

2009 Congregational Resourcing Event Workshops

Session A					
Room	A	B	C	Workshop Name	Description
D2	X			A Hidden Resource: Utilizing our Local LYO	<i>LYO</i> This session will focus on how the LYO can be a resource to congregations, what young people are interested in, and the best ways to communicate with young people in the congregation
D4	X			Answers in Ministry Support	<i>Pr. Tom Rogers and other members of NIS Ministry Support Committee</i> Calling a new pastor or staff member? Wanting to better support your current staff? This workshop will suggest best practices for supporting the professional ministers in your congregation.
A4	X			Book of Faith	<i>The Reverend Dr. Matthew J. Marohl and Elizabeth Martin, Associate in Ministry</i> The Book of Faith initiative invites the whole church to become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, empowered, and sent by the Word.
G0	X	X	X	Celebrating Creation in Worship	<i>Pr. Don Knowles, NIS Green Team</i> A sampling of liturgies and worship resources that celebrate God's creation and our call to be stewards.
C2	X			Congregation Council Orientation	<i>Bishop Gary M. Wollersheim, Northern Illinois Synod</i> Topics to be covered include: "God's work. Our hands.", tips on running a meeting, basics of parliamentary procedure, who decides what - congregational meeting, council, committees, staff, counting the offerings, overview of the Synod and ELCA, and more.
A8	X	X		Current Trends and Practices in Stewardship	<i>Pr. Kurt Nordby, Director for Evangelical Mission & Assistant to the Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod</i> Come and join a discussion about financial stewardship. This discussion will center on basic elements and practices in the stewardship ministry of thriving congregations.
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C4	X		X	ELCA Building Homes for Palestinian Christians	<i>Pr. David H. Nelson of Grand Detour, ELCA Mt. of Olives Housing Project</i> Palestinian Lutherans and other Christians are leaving Jerusalem due to a severe housing shortage. The ELCA and LWF churches are seeking to reverse this trend by constructing 84 low-cost, affordable apartments on the Mt. of Olives in Jerusalem.
F2	X	X		Extending the Caring Arms of the Church	<i>Pr. Daniel Schwick, Director, Lutheran Advocacy - Illinois</i> Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) offers individuals and congregations multiple ways to do God's work with our hands. Find out how easy it is to be involved in our ministry through LSSI.
C1	X			God in the Golden Years	<i>Dr. John Prabhakar</i> Dr. Prabhakar, a retired surgeon, will discuss advancing years and the joys that go with it, purpose and opportunities to serve God.
B2	X			God's Care in Time of Crisis	<i>Pr. Daniel Schwick, Director, Lutheran Advocacy - Illinois</i> Introduction to a four-hour training event for congregations interested in responding to natural or human-caused disasters in their community or in nearby communities.
B4	X	X	X	Health and Wellness Task Force	<i>Bishop's Task Force on Health and Wellness</i> Computers available during all sessions for any rostered leader who is insured through the Board of Pensions Health Plan to complete the 2009 Mayo Clinic Health Assessment.
E3	X	X		Lift Every Voice	<i>Pr. Daniel Schwick, Director, Lutheran Advocacy - Illinois</i> How to organize congregation-based or multi-congregation based teams to promote justice advocacy (human care, earth care, etc.) based on ELCA Social Statements.
F6	X	X	X	Make It Simple: Stewardship in These Times	<i>Bob Sitze</i> Participants will explore the contents and possibilities of the new ELCA stewardship resource, Make It Simple, an exercise in hopeful approaches to annual response and stewardship education, focused on the twin themes of simplicity and generosity.
A1	X			Ministries with Military Families	<i>Pr. Marcia Strahl, Synod Representative for Care for Returning Veterans, Doris Swanson, and Sue Smith, members of First Lutheran Church, Chadwick</i> Does your congregation have a ministry with military families?
A2	X			Moral Deliberation	<i>Pr. Frank Moyer and Pr. Kurt Hansen</i> This workshop will help participants reflect on the process of developing a position on moral issues.
