

Metropolitan Chicago Synod

November 2011



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## **Tightening Up the Building Envelope ... Loosening the Purse Strings for Ministry**

*(Offered as part of the Turnaround Synod Initiative)*



A synod workshop for congregations on how to address our buildings as assets for mission will be held **November 5, 2011**, 9 a.m. – noon (coffee and refreshments will be served), at United in Faith Lutheran Church, 6525 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL 60634 (off-street parking). Presenters include:

- Rev. William Hutchison, M. Arch. (intern architect, building consultant),
- Mr. Dante Domenella, AIA, LEED AP (licensed architect, expert on churches & schools), and
- Mr. Guy Valcour, P.E., IGSHA (licensed engineer, expert on HVAC & geothermal systems).

Many congregations agonize over myriad issues with our buildings, not quite knowing how or where to begin to move things forward. This workshop will provide a useful overview of ways to start, how to prioritize items, when to bring in outside expertise, and what can be done creatively.

Practical questions and concerns to be addressed include: When is it time to change our boiler? When do we need to consider design issues? When do we need to seek professional expertise? How do we prioritize capital investments and make them pay

back? And much more...

Come prepared to raise specific issues so that real case studies can be analyzed and preliminary suggestions offered to address ongoing concerns. Pastors and lay people are invited to attend together as a way to jump-start the process of rethinking building purpose and mission.

To register for this free event, contact Vance at the synod office at [vblackfox@mcselca.org](mailto:vblackfox@mcselca.org) or **773-248-0021**.

## **Attend Leadership Triangle Workshop on Nov. 12, 2011**

*(Offered as part of the Turnaround Synod Initiative)*



John Holm, from TAG Consulting, will lead a half-day workshop for congregational pastors and leaders that will explore the many and various problems and issues that church leaders face and look at the different leadership styles and approaches that are appropriate for addressing different kinds of issues. Participants will learn to diagnose issues as well as understand the different leadership modes that will bring transformation to your congregation. The workshop will take place on Saturday, **November 12, 2011**, 9:00-noon, at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 11007 S. 76th Ave., Worth, IL 60482.

To register for this free event, contact Vance at the synod office at [vblackfox@mcselca.org](mailto:vblackfox@mcselca.org) or **773-248-0021**.



## TSI UPDATE – Getting Unstuck

Stuck. That word describes a lot of organizations and institutions around us. Currently, our government is stuck in a political stalemate—each party seemingly so focused on its own positions and so afraid of losing base-support that they can't reach out across party lines or engage in mutual decision-making. Stuck at the expense of many. Stuck. We can personally get stuck when change seems overwhelming and short-term security appears more manageable. Stuck. Congregations can also get stuck. Stuck as more time and energy is focused on declining membership and finances. Stuck with increasing concern about inactivity and loss of influence. Stuck. Stuck between a desire to reach out and a desire for security and familiarity.

God seems to understand that people have a propensity to get stuck. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God is constantly encouraging people to move forward, to follow, to go. God also knows how challenging it can be. Over 170 times in scripture, God says to us, "Fear not." Getting unstuck is challenging.

If you are looking for ideas on how to move forward, plan to join TSI on **January 28** for a practical and hope-filled workshop on "Getting Unstuck." The Rev. Kathy Nolte, pastor of Good Shepherd, Oak Park, will introduce tools and approaches to help you get the conversation moving and open up a sense of new and exciting possibilities.

*Saturday, January 28, 2012, 9:00-noon, Good Shepherd, 611 Randolph St., Oak Park, IL 60302*

## More Resources for congregational renewal and "getting unstuck"

**Leadership Triangle Workshop** – 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 appropriate in different situations. We will learn to diagnose issues as well as understand the different leadership modes that will bring transformation to your congregation.

