

Metropolitan Chicago Synod

August 2011



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### **Professional Leaders Conference to Be Held in October**



This year's Professional Leaders Conference will be held **October 10-12, 2011**, at George Williams College of Aurora University, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, 53191.

The topic will be youth, young adults, and family ministry. The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Nathan Frambach, associate professor of youth, culture, and mission at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

The program cost is \$120; meals and lodging are extra. For more information, and to register online, visit [www.mtselca.org](http://www.mtselca.org). If you have questions about the event, contact the Rev. Cynthia K. Hileman at [ckhileman@mtselca.org](mailto:ckhileman@mtselca.org) or **773-248-0021**.

### **Fund for Mission Grants Awarded**



The Fund for Mission is a synod endowment fund that provides grants to congregations for new and innovative evangelism efforts. At its May meeting, the Fund for

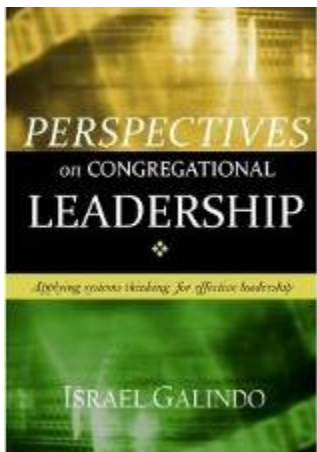
Mission Board awarded grants for 2011 to:

St. Mark, Chicago, for Summer Day and After-school Program; Iglesia San Jose, Franklin Park, for West Suburban Outreach Program; Christ, Chicago, for Neighborhood Family Outreach; St. Timothy, Skokie, for Lutheran Dance4Health; Trinity, Park Forest, for Educational Outreach Ministry; Lebanon, Chicago, for Bridge-building and Renewal; Bethel-Imani, Chicago, for Non-violence Is No Punk; Trinity United and Sagrado Corazon, Waukegan, for Summer Music Mission; Love, Faith and Hope, Chicago, for Come as You Are Fest; Windsor Park, Chicago, for Health Screening and Fun Nights; Upper Room, Chicago, for It Takes a Village; St. John's, Wilmette, for Raising Ethical Children in an Unethical World and Still Rebelling after 500 Years; Korean Mission, Naperville, for Saturday Korean School; Bethany, Chicago, for Mailing Outreach; and Lake View, Chicago, for Communication and Outreach.

A total of \$102,080 has been distributed to these congregations. Applications for 2012 grants will be available early next year.



## Turnaround Synod Initiative – Leadership in Ministry Clergy Group



The Metropolitan Chicago Synod works to energize and renew congregations, supporting their efforts to “turn around” and begin to grow and thrive. Our Turnaround Synod Initiative (TSI) invites these congregations to be inspired, challenged, and empowered to increase participation in their congregation and become

more engaged in their community. As part of this effort, TSI works to support congregational leaders.

A Leadership in Ministry group is forming this fall to provide an opportunity for pastors to study and discuss leadership skills (both professional and personal) needed to meet the demands of congregational ministry. The fall book study will be on *Perspectives on Congregational Leadership* by Israel Galindo. The group will be limited to eight members and will meet once a month from **September 2011-May 2012**.

Registration for the group is \$25, which includes the cost of the fall study book. The first session will be held on Friday, September 14, at the synod office (1420 W. Dickens, Chicago) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information on the Leadership in Ministry Clergy Group or to register, please contact Pr. Sarah Stumme at [pastor\\_sarah@hotmail.com](mailto:pastor_sarah@hotmail.com).

## The New Jim Crow

A faithful conversation on race and criminal justice

**Sunday, September 18, 2011**

**3.30 PM—5.30 PM**

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago  
1100 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois 60615

- 2.2 million men and women are imprisoned in the United States  
**66% are persons of color**
- African-Americans make up 12% of the US population **they make up 38% of adults in federal, state, or local prisons and jails**
- Latinos represent 17% of the US population; 7% of US drug users  
**they are 21% of the US prison population and 37% of all convicted drug offenders**

Crime rates are nearly identical for people of color and whites. Yet, as a result of unequal targeting and treatment – from arrest to sentencing – throughout the criminal justice system, people of color are disproportionately incarcerated.

