

2008 CRE Workshops

8:30 am – 9:30 am Registration, coffee, & rolls

10:00 am-10:30 am Keynote

1:00 pm-2:00 pm Workshop Session b

11 am-Noon Workshop Session a

2:15 pm-3:15 pm Workshop Session c

9:30 am-10:00 am Welcome/Worship

Noon-12:45 pm Lunch

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1	x			A3	Reading and Praying the Psalms <i>Learn some unexpected images and faith resources in the Psalms</i>	The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Klein
2		x		A3	Living with the Book of Job <i>Job deals with the problem of human suffering and invites readers to put these interpretations together in new and creative ways...</i>	The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Klein
3	x			A2	We Lutherans Were Not Born Yesterday <i>Recount some significant elements in our heritage in North America and examine the place of Lutherans within the whole tradition of the Church</i>	Rev. Lowell Almen
4		x		C2	Spirituality of Martin Luther <i>Imagine being the spiritual companion for Martin Luther...</i>	Rev. Bob Hansen
5		x		C5	Introduction to Foods Resource Bank Growing Project <i>FRB is a non-denominational program which helps needy people in foreign lands grow their own food and become self-sufficient...</i>	Paul Youngstrum and Rev. Philip Peterson
6	x	x	x	C3	The Diakonia Program <i>Lay spiritual and theological formation</i>	Kim Gustafson and Woody Woods
7		x		A4	Bulletin Inserts in MS Publisher <i>Make attractive and informative bulletin inserts to advertise events within your church and to other congregations...</i>	Mary Brodd
8				C6	Going 'Green' with Your Church lighting <i>Learn how to become better stewards of your church's resources and help the environment...</i>	Charles Dix
9	x	x	x	C4	Barnabas Care <i>Barnabas Care is a simple lay caregiving program for volunteers to care for individuals going through crises, illness, and aging...</i>	Dr. Chuck Olson, Christine Gustafson, Ann Honer, Sharon Beksel, John Lund, and Connie Lafontaine
10		x	x	D2	Farm Bill <i>Learn about its local implications and how we, as Lutherans, can effectively advocate for its passage...</i>	NIS Social Ministry Committee
11	x			D2	Water of Life <i>Learn about how much of the world's hunger problem involves a shortage of clean drinking water...</i>	Kent Terry and Rev. Wayne Derber of the Synod's Hunger Committee
12			x	D4	Service and Reflection: Getting the Most Out of Your Community Service <i>Practical strategies for helping your church engage in biblical, theological, and personal reflection through service projects...</i>	Dr. Bob Haak, Augustana College, Center for Vocational Reflection
13		x		A7	Lord Teach Me to Pray (Pictorial Prayer Book) <i>Scrapbooking photos of all the people you pray for is a unique way to make private devotional time more interesting and focused...</i>	Esther Prabhakar
14	x			A7	Holy Land Perspective <i>John and Esther Prabhakar spent five weeks in Jerusalem, volunteering at the Augusta Victoria Hospital run by the Lutheran World Federation...</i>	John and Esther Prabhakar