B3	X	X		Mwangaza Education for Partnership	<i>Donna Engel and Alexa Schlosser</i> Mwangaza is entering its third phase of enlightening the teachers of Tanzanian Lutheran Secondary Schools. We will look at Mwangaza's leadership in sharing the Light of Learning through interactive seminars.
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D6	X			Racism after Obama	<i>Pr. Frank Samuelson, chair of NI Synod Anti-Racism/Multicultural Committee</i> Racism, prejudice, and oppression are still often daily facts of life in our overwhelmingly white society. How are white people involved in, and affected by racism today?

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E1	X	X	X	Simple, Effective CARE	<i>Dr. Chuck Olson, Gayle Kuespert, Sharon Beksel, and Connie LaFontaine</i> The Barnabas Caregiving Program has helped hundred of ill, disabled, and homebound people since its creation in 1991.
A5	X		X	St. Paul's Fun & Fit After-School Ministry	<i>Judy Thess and Pr. Mike Lawyer, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Orion</i> Ideas and examples of starting an after school program. Powerpoint presentation, handout, and discussion to help spread this children's ministry to fight childhood obesity and feed bodies, minds, and spirits.
C5	X	X	X	Standing in Awe	<i>Pr. Bruce Booher</i> Reconnect with the experience of awe, so often neglected in our Nature Deficit Disorder-prone culture.
A6	X	X		Thrive in Retirement	<i>To be announced.</i> How to Thrive in Retirement is a fun, interactive program packed with thought-provoking insights. Explore how you can prepare for your retirement.
F4	X			Treasurers 101	<i>Ms. Deborah Simonson Smith, Associate Vice President of Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA</i> Congregational treasurers will receive many resources in areas such as financial oversight, insurance, federal and state reporting requirements.
H1	X	X	X	Wellness & Integrative Medicine	<i>Dr. Tracey Kinigakis</i> The practice of Integrative Medicine is a healing oriented medicine that takes into account the whole person and lifestyle. Practical relaxation techniques demonstrated.
F8	X			When Does Spaghetti Stick to the Wall?	<i>Melody L. Kuphal, Light of Christ Lutheran Church, Algonquin</i> We will share a variety of practical creative worship ideas (and ministry ideas, too) that have worked in our congregation and others. Some of these good "noodles" are sure to stick!
D8	X	X		Where Did They Go? A Ministry for Sustaining High School Youth	<i>Dr. Bob Haak, Director for Center for Vocational Reflection at Augustana College, Rock Island, and Becca Pook, Community Engagement Coordinator at Augustana College</i> A mentoring ministry celebrates unique gifts, passions, and interests of youth and adults. You will learn how to develop such a ministry within your congregation and will be equipped to recruit, train, and assess as it grows. You are invited to take this opportunity to reflect on the impact mentoring could make in your community.
E5	X			World Hunger: The Next Step	<i>Pr. Wayne Derber, chair of NIS Hunger Subcommittee</i> Learn more about world hunger and consider what might be the next step to help feed the many hungry people.
B1	X	X		Your Synod's Employee Assistance Program (EAP)	<i>Employee Assistance Program representative</i> Did you know that the synod has a benefit for your congregation's employees, in addition to those who might be covered through the ELCA's Board of Pensions? Come to this workshop and find out more about these services and how they can benefit your rostered and lay leaders.
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G0	X	X	X	Celebrating Creation in Worship	<i>Pr. Don Knowles, NIS Green Team</i> A sampling of liturgies and worship resources that celebrate God's creation and our call to be stewards.
A5		X		Come and See	<i>Mary Jo Brummet and Dick Carlson</i> Example of a campaign that welcomes unchurched members of our community to "Come and See" our congregation's facilities, ministries, and activities.
F8		X	X	Constitution 101	<i>Pr. Roger V. Asplund and Mr. Bob Ramage</i> This workshop will review the Model Constitution for Congregations of the ELCA and the process of amending your congregation's constitution.
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F2	X	X		Extending the Caring Arms of the Church	<i>Pr. Daniel Schwick, Director, Lutheran Advocacy - Illinois</i> Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) offers individuals and congregations multiple ways to do God's work with our hands. Find out how easy it is to be involved in our ministry through LSSI.