What has to be done to end this form of segregation? Learn how the legacies of colonialism, slavery, and racism still affect our policies and practices today. How the age of colorblindness is leading to the mass incarceration of people of color.

For ELCA members this event complements the proposed social statement on criminal justice, “Hearing the Cries: Faith and Criminal Justice,” which will come before the Churchwide Assembly in 2013. This conversation will assist you as you prepare for your congregational discussions.

Online registration for this free event is available at [www.mtselca.org](http://www.mtselca.org).

**Join the conversation!**

## St. Luke’s, Logan Square, Names First Artist-in-Residence



BackStage Theatre Company was recently named St. Luke’s Lutheran Church of Logan Square’s first Artist-In-Residence.

This residency will afford BackStage Theatre the opportunity to further develop its talent and mission and become an integral part of community activities. Through the creation of bold and eclectic productions, BackStage Theatre Company questions and examines what family means socially, spiritually, economically, emotionally, politically, and culturally. BackStage Theatre Company strives to present Chicago premieres and fresh interpretations of established works in an effort to promote the growth of all families in its audience.

Pastor Erik Christensen of St. Luke’s explains, “St. Luke’s is thrilled to have BackStage Theatre Company as our inaugural Artist-in-Residence. Not only do our communities share a common interest in exploring the many, varied and beautiful ways that families are formed and sustained; we also share a common conviction that stories can, in fact, change the world.”

Artistic director Matthew Reeder says, “Our new community partnership with St. Luke’s is the beginning of what I hope to be a long and rich association. As two organizations bound neither by creed nor doctrine, but by a shared system of core values and a mutual longing for community engagement, renewal, and growth, we hope that this unique partnership will benefit not only the two organizations, but also our wider communities in general.”

Like many Chicago storefront theatres of the same size, BackStage Theatre Company, founded in 2000, has been itinerant. This residency will allow the company to have their storage, office, and rehearsal space in one place for the first time since its inception. St. Luke’s Lutheran Church of Logan Square has been worshipping in the heart of the Logan Square community since 1900.

For more information about BackStage Theatre visit [www.backstagetheatrecompany.org](http://www.backstagetheatrecompany.org). For more information about St. Luke’s visit [www.stlukesLS.org](http://www.stlukesLS.org).

## Storytelling for a Cause on August 28, 2011



The Chicago Association of Black Storytellers presents an afternoon of stories, singing, drumming, and fun at Christ the Mediator Lutheran

Church, 3100 S. Calumet Ave., Chicago, IL 60616, Sunday, **August 28, 2011**. Youth tellers present their stories from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., and adults from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the National Association of Black Storytellers and ELCA Disaster Relief’s response to the spring storms.

For more information, visit [www.aseblackstorytellers.org](http://www.aseblackstorytellers.org).

## Hymnals Available for Free

Forty-two (42) copies of the maroon *Hymnal Supplement 1991* (from GIA Publications) are available for free. Contact Daniel Schwandt at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago at [dschwandt@lstc.edu](mailto:dschwandt@lstc.edu) or **773-256-0700, ext. 799**.

## Employment Listings

Director of Children’s Ministry - Part-time  
Faith Lutheran Church (3000 Liberty St., Aurora,  
IL 60502) is seeking a director of children's  
ministry.

### Position Description

To lead in the development, coordination,  
oversight, evaluation, and staffing in all areas of  
children’s ministry from preschool through 5th  
grade (Nursery, Firstlook, & Kidwerks.) To build  
relationships with kids, parents and volunteers  
through Sunday morning, special events, personal  
communications, and other ministry settings.

### Position Goals

Create exciting learning environments for children  
in order to increase their understanding of God’s  
love for them and encourage a growing  
relationship with Jesus Christ.