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15		x	x	D6	A Ministry Sabbatical: What, Why, and How <i>This workshop will cover the concept of what a sabbatical is...</i>	Rev. Mark Luepke and Nancy Gebler, former Congregational President of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Freeport
16	x			D1	Financial Fitness Clubs <i>These clubs help people learn more about financial management and then strive for specific financial goals...</i>	Rev. Randy Willers, member of the NIS Stewardship Team
17	x	x	x	D1	Stories to Tell and Gifts to Share Follow-up <i>This year-round stewardship resource was introduced last year at CRE; now the follow-up...</i>	Rev. Jim Olsen, Russ Zeskey members of the NIS Stewardship team, James Cash Bethel Lutheran Church, Stronghurst
18	x			D5	A Green Church: A Theology of Ecology Being “green” is more than a choice. It is also the faithful response to God’s call to be good stewards...	Rev. Jeff Schlesinger and/or Rev. Don Knowles, Synod’s Green Task Force
19	x	x	x	C5	“Kids, Money, & Stuff” Stewardship Program for Youth <i>The program focuses on helping young people see that today’s culture may be giving wrong messages about the difference between needs and wants...</i>	Rev. Marcia Strahl and Nicole Shores, First Lutheran Church, Chadwick
20	x	x		E1	Our Calling in Education <i>Hear how we are called to educate in the faith for vocation and work with others so all people have equitable access to high quality education...</i>	to be determined by NIS Social Ministry Committee
21	x	x		E2	Faithful Civil Engagement <i>Learn how congregations can discuss issues in a faith setting and find out which issues are a priority for the ELCA...</i>	NIS Social Ministry Committee
22	x	x	x	E3	Searching for Treasure, Mining for Gold: Digging into God’s Word <i>Explore a passage of scripture to provide a “hands-on” approach to reading, interpreting, and applying the Bible...</i>	Candis Katzberg
23		x		C1	Christian Puppetry How to Get Started <i>Basics on how to develop interest, decide on a direction, get some puppets, stages, scripts, etc., and train your team...</i>	Bryan and Jan Rauworth
24			x	B1	Puppetry Pzazz! <i>A how-to session on puppetry sets, props, music, and special effects to “spice up” your performances...</i>	Bryan and Jan Rauworth
25	x	x	x	B2	Developing a Safe Child Policy for your Congregation <i>Members of Bethany will go over the process they used and show their policy and other resources...</i>	Members of Bethany Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake, Safe Child Task Force & Christian Education Team
26	x	x	x	F3	Copyright for the Congregation <i>Learn basic principles of Copyright Law and some practical tips on avoiding legal trouble when using printed materials and other works...</i>	Evan Brown, Attorney, Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP, Chicago and others tbd
27	x	x	x	D3	Standing in Awe <i>Reconnect with the experience of awe, so often neglected in our Nature Deficit Disorder prone culture...</i>	Rev. Bruce Booher, First, Plano, and member of Steering Committee for ELCA Alliance for Faith, Science, & Technology
28		x		F1	Hiring Employees for Your Congregation <i>How to select a person to hire and a more detailed look at what do after the right person is selected.</i>	James A. Johnson, former Congregation Treasurer & current Township Supervisor

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29	x	x		F2	Media Mentoring Use your energy efficiently to reach beyond your congregation. Ways congregations can work together to improve media relations...	Frank Imhoff, Associate Director for News, ELCA Communication Services
30	x			F4	Meet our new NIS Companion in southern India, The Arcot Lutheran Church In January 2008 Bishop Wollersheim led 25 NIS members on a tour of India...	Art Milton and other travelers to the Arcot Lutheran Church in southeast India
31		x	x	A5	Lutherans Embody the Gospel How might we begin to address our church's resistance and denial of race privilege so that we might become the anti-racist ELCA the Gospel invites us to become?...	Shenandoah Gale, ELCA Coordinator for Anti-racism Education & Training, Office of the Presiding Bishop
32	x	x		F2	Living a Life in Prayer 101 A Lutheran understanding of prayer, centering on contemplative prayer, and other prayer models...	Rev. David Schweppe
33			x	A1	NIS and The Arcot Church: Continuing our Walking Together NIS members and institutions can build our partnership in India.	Art Milton
34		x		C2	Mwangaza: Lighting the way in Tanzania's Secondary Schools Mike Wadle shares his experiences and observations as a facilitator of Mwangaza Seminars...	Mike Wadle
35	x			A6	From Immigrant Church to Inclusive Church How we can help our congregations to move beyond our immigrant past to become a more diverse community of God's people...	Rev. Frank Samuelson and Alicia Gomez
36	x	x		H1	Healthy Leaders Enhance Lives Help rostered leaders benefit from their ELCA Board of Pension benefits...	Rev. Ken Olsen
37	all three sessions			H2	Preaching To Seekers How to preach to unchurched or dechurched in a post-modern time through teaching and telling the story of the seeker (God).	Rev. Michael Thomas
38	x	x		J1	Preventing Sexual Harassment in Your Ministry Setting Learn how to create a safe environment for ministry	Representative from the VMC Connect, NIS's EAP provider
39	x	x		J2	Would Natural Church Development Be Helpful for My Congregation? Explore the value of NCD as a program to revitalize your congregation's ministry.	Rev. Brent Dahlseng
40		x		J2	Jesus-Justice-Jazz The 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering An informational session on the next Churchwide Gathering in New Orleans...	Peg Miller
41	x			J3	A Hidden Resource Utilizing our Local LYO, Lutheran Youth Organization How the LYO can be a resource to congregations...	LYO
42		x	x	U5	Answers in Ministry Support: Salary Guidelines and Mutual Ministry Salary guideline answers on such topics as housing allowance, sabbaticals, vacation time, etc...	Rev. Tom Rogers & the NIS Ministry Support Committee
43	x	x	x	U4	Greening of your Congregations How to start the process of greening, how to cut energy costs of operating our churches...	George Davis, Property Manager, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center, Oregon