C2		X		Greening Congregation Action Planning	<i>George Davis, Facilities Director of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center</i> Format an Action Plan of how to go about creating a "Green Team" within your congregation.

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B4	X	X	X	Health and Wellness Task Force	<i>Bishop's Task Force on Health and Wellness</i> Computers will be available during all sessions for any rostered leader who is insured through the Board of Pensions Health Plan to complete the 2009 Mayo Clinic Health Assessment.
C1		X	X	Hearing the Scriptures	<i>Pr. Jeff Schlesinger, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Princeton</i> Hear an oral presentation of Paul's letter to the Galatians. Discuss how this type of presentation may help us in our study of scriptures today.
D2		X		Introduction to Foods Resource Bank Growing Project	<i>Paul Youngstrum and Pr. Paul Peterson</i> Foods Resource Bank is a non-denominational mission program whose objective is to help needy people in foreign lands attain the pride and dignity of growing their own food and to become self-sufficient. Rural and urban congregations partner together to reach this objective.
B2		X		Is Your Church "SOUND"?	<i>Jack Belford, Director of Sound and Audiovisual, Light of Christ Lutheran Church, Algonquin</i> Outline basic sound needs and issues that churches face. Fundamentals of sound and equipment.
D6		X		Jesus, Justice and Jazz	<i>Peg Miller</i> Up-to-date information regarding the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in '09: information on venues, travel arrangements, housing, current plans, etc.
A4		X		Joseph's Dilemma	<i>The Reverend Dr. Matthew J. Marohl</i> The story of the birth of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew is told in eight verses. Embedded in this short narrative is "Joseph's dilemma."
E3	X	X		Lift Every Voice	<i>Pr. Daniel Schwick, Director, Lutheran Advocacy-Illinois</i> How to organize congregation-based or multi-congregation based teams to promote justice advocacy based on ELCA Social Statements.
C4		X		Living in Harmony with Creation	<i>Daniel J. Durbin</i> A family-oriented approach to enhancing environmental stewardship within your congregation.
A1		X		Lord, Teach me to Pray	<i>Esther Prabhakar</i> This workshop on prayer is unique in that it utilizes a pictorial prayer book filled with words of God and photos of people you pray for.
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F4		X		Treasurers, Finance Committees, etc.	<i>Ms. Deborah Simonson Smith, Associate Vice President of Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA</i> Is your congregation ready to receive gifts of stocks and other types of giving beyond the offering plate? In these tough economic times, members give gifts that benefit them and the congregation.
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A1			X	Candidacy Process Overview	<i>Rev. Steve Dow & Rev. Rob Kinnear</i> For church leaders who might know of someone interested in candidacy and for individuals who are interested in becoming a rostered leader in the ELCA.
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F2			X	Here We Stand: ELCA Social Statements	<i>Jennifer DeLeon, Associate Director, Lutheran Advocacy - Illinois</i> How does the ELCA decide the church's position on contemporary social issues? What are those positions? What difference do they make?
A6			X	Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust,	<i>Pr. Rick Meyer</i> This workshop will be an overview and discussion of the proposed ELCA social statement on human sexuality.
E5			X	Leaders of Color Enrich our Church	<i>Pr. Philip & Joy Mathai (India), Ms. Freida Sullivan (African-American), and Ms. Esther Prabhakar (India)</i> Learn how Lutheran leaders from various ethnic backgrounds enrich the lives of our congregations.
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F4			X	Sorting Through the Alphabet	<i>Ms. Deborah Simonson Smith, Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA</i> Do you understand UBIT, CGAs, and other parts of the alphabet soup that you are required to know?
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A4			X	The Book of Faith for Children	<i>Elizabeth Martin, A.I.M., Christ Lutheran, Belvidere</i> As congregations we are partners with parents who promise at the waters of baptism to place the Holy Scriptures into their children's hands. Learn to share the scriptures with children alongside their parents.
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B2			X	Your Own Personal Computer Help Desk	<i>Mary Brodd</i> Got a computer question? We'll try to find the answer together! Get help on computer and internet issues in a free-form open lab format. Remember, there is no such thing as a stupid question!