

Metropolitan Chicago Synod

December 2011

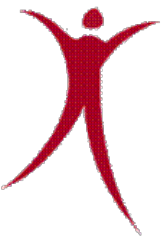


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Next Mission Interpreter Orientation Set for Saturday, January 21, at the Synod Office



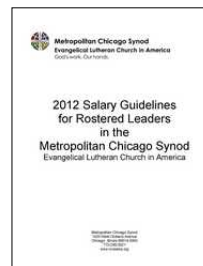
Currently, there are over 40 Mission Interpreters in our synod congregations. They are showing and telling about how God is using our hands and dollars to do God's work in our communities, our country, and our world.

When we volunteer to feed the hungry, serve those who suffer, provide education, advocate for justice, and open new congregations in communities that need a place to worship and gather, we are doing God's work – and we are sharing God's boundless love with the world. Mission Interpreters tell stories about people whose lives are changed by what we do and what we give.

Congregations are invited to send one or two volunteers to the **January 21, 2012**, orientation that will be held at the synod office, 1420 W. Dickens Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, from 9 a.m. until noon. There is no charge and registration is available online at www.mtselca.org/what/stewardship.

For more information, contact the synod Mission Interpreter Coordinator, Ken Olson at MIC@mtselca.org, or Steve Homberg in the synod office at shomberg@mtselca.org or **773-248-0021**.

Rostered Leader Salary Guidelines Available Online



The 2012 Salary Guidelines for Rostered Leaders are available online at www.mtselca.org. For a printed copy of the guidelines, please contact Sandie at sschlauch@mtselca.org or **773-248-0021**. If you have any questions about the guidelines,

please contact Steve Homberg at shomberg@mtselca.org or **773-248-0021**.

Attend Bach for the Sem on Jan. 8



The annual benefit concert for the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) by Lutheran professional musicians – Bach for the Sem – features Bach's

Christmas Oratorio, part three, the premiere of a Concerto for Contrabass by Douglas Johnson, carol and hymns, and the closing chorus of the rarely performed Christmas Oratorio by Heinrich von Herzogenberg for double chorus, children's choir, and orchestra.

Directed by Mark Bangert, this year's concert will be held on Sunday, **January 8, 2012**, 4 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 7300 Division St., River Forest, IL 60305. Tickets will be available December 2011 and at the door. Call **773-256-0712** or e-mail rdeppe@lstc.edu.



STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Out and About in Worth

Pastor Jay Trygstad and the people of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Worth are in the middle of an ambitious project. They're going to the door of every house in town with this message: "We're from St. Mark Lutheran Church on 111th and Southwest Highway. We pray for people on Sunday morning. We were wondering if there's anything we could pray for on Sunday for you or your family." This usually brings a positive response, says Pastor Trygstad.

The visitors note any prayer concerns, give people a little information, and leave them with a packet including brochures and a DVD. (If no one's home, they leave the packet on the door.) The DVD was created by St. Mark members Lloyd and Wes Snyder and highlights members of the congregation talking about why they love St. Mark's, along with a few words from Pastor Trygstad describing the congregation and its mission and inviting people to visit. Also in the packet are a brochure about the church, another about Christian education for children, and a note inviting people to call St. Mark's and leave a recorded message with anything they would like the congregation to pray for the following Sunday.

Unbinding the Gospel, One Church's Experience

– from Pastor Heidi Johns

This fall we convened two small groups at Faith Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn to read and discuss the book *Unbinding the Gospel* by Martha Grace Reese. Reading this book should be categorized as an experience rather than a study. We work with the material not only when we gather each week, but also during the week, as we pray and write in a journal daily and as we look for opportunities to share our faith in our Monday-through-Saturday lives. It has opened new doors as far as building a culture among group members for sharing their faith stories with each other and has also given us (well, most of

us) courage to seek out ways to engage others in conversations about faith.

We talk not just about prayer but also about how prayer is going for us. We talk not just about the importance of evangelism but also about what people God is putting in our path who may be eager to hear a word of grace. One man in the group who is a young retiree blew me away one night when he talked about his early morning prayer practice, about how he says the creed, prays the Lord's Prayer, lifts up his family and friends, and then asks God to show him who else he could be praying for. He was surprised one day when he felt a nudge to pray for the Occupy Wall Street protesters. He acknowledged that he is pretty comfortable in his retirement, but he saw with new eyes that these are people who are really struggling. So every day he has been lifting up the protesters.