Support and partner with parents in the spiritual  
formation of their children.

Assist in the development of a strong volunteer  
and leadership staff by implementing dynamic  
recruiting, training, motivating, and support  
systems that will in turn be able to invite children  
into an everyday faith and inspire them to live as  
fully-devoted followers of Christ.

### Hours

20 hours per week

### Salary Range

\$20,000 – 24,000

### Contact

Submit resume to [dcm@discoveringfaith.com](mailto:dcm@discoveringfaith.com).

View the complete position description at  
[www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/  
employment](http://www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/employment)

## Music Director - St Mark Lutheran Church, Mt Prospect, Ill.

In cooperation with the pastoral staff and Worship  
and Music Committee, Music Director works to  
disseminate the word of the Lord to the people of  
St. Mark through the use of music. His or her  
contribution of specialized knowledge and  
expertise enhances the worship experience and  
expands the participation possibilities for God’s  
people of St. Mark.

The position of the Music Director is a part-time,  
salaried position requiring approximately twenty  
(20) hours per week, including some evenings and  
all Sunday mornings. If you would like to receive  
a full job description for this position please  
contact Nancy Hundley at  
[nhundley@stmarkmp.org](mailto:nhundley@stmarkmp.org) or **847-253-0631**,  
**ext. 12.**

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## Part-time Organist and Music Coordinator

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)  
in Chicago is seeking a part-time church organist  
and music coordinator. We are a lively and  
diverse congregation with music as an important  
part of our worship. We seek someone with  
church music experience, good organizational  
skills, and openness to creativity in the context of  
liturgical worship.

This job is 15-20 hours a week. A full job  
description is posted at [www.bethlehem-  
chicago.org](http://www.bethlehem-chicago.org) under the “Worship” tab. For more  
information or to submit a resume, please contact  
Pastor Jennie English  
([jennie.english@ameritech.net](mailto:jennie.english@ameritech.net) or **773-445-  
7558**).

**Metropolitan Chicago Synod Directory Changes**

Name	Change	Effective
Lang, John A.	Retired	7/1/2011
Fisher, Thad W.	Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church, Brookfield, Ill.	7/10/2011

**Employment Listings**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2328 Central Road, Glenview, IL 60025, is seeking a part-time Music Minister; 20 hours weekly (\$420 per week), beginning in September 2011.

Please send resume and letter of interest to [HolyTrinityMusicMinisterSearch@gmail.com](mailto:HolyTrinityMusicMinisterSearch@gmail.com).

We are a Lutheran congregation with a liturgical tradition supported by a strong music ministry for the glory of God.

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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Grayslake, Illinois, is seeking a youth ministry coordinator. The applicant should have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree, and experience working with middle school and high school students.

**Position and Purpose:**

The position of Youth Ministries Coordinator develops and implements a youth ministry for middle school through high school students.

**Supervisor:**

The Youth Ministries Coordinator reports to the pastor as the direct supervisor. Personnel issues that are not resolved with the supervisor should be discussed with the HR team and brought to the DNA Council when necessary.

Grace Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn, Ill., is currently looking for their next Director of Music. This part-time position (approximately 10-15 hours per week) will involve creative worship planning (with pastor and other staff) as well as leading of choral and special music programs. The Director of Music will also supervise and direct other music staff (organist and choir accompanist).

Grace Lutheran Church, a congregation that has been growing over the past two years, is energetic and excited about their future. We are interested in someone who will help us develop and grow into the future that God has for us in service to the world. This is both a musical leadership position and a spiritual leadership position.

If qualified and interested, please send your resume with contact information to:

[rl likeness@graceglenellyn.org](mailto:rl likeness@graceglenellyn.org), address: Grace Lutheran Church 493 Forest Ave. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 Attention: Pastor Richard Likeness, phone: **630-469-1555, ext. 14**.