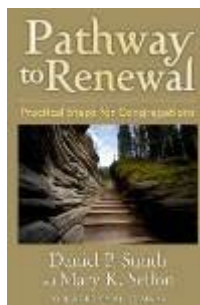
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### Resource Guide for Turnaround Congregations

This is a step-by-step resource guide that addresses key questions about a congregational renewal journey. It also provides information about best practices and local resources and support.

[www.mtselca.org/what/mission/tsi](http://www.mtselca.org/what/mission/tsi)

### Pathway to Renewal



This Alban Institute book, written by Mary K. Sellon and Daniel P. Smith, offers a basic, on-the-ground overview of the steps of a congregational renewal process. *Pathway to Renewal* has already proved itself useful to synod congregations, and we hope that pastors and lay leaders will read it and share it within the congregation. A free copy was given to each congregation at the June synod assembly. Additional copies are easily available from the Alban Institute ([alban.org](http://alban.org)) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

If you find yourself inspired by the workshops, the Pathway book, or the Resource Guide, or have questions about the Turnaround Synod Initiative and how your congregation can be challenged, inspired, encouraged, and equipped to grow and thrive, please call or e-mail Carol Breimeier (773-248-0021, ext. 13; [cbreimeier@mtselca.org](mailto:cbreimeier@mtselca.org)).

## Forum on ‘Faith Perspectives’ Offered November 6, 2011



Grace Lutheran Church, 7300 Division, River Forest, IL 60305, is sponsoring a “Faith Perspectives” forum on immigration issues in America on Sunday, **November 6, 2011**, at 2:30 p.m. Speakers include Oscar Chacon of

the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities; Jenifer Smyers, Associate Director of Immigration and Refugee Policy, Church World Service; and the Rev. Craig Mousin, cofounder of DePaul College of Law’s Legal Clinic Asylum Project. Admission is free. There will be time for questions and discussion.

For more information, visit [www.gracriverforest.org](http://www.gracriverforest.org) or call **708-366-6900**. Also, see the flyer included with this newsletter.

## ‘Remembering Abraham’ Celebration November 1 to Feature Jewish, Muslim, and Christian Reflections

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Evanston will host an interfaith celebration, “Remembering Abraham,” on Tuesday, **November 1, 2011**, at 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Brant Rosen (Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation of Evanston), Muhammad Saiduzzaman (President, Dar-us-Sunnah Masjid & Community Center), and the Rev. Betty Landis (St. Paul’s) will reflect on Abraham’s near-sacrifice of his son in their three traditions, the Muslim Eid Al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifices) on November 7, and the Christian All Saints’ Day on November 1.

The moderator will be Dr. Carol Schersten LaHurd, adjunct professor at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Members of all faith communities in the Chicago area are encouraged to attend and share refreshments and social time with Muslim, Jewish, and Christian neighbors. The church is at 1004 Greenwood St., Evanston, IL 60201, the corner of Greenwood and Maple, three blocks from the Dempster train station in Evanston.

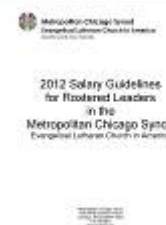
## Vivaldi’s *Gloria* to Be Performed



*Gloria*, by Antonio Vivaldi, will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir of Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Road, Evanston, IL 60203, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, **November 13, 2011**, between their regular worship services. Worship

services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. All are invited. For more information, contact the congregation at **847-673-8564**.

## Rostered Leader Salary Guidelines Available Online



The 2012 Salary Guidelines for Rostered Leaders are available online at [www.mtselca.org](http://www.mtselca.org). For 2012, we are recommending a 2.0% cost of living increase for rostered leaders. This is based on forecasts that US Consumer Price Index for 2012 will be roughly 2.20%. There are also changes in the recommended minimum housing allowance. For a printed copy of the guidelines, please contact Sandie at [sschlauch@mtselca.org](mailto:sschlauch@mtselca.org) or **773-248-0021**. If you have any questions about the guidelines, please contact Steve at [shomberg@mtselca.org](mailto:shomberg@mtselca.org) or **773-248-0021**.

