

# Leader News

An E-Note to NT-NL Rostered Leaders



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## Announcements



Ventures in Vocation

### *Life Together in the Church*

**Dr. Peter Steinke** (*Healthy Congregations*) will meet with candidates for ministry on December 17 to talk about our *Life Together in the Church*. You are encouraged to recommend the names of those who might be considering a church vocation -- or might be encouraged to do so. This event is to stimulate some reflection on the challenges and opportunities of congregational leadership and to answer questions about the process of preparing for rostered ministry in the ELCA. The event is geared toward high school seniors, college students and second-career inquirers.



[Information about the event](#)  
[Recommendation Form](#)  
Info [Pastor Stan Meyer](#).



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*DiscipleLife Alive!*

### **Leadership Training Celebrations**



Bishop Kanouse and members of the DLA Team are offering **Leadership Training Celebrations** in twenty locations throughout the NT-NL this fall, sharing with you and your key leadership important information about the progress of the DiscipleLife Alive! Initiative and ways to tell the members of your congregation about it. Every rostered leader should plan to be at one of the events. To see the list of locations and a description of the event, [click here](#).

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**Bishop's Convocation:** register now ! The event, *Faithful DiscipleLife, Leading Change as Grace-Full Lutherans*, on October 17-19, features Dr. Mary Sue Dreier and Dr. Craig Van Gelder. [Learn more.](#)



Information about the **2012 TriSynodical Theological Leadership Conference** on January 23-25 at the Waco Convention Center and Hilton in Waco will be available [online](#) this week. *Save!* by registering **online, early** (before January 8) and by **credit card**. The event's web page also describes the two hotel options; reserve a room by January 5 to be sure and receive the group rate.

**Youth Ministry Oasis Weekend:** *Renew, Recharge, Relax* for staff and volunteers who work in youth ministry. The event is planned for Oct. 7-9 at the LaQuinta in Grapevine. Info contact [Janelle Miller](#) or [Tom Schwolert](#).

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is a worldwide movement among Christians to heal divisions within the Church. Each January 18-25 Christians are encouraged to pray together as a sign of our unity in Christ. [Available resources.](#)

**Wheat Ridge Ministries** offers sabbatical planning resources. [Learn more.](#)

**Camp Lutherhill** in LaGrange was damaged recently by a wildfire. No one was at the camp when the fire began, and there were no injuries. It damaged 70-80% of the grounds at Lutherhill, but 99% of the structures survived undamaged! Firefighters were able to save the historic Tree Chapel, which is a 300 year old live oak tree.

**"First Vote" to Leave the ELCA:** An amendment to the ELCA Constitution (9.62) adopted by the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Orlando requires a six month waiting period between a *failed* first vote to terminate the congregation's relationship with the ELCA and a subsequent meeting to consider again this "first vote" to terminate. Having been adopted by the Churchwide Assembly, this provision is immediately and automatically applicable to all ELCA congregations.

Each year **Valparaiso University** offers two outstanding Lutheran students four-year full-tuition scholarships. Do you know of a high school senior who should be nominated? The deadline is Oct. 14. [Pastor Stan Meyer](#) has the nomination form.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sept 30-Oct 1

***The Four Cornerstones of Emerging Christianity*** -- a two day workshop at SMU's Perkins School of Theology. [Learn more.](#)

2011-12 Academic Year

***The Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity*** at Brite Divinity School -- a series of topics. [Learn more.](#)

Fall 2011

***The Leadership Outside the Lines*** event offered at Briarwood by Pastor Rob Moore and Pastor Nancy Fisher has been cancelled.

November 14-17

***A Church Staff Leadership Seminar*** is offered by the ELCA, Augsburg Fortress, and Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center (Carefree, AZ). [Learn more.](#)

January 28 - February 5, 2012

A ***Ministry Staff Seminar***, ***A Transition Seminar***, and ***A Head of Staff Seminar*** are offered annually by the ELCA and includes leadership from Roy Oswald. Each of these three seminars is about four days and takes place at Delray Beach Florida. [Learn more.](#)

Winter/Spring 2012

***Go. Baptize. Make Disciples:*** a Training Institute for the Catechumenate will be offered three times next year. The events are sponsored by the several ecumenical partners, including ELCA. [Learn more.](#)



And don't forget

ELCA Global Mission is searching for a **Companion Synod Missionary in Residence for Sierra Leone**. [Read the position description](#) or contact [Pastor James Gonia](#).

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!*