One assignment in the book is to interview someone who does not go to church. One woman shared that she had a surprisingly moving and meaningful conversation with a young co-worker who seemed eager to express his desire for spiritual grounding. She asked if she could include him in her prayers, and has been every day. In fact, we lifted him in prayer in our group.

This resource has offered many surprises, delights, and challenges. I think the Spirit has more *Unbinding* to do among us!

⇒ To read more about the *Unbinding* series and watch video testimonials, go to <http://www.gracenet.info>.



Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald and members of Martin Luther, Chicago, tackle discussion questions at a Turnaround 101 workshop held November 5 at Redeemer, Park Ridge.

Worship Conference: *Gen X | Y and Mainline Protestant Worship*



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago's Wrigleyville neighborhood (1218 W.

Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613), will host a one-day worship conference on **February 11, 2012**.

Sects and the City: Gen X | Y and Mainline Protestant Worship will explore this question:

“While many mainline Protestant congregations are aging, what are young adults finding meaningful in the worship services of urban congregations with a high percentage of Generation X and Y?”

The conference moderator will be Benjamin Stewart, a professor of liturgy at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. There will also be responses from three young adult leaders with connections to Gen X | Y as well as informal reflections by several dozen young adults from neighboring congregations. Costs: single \$20; seminarian \$10; \$30 at the door; \$50 for three or more from one congregation.

The conference website at www.sectsandthecity.org includes more information and online registration.

Now, All Illinois Adoptees Can Obtain Original Birth Certificates

The wait is over for adopted people 21 years old and older. As of November 15, adoptees born after 1946 may request a copy of their original birth certificate, thanks to House Bill 5428, that was signed into law in May 2010. Adoptees born before 1946 already have this access.

“LSSI was one of the first child welfare agencies to support this bill,” says Ruth Jajko, Lutheran

Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) statewide director of adoption services, noting that LSSI has played an important role in promoting the legislation over the years.



Jajko says that most people looking for their birth certificates want information, not necessarily a reunion with their birth parents.

“Adoptees want what everyone else has – their original birth certificates,” says Jajko. She adds that some people may want background information, while others might be seeking information about their ethnicity.

“[The new law] gives as many adoptees as possible access, while still protecting the birthparents’ right to privacy,” she says. The law allows birth parents who wish to remain anonymous to do so. They just need to fill out a request with the state at

www.newillinoisadoptionlaw.com. Adopted people seeking birth certificates may obtain additional information and an application at this site as well.

For information on the Original Birth Certificate legislation, as well as LSSI’s adoption and search-and-reunion services for birth parents and adopted persons who were served by LSSI, visit www.AdoptionIllinois.org.

Danish Christmas Service (Dansk Julegudstjeneste) on December 3



On Saturday, **December 3, 2011**, at 2:30 p.m. the 18th Annual Danish Christmas Service will be held at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626

N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago, IL 60631.

Pastor Karen E. Knutson will conduct the service and preach. The Bjornson Male Chorus will participate. Danish refreshments will be served following the service. For more information, contact Pastor Knutson at keknutson39@yahoo.com.

December Youth Ministry Network Meeting and February Youth Retreat at Lutherdale

Youth workers from around the Metro Chicago Synod will gather for a meeting of the Youth Ministry Network on Thursday, **December 8, 2011**, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church (205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068) from 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

This group of full-time, part-time, paid, volunteer, ordained, lay, experienced, and new youth directors comes from all over Chicagoland, meeting once each month for youth ministry resource-sharing, coordinating synod-wide events for middle and high school youth, and fellowship.



The YMNetwork's next youth event will be a Lutherdale Retreat for both middle and high school youth from **Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19, 2012**, in

Elkhorn, Wisconsin. For more information or to RSVP for the December 8 event, please contact Jeannine Oakes at joakes@stlukespr.org.

Second Organ Dedicatory Concert Open to the Public



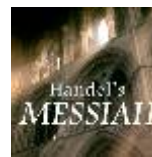
A second organ dedicatory concert, featuring Naomi Rowley, will take place at Bethany

Lutheran Church, 8 S. Lincoln St., Batavia, IL 60510, on Sunday, **December 11, 2011**, at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Rowley has a BM degree from Valparaiso University and an MA and DMA degrees from Stanford University. In addition, she has studied with Delbert Disselhorst. She is on the faculty of Elmhurst College (PMD), Drake University (CSM), and Lawrence Academy of Music in Appleton, Wisconsin. She is a past

winner of the Gruenstein Organ Competition in Chicago. Additional dates and performers include: **January 22** – Michael Burkhardt, **March 4** – Lorraine Brugh, and **April 15** – Jonathan Rudy. Concerts will be held in the sanctuary at 3:00 p.m.