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44	x	x		U3	Use of the Visual in Liturgy and Secrets of the Altar Guild <i>Why we do liturgy the way we do, in the space we do it in, with what things...</i>	Maggie Akhavan, Augsburg Fortress Publishers
45	x	x		A2	Human Trafficking: A Faith Perspective <i>What is this worldwide crime against women and children? How does commercial sex trafficking affect your life?...</i>	Mary J. Streufert, Ph.D., Director for Justice for Women, ELCA
46		x	x	F2	Exploring ELW <i>We'll look at some resources in ELW with suggestions for use, teaching, and using other instructions...</i>	Synod Worship Subcommittee Members
47		x		C6	Is Your Congregation Ready to Go "Global" with a Companion Parish? <i>Congregational leaders will explore the life-giving nature of companion parish partnerships...</i>	Rev. Gary Erickson and Sharon Wadle
48			x	U2	My Summer Job in Tanzania <i>A presentation of a Youth Encounter Side by Side trip to Arusha Region in Tanzania</i>	Ryan Burke and Kyle Wilkonson
49	x	x		G1	Bridge Builders <i>Bridge Builders can be a helpful resource when there is need of conflict redirection in congregations.</i>	Rev. Mark Oehlert
50	x			G1	Congregational Treasurers Part 1 <i>The Sometimes Boring But Very Important Forms Financial Oversight, Insurance for Congregations, Federal/State Reporting Requirements, and Federal Requirements...</i>	Deborah Simonson Smith, Associate Vice President, Mission Investment Fund
51		x		G1	Congregational Treasurers Part 2 <i>Salary Guidelines: What's a Treasurer to Do? Definitions of income, allowance, and reimbursement</i>	Deborah Simonson Smith, Associate Vice President, Mission Investment Fund
52			x	Gym	Congregational Treasurers Part 3 <i>What Is Mission Support and How Do We Incorporate It into Our Budget? Mission Support, where does our offering go, and many helps for developing a budget, performing the audit, etc...</i>	Deborah Simonson Smith, Associate VP, Mission Investment Fund
53	x			Gym	Musical Resources for Blended and Contemporary Worship <i>Discover resources for finding quality praise music to lead worship in the Lutheran church...</i>	Melody Kuphal, Light of Christ, Algonquin
54		x		Gym	Growing Your Praise Band <i>Ideas for attracting musicians to your program and training them up as worship leaders.</i>	Melody Kuphal, Light of Christ, Algonquin
55			x	C6	Sound Needs in the Sanctuary <i>Sound needs and challenges we commonly face in worship</i>	Jack Belford, Light of Christ, Algonquin
56	x				Farming and the Environment <i>Discussion of complex issues of farming and the environment and issues of energy.</i>	Pastor Joann Adrian, Pastor Jonathan Black, Ken Gallen, and Karl Lawfer of the NIS Rural Ministry Task Force