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To post a job opportunity, please send the information to Jeff Drake at the synod office - [jdrake@mcselca.org](mailto:jdrake@mcselca.org) or fax **773-248-8455**, or U.S. mail:

Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA  
1420 W. Dickens Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60614

Job listings should be 150 words or less. Longer listings will be edited for the synod newsletter, with a notation that a more complete job listing is available on the synod’s Web page.



## Metropolitan Chicago Synod Calendar

(For the most up-to-date calendar information, visit [www.mtselca.org](http://www.mtselca.org))

- August**
- 02** Mission Developers Meeting – Synod Office, 10:30AM
  - 15** Synod Newsletter Articles Due
  - 16** Youth Ministry Team Meeting – Synod Office, 1PM
  - 22** Next Level Leaders Training – Synod Office, 9AM

### Rummage Sale August 6, 2011

First Lutheran Church, 3500 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago, IL 60647, will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, **August 6, 2011**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



On sale will be clothing, household goods, furniture, toys, books, antiques, bric-a-brac, jewelry, bedding, crochet thread, seasonal items, and many more items. You may also purchase lunch and homemade baked goods. Call **773-417-4524** for more information.

<b>Rostered Leader Vacancies - Congregations Actively Engaged in the Call Process</b>		
KEY: (A) Self-study (B) Candidate search or interviewing (C) Call Extended (D) Call Accepted (PT) Part-time (*) Associate Position		
<b>Central</b>	Sagrado Corazon, Waukegan - B	Calvary (Spaulding), Chicago – on hold
Bethel West, Chicago - B	<b>Northeast</b>	St. James, Chicago – B
Martin Luther, Chicago - A	Pilgrim, Chicago - A	Windsor Park – on hold
Mission of Christ, Chicago – B	St. Luke’s, Park Ridge - A	Zion, (Stony Island), Chicago – on hold
St. James, Chicago – on hold	<b>Northwest</b>	<b>Southwest</b>
<b>Near West</b>	Bethel, Palatine - A	United By Faith, Evergreen Park - A
Grace, Elmwood Park - A	Christus Victor, Elk Grove Vlg.(*) (PT) B	<b>West</b>
Northlake, Northlake – on hold	Good Shepherd, Prospect Hts. - B	Geneva, Geneva - B
Redeemer, Hinsdale - B	Luth. Church of the Cross, Arlington Hts. - A	Good Shepherd, Naperville (*) B
Resurrection, Franklin Park – on hold	St. Mark’s, Mt. Prospect (*) (PT) B	St. Luke’s, Glen Ellyn - B
<b>North</b>	<b>South</b>	St. Mark’s, Aurora (*) - B



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The Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America publishes *MetroWord* monthly. The deadline for submitting information is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the current month for the next month’s issue.

Articles will be edited for space and clarity.

Contact the synod office at 1420 W. Dickens Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-3004.  
 Ph: 773-248-0021 - Fax: 773-248-8455 Web page: [www.mtselca.org](http://www.mtselca.org)

MetroWord e-mail: [jdrake@mtselca.org](mailto:jdrake@mtselca.org).

*MetroWord* is also available online as a PDF at [www.mtselca.org/news/metro\\_word](http://www.mtselca.org/news/metro_word).



## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

**Community Ministry Conversation** – Nicholas Zook, pastor of Concordia, Chicago  
Nick Zook and Brenda Swartz (president and CEO of Concordia Place) will talk about the process of building a community ministry at Concordia on Chicago's Northwest Side – decision-points along the way, hurdles, joys, and things they've learned. Daniel Schwick, Vice President for Church and Community Services for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, will also be there to talk about ministry partnerships between LSSI and congregations. There will be plenty of time for questions and conversation.

*Wednesday, Sept. 14, 10:00-noon, Concordia Place, 3300 N. Whipple St., Chicago*

**“Show Yourself...” (Annual Evangelism for Congregations Workshop)**– Brian Zehr and Bruce Hanson of Intentional Impact

When you have an interaction with Jesus that changes *everything*, what happens next? In Matthew 8, Jesus heals a man with leprosy and, in so doing, gives us a powerfully personal directive to demonstrate his grace and power to the world. This workshop will look to Jesus' actions and directions for us as we experience his power in our own lives. We will also explore what we can do and add to our lives (2 Peter 1) to continue to impact those far from him.

