

Leader News

An E-Note to NT-NL Rostered Leaders



ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2011



The 2012 TriSynodical Theological Leadership Conference

Information about the January 23-25 event at the Waco Convention Center and Hilton in Waco is now available [online](#). **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.

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 should 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](#).

Alive!



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](#).

A **Large Church Initiative Conference** is offered by the United Methodist Church and is designed to inform and encourage pastors and lay leaders of larger congregations (1,000+ members). The national event takes place Jan. 23-26 at First United Methodist in Richardson. [Learn more](#).

Become an Apprentice to Jesus is an event to focus on the ways we learn to think, live and love like Jesus. The event features James Bryan Smith, C.J. Fox, and Matt Johnson and is hosted by King of Glory, Dallas, on Jan. 27-28. [Learn more.](#)

The NT-NL Lutheran Men in Mission has its next gathering on January 20-21 at Briarwood. The presenter is Richard Ray (Anchor 4 News). [Learn more.](#)

Whenever the ELCA Churchwide Assembly makes changes to the mandatory (+Sections) of the **Model Constitution for Congregations** those changes are automatically a part of every congregation's constitution. You can [download](#) the document that lists the changes made by the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

If your congregation was covered by liability and/or property insurance with **Charity First Insurance** between 8/26/94 and 9/1/05 you should know that a class action settlement of claims is in the works. Notice of the settlement is found in The Lutheran magazine.

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.](#)

New Visions: Leadership for Mission is a two-day training event offered through Dr. Peter Steinke's *Healthy Congregations*. The event will help you increase mission awareness, improve congregational vitality, grow leadership skills and manage change in healthy ways. The event is offered at Briarwood on March 5-6. [Learn more.](#)

The Lutheran Deaconess Association (LDA) at Valparaiso has announced that it will begin admitting men into diaconal formation for the first time. LDA is a center for service and learning for deaconesses and has had three men already apply to become consecrated deacons. [Learn more.](#)

The Photogallery of Rostered Leaders on our web site has recently been updated with photos taken at the 2011 Mission Assembly. [Take a look.](#) And thanks for your participation!

Gifted Young Adults in your congregation might welcome information about YAGM -- Young Adults in Global Mission. This ELCA program places young adults in service-learning opportunities around the world. [Learn more.](#)



Do you have a Q R reader on your cell phone? Try it on the barcode at left. It will take you to NTNL.org.

Consider a Camping Scholarship program -- one congregation, Four Mile in Mabank, has the *Edward L. and Mary Katharine Shaffer Dellis Camping Endowment Fund* which helps underwrite the expense of their youth who attended Briarwood's summer camp and confirmation camp.



OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

2011-12 Academic Year

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

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.](#)

March 5-17, 2012

The Fifth International Seminar within the Luther Decade is set for Wittenberg, Germany, and features Dr. Thomas Schattauer and Dr. Katharina Wiefel-Jenner. The event is taught in English and is built around the theme, *Sing to the Lord a New Son: Liturgy and Worship in a Lutheran Perspective.* [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!*



SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT is the theme of the Nov. 11-13 NT-NL LYO Jr. High Gathering at the Crowne Plaza in Addison. Wes Halula is the featured presenter. [Learn more.](#)