A freewill offering will be taken. For more information, visit bethanybatavia.org or call **630-879-3444**.

Messiah Sing-Along on Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m.



Our Savior Lutheran Church, 420 West Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60506, will host a community *Messiah* Sing-Along presented by Fox Valley Academy of Music Performance - Philharmonic orchestra, Academy Orchestra, Youth Strings, and Philharmonic Chorus. Bring your *Messiah* book, borrow or buy one at the concert, or just come and listen.

There is no admission fee. Donations will go to Wayside Cross/Lifespring Ministries. For more information, contact Young Hee Chung at youngmusic@gmail.com or at **630-897-5936**. Parking is available on Garfield Ave. (behind the church).

Attend Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols, December 4



St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 North Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068, will present its 72nd annual Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, **December 4, 2011**, at 4:00 p.m. All of the church's vocal choirs, together with a variety of instrumental ensembles and a chamber orchestra, will lead the congregation in this traditional seasonal service. A freewill offering will be taken. St. Luke's is located at 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, go to www.stlukespr.org or call **847-825-6659**.

Employment Listings

(More complete listings are available online at www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/employment)

Director of Family and Youth Ministry - Redeemer Lutheran Church

Director of Family and Youth Ministry: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 139 East First St., Hinsdale, Illinois 60521.

Successful applicant will conduct and promote all educational and youth programs and provide spiritual development opportunities through fellowship, worship, mission, and bible studies in Lutheran theological tradition. Develop long-term relationships with our youth and families. Responsibilities include: plan and implement, with volunteers, Sunday programs (preschool – 6th grade) and adult education, confirmation program (7th & 8th), high school youth program, and vacation bible school (one week).

Qualified applicants must have a BA degree in theology, youth ministries, or Christian education. Three to five years of experience in youth or family ministry is desired. The director must have a warm heart, contagious vision, commitment to programming, and be a team player. Full-time, salary range \$30,000 – 40,000.

Send resume and references via e-mail to sditewig@redeemerhinsdale.com or fax to **630-323-5604**.

Lutheran Campus Ministry of Metropolitan Chicago - Office Administrator/Bookkeeper

Office administrator/bookkeeper for Lutheran Campus Ministry of Metropolitan Chicago (LCM/MC) and University Lutheran Church at Northwestern (ULC). Twenty-five (25) hours per week (with scheduling flexibility).

Office duties require knowledge of Microsoft Office Products: Word, Access and Excel and

include maintaining the financial books and databases for LCM/MC and ULC.

Salary, \$15,925.

Start date: Immediate

Job description available upon request.

Contact james_dossa@yahoo.com or lutheranmc@u.northwestern.edu.
University Lutheran Church
2204 Orrington Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

Director of Youth and Family Ministry - Grace Lutheran Church, River Forest, Ill.

Grace Lutheran Church, an independent Lutheran congregation in River Forest, Illinois, seeks a full-time Director of Youth and Family Ministry. Located 12 miles from downtown Chicago, our church has approximately 1,000 members and a school (prekindergarten through eighth grade) of 235 students. We seek a candidate who will work with passion and creativity to recruit, organize, and lead paid staff and volunteers in designing and implementing programs in faith formation for children and youth from birth through college in the congregation, school, and community. The initial focus will be leading and expanding existing programs for junior high and high school students, young adults, and their families.

A complete job description and contact information can be found at http://www.graceriverforest.org/pages/Employment_opportunities.

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Pianist or Organist - Mayfair Lutheran Church

Mayfair Lutheran Church in Chicago seeks a pianist or organist to lead the congregation in worship. The candidate should be proficient in playing piano or organ and playing Lutheran liturgy in a traditional Lutheran worship setting.

This is a week by week supply position offering \$125 a week. The congregation will need organist or pianist supply until June 10, 2012. The supply musician would need to be available 15 minutes before the 10 a.m. worship on Sunday morning and play a prelude and postlude. The congregation will also need pianist or organist supply for special services including Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

Please contact Pr. Meagan Sherman-Sporrong at: Mayfair Lutheran Church, 4335 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL 60630; **773-885-9686** or pastormeagan@gmail.com.