## Invitation to Chicago Religious Leadership Luncheon



The Chicago Religious Leadership Network invites you to their annual luncheon, “We Shall Not Be Moved: the

Violent Oppression of the Garifuna and the Struggle for Land.” Join them on Thursday, **November 3, 2011**, with special guest Miriam Miranda. Miranda is the general coordinator of the National Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras (OFRANEH) and an important leader in the Garifuna community of Afro-descendant peoples; she is from the north shore of Honduras.

For 16 years, Miranda has been working in the human rights movement, focusing on the rights of indigenous and Afro-descendant people, including the crucial struggle for communal access to and control over land. She has often been threatened, and was arrested and suffered injuries during a demonstration this year. The United Nations has declared 2011 the International Year for People of African Descent.

CRLN has long had a special commitment to solidarity with Afro-descended Latin Americans, connecting with communities in Colombia, Venezuela, and Honduras.

At the luncheon, CRLN will recognize the Rev. Dr. Sherman Hicks as a Human Rights Champion for his lifelong commitment to the work of advancing peace, justice, and human rights in this hemisphere. As the Chicago-area Lutheran bishop, Dr. Hicks played a crucial role when Lutheran Bishop Merdado Gomez of El Salvador became a target for assassination by military death squads in 1989. Dr. Hicks served as the bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago

Synod from 1988 to 1995 and currently serves as Executive Director of Multicultural Ministries for the ELCA.

The luncheon is Thursday, **November 3, 2011**, noon - 2 pm, at Old St. Patrick’s Church, 700 W. Adams, Chicago. Tickets are \$60; there is a student rate of \$25. Volunteers are needed and attend for free. Please reserve your spot via email today to [jvondracek@crln.org](mailto:jvondracek@crln.org). For more information about the event, visit [crln.org/Miriam\\_Miranda\\_2011\\_Luncheon](http://crln.org/Miriam_Miranda_2011_Luncheon)

## 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](http://www.sectsandthecity.org) includes much more information and online registration.

## The Rev. Frederick Aigner to Receive 2011 Amicus Certus Award from LSSI



Join friends and supporters of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) on **November 12, 2011**, as they honor the Reverend Dr. Frederick Aigner, president emeritus of LSSI, at the 30th Annual Amicus Certus (“True Friend”) Celebration in Rolling Meadows. LSSI will present Rev.

Aigner with the 2011 Amicus Certus Award for his commitment to actively serve people in need, his distinguished leadership of LSSI, and his continuing benevolence, which epitomize the spirit of the award. The Amicus Certus Award is given annually to individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to the human community.

“Through very difficult times, Pr. Aigner always focused on providing continuity of care for the most vulnerable served by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois,” says the Rev. Denver Bitner, LSSI president/CEO. “His commitment to provide excellence of care with fiscal responsibility has become a hallmark of the service provided by our agency. I am privileged to follow his leadership, which has provided a legacy of professional care reflecting the values of our Lutheran tradition.”

Pastor Aigner served as president/CEO of LSSI from 1997 until his retirement in 2009. Prior to that, he was on LSSI’s board from 1990 to 1996, and also was senior pastor of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights from 1983 to 1997. He also served at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Florissant, Mo., and Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church in Altadena, Calif. He is the recipient of several awards and honorary degrees, including the Presidential Award for Distinguished Leadership from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

For more information or to make reservations for the 30<sup>th</sup> Amicus Certus Celebration, visit [www.LSSI.org](http://www.LSSI.org), or contact Ed Newton at [Edward.Newton@LSSI.org](mailto:Edward.Newton@LSSI.org) or **847-635-4656**.

## Global Market to Be Held November 5, 2011

Come to the Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church Fair Trade Global Market at



1234 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights on Saturday, **November 5, 2011**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Bring a friend and take a shopping trip around the world.

OSLC’s Fair Trade Global Market will feature *six new businesses* for a total of nine fair trade businesses that work with artisans around the world. The Fair Trade label insures that artisans and growers are paid a just wage.