*Saturday, Oct. 1, 9:00-noon, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1133 Pfingsten Rd., Northbrook*  
- and -

*Saturday, Oct. 22, 9:00-noon, Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave., Oak Lawn*

(Same workshop, two dates and locations)

**Turnaround 101** – Turnaround Synod Initiative staff

This introductory workshop includes a broad overview of the process of congregational renewal, stories from renewing congregations, a look at the challenges of leading in times of change, and time for discussion and planning in congregational teams.

*Saturday, Nov. 5, 9:00-4:00, location TBD*

**Your Building Is an Asset for Mission** – Bill Hutchison, pastor and intern architect

Your congregation's building is an asset you can put to work for mission and ministry. How can you maximize both the energy use and the people use of your building?"

*Saturday, Nov. 5, 10:00-noon, United in Faith Lutheran Church, 6525 W. Irving Park Rd, Chicago*

**Leadership Triangle** – John Holm, TAG Consulting

This half-day workshop for congregational pastors and leaders will explore the many and various problems and issues that church leaders face and look at the different leadership styles and approaches that are needed for success. We will learn to diagnose issues as well as understand the different leadership modes that will bring transformation to your congregation.

*Saturday, Nov. 12, 9:00-noon, location TBD*



# Present the Church Leaders 3 G Challenge

August  
25 & 26, 2011

## \$20 Registration includes:

18 Holes of golf at Silver Ridge Golf Course

Meals and overnight accommodations at LOMC's adult retreat center, Freedom Tree Village

Be challenged by guest speaker and discipleship leader Rev. Jason Pankau

### Thursday August 25

11 am Golf course registration

11:30 am Golf Start/Scramble format

5:30 pm Dinner @ LOMC

6:30 pm Thrivent presents

"The Economy and You"

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Rev. Jason Pankau presents

"Beyond Self Help . . .

the need for discipleship"

### Friday August 26

7 am LOMC Continental Breakfast

Additional round of golf (\$35.00)

8 am Registration

8:30 am Start Individual Golf

Contact LOMC with any questions:

815-732-2220 [www.LOMC.org](http://www.LOMC.org)

Please complete this registration form and mail with payment to LOMC @ PO Box 239, Oregon, IL 61061

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Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter the number of participants in the appropriate spaces:

\_\_\_ Overnight Accommodations (including Dinner & Breakfast), presentations & golf @ \$20/person

\_\_\_ Not golfing but would like to attend overnight and presentations @ \$0/person

\_\_\_ Extra round of golf on Friday @ \$35/person

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FALL INGATHERING OF QUILTS & KITS

The Friends of Lutheran World Relief encourage all congregations in the Chicago-land area to bring their mission quilts and kits to any of the following sites on **Saturday, October 1, 9:00 am – 12 noon and/or on Sunday, October 2, 12 noon – 3:00 pm**. This annual fall ingathering (provided for over 30 years) is a coordinated service to area congregations through the Friends of Lutheran World Relief and the LWR home office in Baltimore, Maryland.

### **Drop-off sites:**

Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon (1 block southwest of Lutheran General Hospital), **Park Ridge** (847-823-6984)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 4501 Main St., **Downers Grove**, (630-968-6231)

Faith Lutheran Church, 353 N. Midland Ave., **Joliet** (815-725-4213)

St. Mark Lutheran Church, 11007 S. 76<sup>th</sup> Ave., **Worth** (708-448-6555)

Zion Lutheran Church, 925 Fifth Ave., **Rockford** (815-964-4609)

**ITEMS ACCEPTED:** quilts, school kits, personal care kits, baby care kits, fabric kits, and new bars of soap in original wrapping [bath-size preferred, other sizes accepted].