Director of Music Ministries - Grace Lutheran, Villa Park

Grace Lutheran Church, 5 N. Princeton Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181, is seeking a director of music ministries. The candidate must be a person of faith who feels a sense of calling to this ministry with passion and commitment to God's mission.

Responsibilities of this position include working with the Worship Planning Team, selecting music for traditional and blended worship services, directing the adult chorale and other ensembles and instrumentalists.

The director of music ministries should have experience in collaborative worship planning;

familiarity with Lutheran worship and traditions; be versed in organ and piano performance, choral conducting and contemporary ensemble leadership.

They must have the ability to recruit and coordinate musicians for worship within the congregation; competence in using worship technology (computers and digital media), maintain copyright records and licenses and musical equipment. Initiative, organization and excellent communication skills are necessary for this position.

This is a part-time position; salary will be based on experience and knowledge.

Please contact Grace Lutheran Church office in Villa Park by contacting Pastor Jade at **630-832-0870** or **630-664-7891**, or e-mail jadeyi1969@gmail.com.

To post a job opportunity, please send the information to Jeff Drake at the synod office - 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 Directory Changes

Name	Change	Effective
Zion Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill.	Closed	10/9/2011
Larson, Rebecca	Transferred to Eastern Synod, ELCIC	9/23/2011
Schultz, Kristin	Transferred to Rocky Mountain Synod. ELCA	10/26/2011
Andrews, James	Pastor, Calvary Lutheran Church (Spaulding), Chicago, Ill.	10/16/2011
Wise, Brian	Ordained as Associate Pastor, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Aurora, Ill.	10/1/2011

Rostered Leaders New to the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA

Welcome to the **Rev. Brian W. Wise**, who was ordained and installed at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Aurora on October 22, 2011. Pastor Wise graduated with a BA in theology from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., in 2006 and then an MDiv from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 2010. He is married to Amanda, and they reside in Arlington Heights.

Attend A Christmas Carol December 17, 2011

Bah! Humbug!



Don't be a Scrooge! Come enjoy Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* on **December 17, 2011**, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge. Lyric Opera's Frank Babbitt, a well-known Chicago actor and musician, will be

presenting this holiday classic as a solo performance with musical underscore to the 1868 Public Reading Text that Dickens used while on his public reading tours in Europe and America. Mr. Babbitt notes, "Dickens was an enthusiastic actor and first read the 'Carol' in public as a benefit for a charitable organization that assisted the poor. The central message of the piece is the true celebration of what Scrooge's nephew observes as 'a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut up hearts freely.'"

In this spirit, a freewill offering will be taken to help support the Maine Township Food Pantry. Come to this event and rediscover the "Carol" as Dickens himself performed it. St. Luke's is located at 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, go to www.stlukespr.org or call **847-825-6659**.

Bethel Lutheran Shares Two Christmas Events



Bethel Lutheran Church, 3839 W. Frontage Rd., Palatine, IL 60067, offers two Christmas events on Saturday, **December 10, 2011**

- **Christmas Cookie Walk** – A homemade cookie sale from 8:45 - 11:00 am. Cookies can be purchased for \$9.00 per pound.
- **Living Nativity Pageant** – (This is free to the community.) Two performances at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. The Living Nativity features a program about Jesus' birth, live farm animals that children will be allowed to pet, and the choir singing Christmas hymns

There will be free refreshments inside and seasonal music by harpist Thea Barclay following both performances. For more information, call **847-397-4372** or e-mail bethellutheranchurchil@comcast.net.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Synod Staff



The synod staff would like to wish all of our congregations, rostered leaders, partner ministries, and ecumenical partners a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Metropolitan Chicago Synod Calendar

(For the most up-to-date calendar information, visit www.mcselca.org)

- December 01** On Leave from Call Bishop’s Advisory Group Meeting – Synod Office, 10AM
- 08** Next Level Leaders Training – Synod Office, 9AM
Synod Council Executive Committee Meeting – Synod Office, 7PM
- 10** Latino Strategy Meeting, Resurrection/Iglesia San Jose, 9920 W. Grand Avenue, Franklin Park, IL 60131, 7PM
- 14** Focus Congregation Coaches Meeting – Synod Office, 10AM
Focus Congregation Coaches Meeting – Synod Office, 1PM
- 15** Synod Newsletter Articles Due
Interim Pastors Meeting – Synod Office, 10AM
- 16** Leadership in Ministry Group – Synod Office, 10AM
- 17** Synod Council Meeting – Synod Office, 9AM
- 23-26** Synod Office Closed in Observance of Christmas
- 31** Antiracism Team Meeting – Synod Office, 9AM

Walk Through Bethlehem on December 10 and 11

On **December 10 and 11, 2011**, from 2 until 5 p.m. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1213 W Army Trail Blvd, Addison, IL 60101, will be hosting a walk through Bethlehem. Each twenty-minute tour will take travelers through hundreds of years of prophecy, camps and a vineyard, and into Bethlehem the night of our Savior’s birth. Children and families are welcome. Call the congregation at for more information.



