

Schedule

Tenth Annual Fall Stewardship Conference

1:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Registration

11th floor, Lutheran Center (Augsburg Fortress store, first floor, is extending its hours until 7:00 p.m.; discount coupon available to all registered participants at registration/check in)

2:30 - 5:45 p.m. - Luke's Story of Jesus as Counter-Narrative: The Practice of Resistance and Release

5:45 - 7:00 p.m. - Buffet Dinner

7:00 - 9:15 p.m. - The Restoration and Renewal of Life: Engaging the Market System

All sessions will be held on the 11th floor of the Lutheran Center. The afternoon and evening sessions will stand on their own merit. They are, however, designed to complement each other with the evening session continuing and building on the afternoon session. Participants may attend one or both sessions, but are encouraged to attend both in order to get the most from this conference.



Mission of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod:

In Jesus' Name

- Proclaim the Gospel
- Make Disciples
- Do Justice

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Directions to the Lutheran Center (ELCA Churchwide Office) 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, Ill.

From North, South: Take I-294 (Tri-State Toll Road) to I-90 (Northwest Toll Road) and follow signs for Chicago. Merge onto I-90, pay toll. Once past the toll booth, you are on the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94); take Kennedy to Cumberland Avenue (North) exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Cumberland and move into the left lanes. At the first intersection, Higgins Road, turn left. Proceed west on Higgins to the next traffic light (past the Marriott O'Hare Hotel on the left) and turn left into the access road to the O'Hare Plaza office complex. Follow sign for parking for the 8765 building; enter the seven-story parking garage on your right.

From West: Take I-90 (Northwest Toll Road) east toward Chicago; pay toll. Once past the toll booth, you are on the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94); take Kennedy to Cumberland Avenue (North) exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Cumberland and move into the left lanes. At the first intersection, Higgins Road, turn left. Proceed west on Higgins to the next traffic light (past the Marriott O'Hare Hotel on the left) and turn left into the access road to the O'Hare Plaza office complex. Follow sign for parking for the 8765 building; enter the seven-story parking garage on your right.

From Chicago (East): Take the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94) to the Cumberland Avenue exit. At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Higgins Road. Continue west on Higgins, past the Marriott O'Hare Hotel (on the left) to the next traffic light. Turn left into the access road to the O'Hare Plaza office complex. Follow sign for parking for the 8765 building; enter the seven-story parking garage on your right.

CTA Rapid Transit: Take the CTA Blue Line to the Cumberland station. Take the escalator up to the enclosed walkway and exit the station on the north side of the Kennedy Expressway; proceed west beyond the Marriott O'Hare Hotel to the O'Hare Plaza complex. For schedules and bus routes call the CTA at (888) 968-7282 or access the CTA Web site at www.yourcta.com.

Note: From the first floor of the O'Hare Plaza parking garage, enter the 8755 W. Higgins Road building and proceed west across the lobby to the Lutheran Center. Security desk personnel in the Lutheran Center will ask you to check in.

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DIVINE GENEROSITY

in the Gospel of Luke



Wednesday, September 26, 2007

2:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

(Registration opens at 1:30 p.m.)

Lutheran Center
8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, Ill.

Sponsored by the
Metropolitan Chicago Synod
Stewardship Committee

Registration

The registration fee is \$25 per person. There are two ways to register for this event:

- 1) You may register online at www.mcselca.org using a credit card (Visa® or MasterCard) or a check. **Do not** return this form when using online registration.
- 2) Complete and detach this form and mail it to the address below with the \$25 per person registration fee. Use one registration form per person and make copies as needed. Questions? Contact Steve Homberg at (773) 248-0021 or at shomberg@mcselca.org.

Name _____

Check if clergy

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Congregation/City _____

Registration entitles you to attend the entire event. For planning purposes, please check the sessions that you will attend:

Sessions: 2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Buffet dinner (5:45 - 7:00 p.m.)

Please make checks payable to: **Metropolitan Chicago Synod Stewardship Committee** and write on the memo line "Fall Stewardship Event."

Payment must be received by **September 20, 2007**, to guarantee your dinner reservation. Mail to:

Fall Stewardship Event,
Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA
Attn: Steve Homberg
1420 W. Dickens Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614

Resistance & Release: The Practice of Divine Generosity in the Gospel of Luke

The Gospel of Luke tells the story of Jesus as a counter-narrative that challenges the promises and patterns of imperial society. In the temptation story, Jesus resists the world system brokered by the emperor and the devil and proclaims in his inaugural sermon in Nazareth that he has come to release captives and let the oppressed go free. Throughout the Gospel, Jesus releases people from whatever holds them captive, and enacts the kingdom of God as a vision of what it means to be human by challenging fundamental Greco-Roman values and structures that keep people beholden and submissive.

Through his words and deeds, the New Age is depicted as an experience of divine generosity which serves as the basis for new patterns of relationships among Jesus' followers.

We will look at how Luke's story of Jesus challenges the promises and practices of a market system that keeps people beholden, and explore how the practice of divine generosity in our life together leads to renewal and restoration.

The Rev. Dr. Ray Pickett Professor of New Testament Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest



Pastor Ray Pickett has been teaching New Testament at Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest since 1996. He was ordained in 1989, and served as Associate Pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Tulsa, Okla.

In 1993, he was called to Peace Lutheran Church in Manhattan, Kan., where he served for three years before accepting the call to teach at the Lutheran Seminary Program.

Pastor Pickett received a Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Seminary, and a Ph.D. in New Testament from the University of Sheffield. In addition to publishing several articles and book reviews, he is the author of *The Cross in Corinth: The Social Significance of the Death of Jesus*, and is a contributor to the multi-volume Fortress series *A Peoples' History of Christianity*, published in November 2005. He frequently takes study groups to archeological sites in Greece, Turkey, and Rome.