

# Leader News

An E-Note to NT-NL Rostered Leaders



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

August, 2012



### **Table Talk with Nadia Bolz-Weber**

You can join in the conversation in person, or by tuning in on the webinar via internet.

Reserve the time and date:

August 30 at Briarwood

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

[Webinar Online](#)

Sign up with [Pr. Jane Mar](#)

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**New Visions**



**New Visions** is a two-day workshop (Oct. 1-2) that was designed by Dr. Pete Steinke. The presenter is Pr. Jon Lee. The workshop will give you the process and the resources to create a missional culture within your congregation and raise up missional leaders.

[Learn more.](#)

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Add your voice at the  
**Public Hearing on the ELCA's Proposed Social Statement on Criminal Justice**  
to be held at Shepherd of Life, Arlington, Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. to noon.

[Learn about the Statement Process](#)

[Read the Proposed Statment](#)

[View the Webcast online](#)



**Trips to Sierra Leone for 2013-14** are in the planning stages now. The trips will coincide with the ELCSL's 25th anniversary celebration and the dedication of the Jubilee Center in Freetown. Consider joining one of the trips. Space is limited. [Learn more.](#)

**The NT-NL Stewardship Academy** for 2012-13 begins on October 26-27. This is a proven way to help enliven stewardship in select members and the whole congregation. [Learn more.](#)

**Dwelling in the Word** (August 24-25 in Mansfield) is an event offered by Church Innovations (Pat Taylor Ellingson & Pat Kiefert) to help congregational leaders and members experience some deep listening to God, one another, and the neighbor which then helps to shape your imagination and vision for mission. Learn more: [Event for Leaders](#) - [General Session for all](#)



**MOSAIC** You are invited to visit and tour one of the **Mosaic group homes** for some food and fun -- in Carrollton on August 19 and in Richardson on August 21. RSVP by August 16. [Learn more.](#)

**Pastor Ron Meyer** (ret., Granbury) is a candidate for a kidney transplant. As a part of the transplant process, he is seeking a donor to contribute to the national organ bank. Info contact: [Pastor Ron Meyer](#) (432.413.9943).

**IRS Regulation:** a reminder that the law requires that churches who regularly employ someone (e.g. an organist, choir director, guitarist, violinist) should give them a W2 form at the end of the year. "Contract" labor (1099-Misc Form) only applies to persons who are employed on a one-time or infrequent basis. Download the [Ruling Letter](#).

**Congregations leaving the ELCA.** Of the 926 congregations that have taken votes to leave the ELCA, 300 votes failed. To date 625 congregations have completed the process and are no longer rostered with the ELCA.

**The Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy** invites clergy who suffer from alcoholism, addictions and codependency to learn more about their program. [Learn more.](#)



**The Congregational Leadership Academy** is a proven way to help your team of congregational leaders gain insight and skill for leading within a family system. Each congregation is invited to send the pastor(s) and several key lay leaders so the team is no less than 3 and no more than 6. [Learn more.](#)

Advent, Arlington, is looking for a **Director of Worship and Music** who will help manage the worship and musical life of the congregation and direct the several choirs. Please encourage those you know to review the [online job description](#).

**First, Shreveport**, is in the process of closing and is offering its 2010 Allen Organ (Q285D) with speakers for \$15,000. They also have 14 stained glass windows and miscellaneous Sunday School materials. Info contact [Beth Wilt](#), Council Secretary (318.742.8330).

**Chris Michaelis** (member of Calvary, Richland Hills) has been named a recipient of one of the ELCA's Fund for Leaders scholarships, renewable throughout his seminary career. Congrats!

Church Communicators: The ELCA **Global Links** newsletter is now also available as a monthly PDF for you to copy and distribute in newsletters, bulletins and other publications. Look on the right sidebar of their [online web page](#).

The Louisville Institute offers **Pastoral Study Project Grants** of up to \$15,000 to enable working pastors to invest their energy in projects that matter for the whole church. Applications are due by Sept. 1. [Learn more.](#)

The **Seventh International Seminar** within the Luther Decade is planned for Wittenberg -- Feb. 24 - Mar 9, 2013. [Learn more.](#)



### [The NT-NL Mission Area](#)

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## OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

August 24-25

**Dwelling in the Word** event held in Mansfield to help congregational leaders and members experience some deep listening to God, one another, and the neighbor which then helps to shape your imagination and vision for mission. [Event for Leaders](#). [General Session for all](#).

November 9-10

**The 8th Annual Missional Church Consultation:** Missional Church and Global Media Cultures presents *On the Road to Emmaus* at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. [Learn more](#).

November 12-15 & 15-18

**Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center** in Carefree, AZ, offers two events -- the first for Staff Formation and the second for Head of Staff. [Learn more](#).

October 1-2

**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 taught by Pr. Jon Lee. Cost is \$295 per person. [Learn more](#).

January 4-12

**Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center** in Carefree, AZ, offers a series of back-to-back retreats on their most sought-after programs. [Learn more](#).

January 28-30

**Tri-Synodical Theological Leadership Conference** at the New Braunfels Convention Center in New Braunfels, Texas, hosted by the Southwestern Texas Synod. The theme is *Reimagining Church: exploring paths to renewal*. The speakers are Diana Butler Bass and Kenda Creasy Dean.



### And don't forget

**Retirement Readiness Report:** Portico Benefit Services is currently mailing out a personalized assessment of members' financial status, showing the degree to which the member is ready financially to retire. The report is based on a number of assumptions which are given. Plan members are encouraged to follow up on the report by using the unlimited, over-the-phone access to Ernst & Young financial planners at no out-of-pocket cost. [Learn more](#).

Dr. Terry Germann is again offering his **Systems Leadership Academy Seminar** in eight monthly meetings, September through May. The seminar helps you explore leadership and personal growth issues using systems thinking. Register by July 15. Info contact: [Terry](#)

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**The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center** offers the *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* at Kinsmen Lutheran Church in Houston on Sept. 10-14. [Learn more.](#)