**PACKING NOTES:** 40 lb limit per box and please use strong cartons secured with packing tape. Label the contents in large, block letters. Do not mix contents (all quilts, or all personal care kits, etc.)

**Congregations** can respond to Lutheran World Relief's appeal for Quilts and Kits year round. Items may be brought to the Church of the Brethren, 1451 Dundee Avenue (Route 25), Elgin, IL 60120 (847.742.5100); Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 11:30 am and 1:00 to 3:30 P.M. (best to call the day before). Please label all boxes clearly with the contents, your congregation's name and address and "Lutheran World Relief."

**HAVE QUESTIONS?** - for general assembly instructions refer to the booklet **LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide 2011** or visit **[www.lwr.org/beinvolved](http://www.lwr.org/beinvolved)**. You may also check our website **[www.lwr.org/friends](http://www.lwr.org/friends)** for details on the fall ingathering and other FLWR information or call Elizabeth Gotsch, 847-272-4116.

# Children of Abraham: Christians Study Islam and the Qur'an

Tuesday evenings 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.,  
September 27th - November 1st, 2011  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
1004 Greenwood St., Evanston, IL 60201

More than one-third of the world's human population is either Christian or Muslim. Because the 1.5 billion Muslims are as diverse as the 2 billion Christians, understanding Islam and Muslims can be both a demanding and a fulfilling endeavor.

Together we:

- Explore current issues
- Compare Bible and Qur'an texts
- And on Nov. 1, celebrate with Muslim and Jewish neighbors, Abraham's near-sacrifice of his son remembered by the three traditions; the Muslim Eid Al-Adha; and the Christian All Saints Day.

This first series is designed for Christians, however, all are welcome and especially encouraged to attend the final celebration on November 1.



**Dr. Carol Schersten LaHurd**, interfaith lecturer and adjunct professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago teaches and facilitates, with area Muslim community leaders as guest lecturers.

Cost: \$20.00 person (includes the paperback book by John Kaltner, *Islam: What Non-Muslims Should Know*)

Please RSVP (with phone number and e-mail address) by September 13th: [office@stpaulevanston.org](mailto:office@stpaulevanston.org) or **847-475-3403** (late registrations will be accepted)



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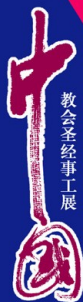
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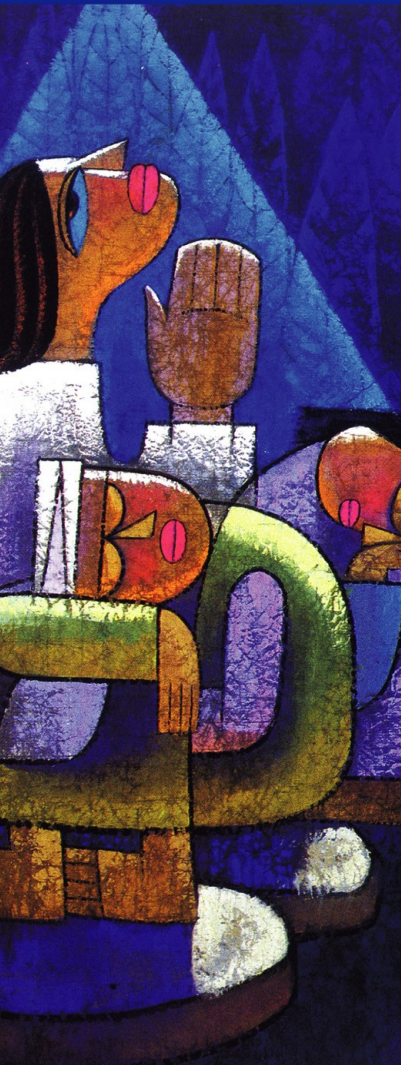
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## Washington D. C.

Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church  
September 28 - October 2, 2011

## Chicago

First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple  
October 12 - 16, 2011

## Dallas

Northwest Bible Church  
October 30 - November 3, 2011

## Charlotte

BGEA Library  
November 8 - 19, 2011

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