Rostered Leader Vacancies - Congregations Actively Engaged in the Call Process		
KEY: (A) Self-study (B) Candidate search or interviewing (C) Call Extended (D) Call Accepted (PT) Part-time (*) Associate Position		
Central	Sagrado Corazon, Waukegan – B	St. James, Chicago – B
Bethel West, Chicago – B	Northeast	Windsor Park, Chicago – on hold
Martin Luther, Chicago – B	Pilgrim, Chicago – B	Zion, (Stony Island), Chicago – on hold
St. James, Chicago – on hold	St. Luke’s, Park Ridge – B	Southwest
Near West	Northwest	United By Faith, Evergreen Park – D
Ascension, Riverside – A	Bethel, Palatine – A	West
Grace, Elmwood Park – A	Christus Victor, Elk Grove Vlg.(*) (PT) – 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	Our Saviour’s, Naperville – B
North	South	



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God’s work. Our hands.

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America publishes **MetroWord** monthly. The deadline for submitting information is the 15th 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.mcselca.org

MetroWord e-mail: jdrake@mcselca.org.

MetroWord is also available online as a PDF at www.mcselca.org/news/metro_word.



CLERGY & LAY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT VII

The Indaba Project: "Traditional gathering of tribal leaders for sharing ideas"

A FAITH-BASED RESPONSE TO THE HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC

SAVE THE DATE

Clergy and Lay Leadership Summit

For HIV/AIDS Community Outreach

Thursday—December 1, 2011

11:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

at

McCormick Theological Seminary

McGaw Common Room

5460 S. University Avenue—Chicago, IL 60615

More information soon!

prodriquez@mccormick.edu

or 773-947-6310

Getting to Zero



Zero New HIV Infections

Zero Discrimination

Zero Related Deaths

ONE Sabbath

fight the famine, feed the future

Fall is probably my favorite time of year. Whether it was the start of the soccer season as a kid, changing leaves, college football rivalries, neighborhood block parties, harvest festivals, family, friends or especially food, the fall evokes all sorts of memories and feelings for me. For each of us, I believe an autumn well-lived is made up of gathering together, and sharing food and stories.

Growing up, around Thanksgiving my family did a radical thing: they ditched the kiddie-table. My sister and I, and later my young cousins, all sat around the table with grandma and grandpa, aunts and uncles, and sometimes neighbors or friends with no where else to go, and we all gave thanks and ate together. I don't know why we weren't banished to a children's side table, to be honest. I haven't asked my mom and dad why, but I like to think that they just didn't believe it made sense to have separate tables and separate shared stories at Thanksgiving.

Here in the US, we come upon a Thanksgiving and fall season with new stories to share, new and old family and friends to gather. It seems all around us life has been challenging these days – with continued economic stress as the new normal for many. It's good for us to remember what it is we have and give thanks. Around this season, it is important to not only give thanks, but also to take action for those of us in our communities and around the world in great need.

This past summer, a silent and deadly famine was declared in the Horn of Africa. You probably haven't heard much about it, or if you have seen photos, you haven't quite known what to do about it. In parts of Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti over 13 million people severely lack access to food and water. It's being reported that every six minutes a child dies from starvation. Drought has crept in, and left a trail of decimated farms, communities and families - famine has set in.

We believe that drought may be an act of nature, but famines are man-made.

At ONE we're mobilizing communities to fight the famine and feed the future. Many communities in East Africa have survived, even flourished, because of access to agricultural resources, tools and development. We need to not only send food aid and charity to our sister and brothers in the Horn of Africa, we need to go to the root causes and seek long-term, sustainable agricultural development. We can do this! We can partner with our African sisters and brothers to "feed the future."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu has recently called people in Africa and around the world to take action. "The images of starving children are an indictment on a world of skewed priorities and resources." Tutu, ONE's international patron, went on to say, "no matter where we come from.... We are all members of one family, God's family. We depend on each other, we care for one another – that is what it is to be human. Our brothers and sisters in the Horn of Africa are in dire need!" Let us say Amen to the Arch's call to action.

