records need not only to be kept up-to-date and secure, but also backed up in a offsite location. [Learn more.](#)

The 2011 Mission Assembly passed a resolution in support of the "**Bread or Stones**" resolution adopted by the Louisiana Interchurch Conference. The resolution seeks to find ways to advocate for children in Louisiana. Those interested in becoming involved in this effort can contact Pastor Dana Krutz (225.344.0134).

**Luther Seminary** in St. Paul, MN, has begun a search for a faculty position in Old Testament. [Learn more.](#)

Dr. Terry Germann is offering his **Clergy Systems Leadership Seminar** on the second Thursdays of each month beginning this fall. Morning or afternoon sessions are available. The seminar takes place at King of Glory, Dallas. Contact [Dr. Germann](#) for more information (214.733.3755).

Dr. Doug Hester is also offering a **Family Systems Class** in Arlington this fall. [Learn more.](#)

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center offers their **Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders** on October 3-7 in Dallas to teach leadership skills for conflict situations. [Learn more.](#)

**Christmas in July** -- Mosaic invites your donation of hygiene items, utility room supplies, gift cards, sheets and bedspreads as they help their clients with intellectual disabilities prosper in their group homes. [Learn more](#) -- or contact [Sarah Boyea](#) (972.866.9989 x321),

Mosaic plans to host a gathering in celebration of **Clergy Appreciation Month** on Oct. 20. Save the date. More information to follow.

Lutheran Campus Ministry is sponsoring its annual **Name Gathering Project**. Each congregation is asked to forward the names of its college-bound students for referral to the Campus Ministry program at their school. [Learn more](#) about the project and use their handy [online referral system](#).

The **2012 TriSynodical Theological Leadership Conference** takes place on January 23-25 at the Waco Convention Center and Hilton in Waco. Detailed information will be available on the event's [web page](#) by late September.

**Bishop's Convocation** is scheduled for October 17-19 at Briarwood. Hold the dates on your calendar; more information soon.

**Lutheran Ministries and Social Services of Waco** (LMSS-Waco) recently sponsored a free clinic for low income persons to draw up Wills and Powers of Attorney. A similar event is planned for the fall. Info contact the [clinic office](#) (254.757.3401).

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### And Don't Forget

**The NT-NL Video Library** carries several videos related to the *DiscipleLife Alive!* initiative. [Visit the Library](#) for:

*DiscipleLife Alive!* (17:47)  
DLA! Summary (4:02)  
Mission Center at Briarwood (8:15)  
Leadership Formation - MEF (5:53)



**2011 Bishop's Celebration:** Bishop Kanouse will carry the message and the mood of the 2011 Assembly out into the conferences this fall, hosting events to inspire, introduce and encourage participation in the *DiscipleLife Alive!* initiative. Twenty-one events between September 26 and January 14 are on the calendar.

[See the schedule](#)

[Learn more about \*DiscipleLife Alive!\*](#)

**Glocal Mission Gathering:** Global+local = Glocal. The events celebrate our Global Mission and are a reminder of the way our global outreach begins in local commitment. The ELCA sponsors several Glocal Mission Gatherings each year. Of the 9 in 2011, the closest is September 23-24 in San Antonio. [Learn more.](#)

