

The Registration Form

Register online at www.nisynod.org/plc after July 1 or fill out this form and mail to the address below.

Name _____

Spouse (if attending) _____

Congregation _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

First-time attendee

Volunteer musician (rehearsal Monday at 4:40 pm)
(instrument: _____)

The Conference Fees

Registration is not finalized until payment is received. If registering online, please send check ASAP. Refunds are not available after Sept. 15. Limited rooms with private bathrooms are available at Bishop Lane and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon. Those willing to share a room will pay a reduced fee. Other accomodation options are available in the area at your own expense.

Visit www.nisynod.org/plc for a list and a map.

Registration for residents (program, meals, & housing)

\$175 per person (through September 8) \$ _____

\$200 per person (after September 8) \$ _____

Registration for commuters (program & meals)

\$135 per person (through September 8) \$ _____

\$160 per person (after September 8) \$ _____

Single~Day Registration (program & meals)

\$100 per person (through September 8) \$ _____

\$125 per person (after September 8) \$ _____

1/2 price discount for retired prof. leaders & seminarians

Deduct \$10 for 2 in a room

Deduct \$20 for 3 in a room

Total Registration Fee enclosed \$ _____

All meals are included, but, as good stewards, please note any meals that you plan to miss: _____

Send registration with payment (checks payable to Northern Illinois Synod) to Nancy Corey, Registrar, Augustana College -Lutheran House, Rock Island, IL 61201- 2296, NCorey@nisynod.org, 309-794-4004



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Professional Leaders Conference

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Congregational Mission and Evangelism



**Northern Illinois Synod
Professional Leaders
Conference**

with Dr. Richard Bliese,
Luther Seminary President

September 28-30, 2009
Bishop Lane Retreat Center, Rockford

The Event

The NIS Professional Leaders Conference

is the key yearly opportunity for leaders to experience collegiality and connect with what is going on in our Synod. All NIS professional leaders (rostered leaders, seminary students, and paid professional congregational leaders) and their spouses are encouraged to come and share in this opportunity.

Bishop Lane Retreat Center

, located at 7708 East McGregor Road in Rockford, is hidden away in the midst of 90 beautifully wooded acres and landscaped yard. It's



not unusual to see deer and other wildlife as you enjoy a walk along the lovely pond or through the quiet woods and the outdoor Stations of the Cross. Find out more at www.nisynod.org/plc

Free-time activities include:

Monday - golf (rain day Tues.), Andersen Japanese Gardens, Rockford (rain day Tues., Adults \$7, Seniors \$6)

Tuesday - Klehm Arboretum and Nursery, Rockford (Adults \$6, Seniors \$3), Katie's Cup & Coffee Bar and Just Goods tour in Rockford (Tour *Katie's Cup* and its condominiums, sponsored by Zion Development Corp. and Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries, and visit *Just Goods* a fair trade shop)

Monday and Tuesday - Hike at Bishop Lane, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (Oregon), or Byron Forest Preserve, or walk the labyrinth at LOMC.

Save the dates for the 2010 PLC
with Susan Briehl September 27-29, 2010

The Presenters

Richard H. Bliese joined the Luther Seminary faculty as academic dean and associate professor of mission in July 2003. He was elected president of Luther Seminary in 2005. Previously, Bliese served as the director of graduate studies and Augustana Heritage associate professor of global mission and evangelism at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC). He is an experienced pastor, missionary, teacher, administrator and scholar who has served in America, Germany, Zaire and Rwanda. He is also particularly experienced in missiology, the study of the mission of the church. In addition to his distinguished teaching and pastoral career, Bliese has led mission and evangelism seminars and workshops as an independent consultant, administrated the Hein-Fry Lecture Series, and served as president of the Center for World Christian Interaction. He has also published articles throughout the world and co-edited *The Dictionary of Mission: Theology, History, Perspectives* (1997). Recently he has co-edited a book with Craig Van Gelder called *The Evangelizing Church* (2005).

David Cherwein, music director of the National Lutheran Choir, is a nationally known conductor, composer and organist. Recognized for his contributions to the field of church music and liturgy, he serves as editor of the National Lutheran Choir Series of choral music. He is a founding member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and also serves as Cantor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. David holds the Doctor of Musical Arts in organ performance and the Master of Arts in Theory and Composition from the University of Minnesota. In the Fall of 2000, he was honored as a "Distinguished Alumnus" by Augsburg College, Minneapolis, where he studied choral music education and organ performance as an undergraduate. David also spent two years at the Berlin Church Music School studying conducting, composition and organ. David Cherwien is the 2007 winner of the Raabe Prize for Excellence in Sacred Composition for his piece "The Souls of the Righteous."

The Schedule

Monday, September 28

9:00-10:45 am Registration

10:45 am Worship

12:00 noon Dinner

(Bishop dines with leaders new to the Synod)

1:00-2:30 pm David Cherwein music presentation

2:30-5:45 pm Free time

4:40-5:40 pm Rehearsal of volunteer musicians

5:45 pm Supper

7:00-8:30 pm Richard Bliese presentation: *David and Goliath: A Tale of Mission and Stewardship*

8:40 pm Vespers

Snacks and fellowship before and after Vespers

Tuesday, September 29

8:10 am Breakfast

9:00 am Worship

10:00-11:50 am Richard Bliese presentation: *Streams of Lutheran Mission in your Congregation*

12:00 noon Dinner

(Bishop dines with retired leaders)

1:00-2:30 pm Time with Bishop Wollersheim

2:30-3:20 pm Spouse Gathering

2:30-5:45 pm Free time

5:45 pm Supper

7:00-8:30 pm Richard Bliese presentation: *Evangelizing across the Lake: Cross-Cultural Mission*

8:40 pm Vespers

Dessert and fellowship before and after Vespers

Wednesday, September 30

8:10 am Breakfast

9:00-10:30 am Richard Bliese presentation:

The Evangelizing Community at Worship

10:45 am Worship

12:00 noon Dinner & Depart

(Bishop dines with spouses)