So, to this end, we've put together this ONE Sabbath action kit for churches to not only raise awareness about the famine and its immediate needs, but to also take action together to end famine from happening again.

ONE and its more than 2.5 million members are committed to a multi-year campaign that will spark a more urgent global response to the immediate needs in the Horn of Africa, while also building support for long-term strategies that will help end the cycle of famine once and for all.

The ONE Sabbath action kit includes:

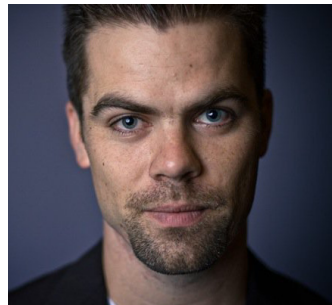
- 1) Lectionary resource, sermon starters, prayers, and children's message from Rev. Paul Klitzge, vicar of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Kapolei, Hawaii.
- 2) A sermon reflection from Pastor Bob Flayhart, founding pastor of Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama.
- 3) Thoughts on the role of advocacy in the fight against hunger, by ONE member Joel Griffith in Nashville, Tennessee.
- 4) "Living Proof: Sweet Potatoes," a 3 minute video clip highlighting the success story of Maria Mchele, a mother and farmer in Mwasonge, Tanzania.
- 5) Postcard petitions and sample letters to urge Congress to fully support the Feed the Future initiative.
- 6) Bulletin inserts to use in your worship service.
- 7) Further resources, maps, facts and figures at www.one.org.

We hope these resources are helpful in your work to raise awareness and mobilize your community to take action against this famine and many of its root causes. If you are looking for ways to give financially to this crisis, we urge you to support your church's mission work or relief and development agency. If you are looking for other ways to give, you can see a list of ONE's partners at www.one.org.

In the fight against extreme poverty, hunger and treatable, preventable disease we continue to ask you to lift up your voice and "speak out" for those whose voices are too little heard.

This fall and Thanksgiving season, as you gather together to share food and share stories, remember that our tables and stories are not as separate or disconnected as we may think. In a way, we all sit at one global table. Being mindful of the needs of others, let's not only pray and work to mend immediate needs, but finally seek that "welcome table" where all will have enough and no one shall go hungry anymore.

Join us!



Rev. Adam Phillips is the Senior Manager of Faith Mobilization at ONE. An ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church, Adam has served churches in Chicago and Washington, DC. In 2010 he was a US delegate to the Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization in Cape Town, South Africa. He lives in Baltimore with his wife, Sarah.

Adam Phillips

The Emotional Function of Beliefs: 2011-2012 Case Study Series

Co-Sponsored by BeliefsChart.org LLC & The Center for Family Consultation

Overview

Counselors, therapists, and clergy can wonder how someone can't seem to reflect critically about their beliefs, or what might be going on when someone suddenly adopts a strikingly different religious stance, political position, or philosophical worldview. Dr. Murray Bowen understood the family – not the individual – as the basic unit of human functioning. This series is built around the notion that *beliefs – though emerging in an individual brain – can be a product of the family unit*. The series will present seven case studies illustrating the emotional function of beliefs through the use of the Beliefs Chart. The Beliefs Chart is a tool to organize facts and enhance objectivity about changes in beliefs and relationships. Bob Williamson of the faculty of the Center for Family Consultation will present each case and lead discussion.

Continuing Education Credits

10.5 CEU's are available for Illinois social workers, counselors, and marriage and family therapists who attend all seven sessions, or 1.5 CEU's for each session attended.

When

The series will be presented October - April on the first Thursday of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
350 East Madison Street
Lombard, Illinois
630-620-0072

(At the northwest corner of
Grace and Madison Streets)

Cost

\$220 for the entire series or \$35 per session.

Presenter

Bob Williamson is on the faculty of the Center for Family Consultation (CFC). Bob is a graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (M.Div., 1976).

Schedule of Cases & Topics

October 6, 2011 – Dietrich Bonhoeffer & the Family as an Emotional Unit
November 3, 2011 – Walter Inglis Anderson & Nuclear Family Emotional Process
December 1, 2011 – Client A & Emotional Triangles
January 5, 2012 – Henry David Thoreau & Unresolved Attachment to Family
February 2, 2012 – Henry James & Emotional Cutoff
March 1, 2012 – C. F. W. Walther & Leadership Within an Anxious Group
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