Here’s a taste of what you’ll find at this year’s Market: jewelry made from recycled flip flops in East Africa, bags and accessories made from recycled materials in Southeast Asia, clothing and accessories made in India and Nepal, repurposed items like recycled motorcycle seat purses from Cambodia, as well as items from Bali, Honduras, and India, olive oil from Palestine, woven and beaded goods from Guatemala, and a wide variety of items from around the world brought by Ten Thousand Villages, Gracias, and Global Handmade Hope.

As always you will be able to buy Alternative Gifts, Evergreen Cards from China, Fair Trade coffee, tea, cocoa, and chocolate, and baked goods.

Call Sheryl Kelso at **847-364-4834** for more information.

## Diakonia's Importance Explained

*Below is the testimony of Nichole Macaluso Collins, a 2007 diakonia graduate, explaining why this program has been important to her.*



My interest in the diakonia program grew out of my conversion experience. Being always an individual who loved to learn, I wanted to develop my transitional calling to serve the church by studying

everything about the church. The fantastic, detailed structure of the program was also incredibly appealing since I wanted a comprehensive Lutheran study program experience. Before my spiritual conversion, I hadn't been involved or even went to church for roughly about 15 years. I grew up Roman Catholic but not practicing. In fact, from 1985 to 2002, I was primarily an agnostic Existentialist and engrossed in philosophy over faith. When God entered truly into my life again in 2002, I slowly developed a passion to learn. By the time, I enrolled into the Diakonia program in 2006, my mind and my heart were committed to receiving the best biblical education within my grasp, which truly the Diakonia program answered for me.

The Diakonia program laid down the solid foundation to my discernment process to apply to seminary. Currently, I am an MDiv student at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC). Even though, the diakonia program isn't specifically designed, per se, to be a "pre-seminary" experience, for me, however, it defined my decision to apply to LSTC. In an age, where the church is struggling to appeal to the unchurched or to those vaguely interested in getting involved in their community, it offers a fantastic education that not only builds your 'mustard seed' faith but is an excellent evangelical tool for church growth in general. As a former educator - now once again student - the education I received from this program, all should experience honestly to serve the church both locally and globally in discipleship.

Diakonia is the catechumen's gold. Whether old or young, Diakonia feeds both the education of the heart and the mind. In regards to myself, when I am ordained and serving the church in an official capacity, I plan on being a continued advocate to my congregation about the importance of studying in programs such as Diakonia. If, indeed, we are to uphold an evangelical, confessional standard—the priesthood of all believers, then the Diakonia program is truly the answer. For just as St. Paul says in First Corinthians chapter twelve: *"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way."* Strive to increase your "mustard seed" faith, go beyond your expectations in stewardship and discipleship, and be a missionary committed to serving God and neighbor. These fruits can only develop through a personal and corporate guidance that Diakonia fuels.

Do you have someone on your Christmas gift list that is difficult to buy for? Do you want to give that person something special? If she or he wants to deepen his or her faith, a diakonia gift certificate may be the "perfect" gift. One gift certificate costs \$60—the cost of one five-week course in the diakonia program. This gives the receiver the opportunity to experience the program first-hand before making a decision to commit to the two-year program. For more information, please contact Carolyn Doughty (773-583-0320) or log on to [www.thediakoniaprogram.org](http://www.thediakoniaprogram.org) for course descriptions and an application. If you have a congregation webpage, please consider linking to this site.

Diakonia has a speaker's bureau. To arrange for someone to come to your congregation and give a temple talk or speak at a congregational forum, contact Joan Church at [kenjoanchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kenjoanchurch@sbcglobal.net).

## Employment Listings

*(More complete listings are available online at [www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/employment](http://www.mcselca.org/congregation/admin/employment))*

### Sunday morning nursery attendant

Sunday morning nursery attendant is needed every Sunday during both of our worship services and coffee hour. From Father’s Day to Labor Day, these hours are 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., the remainder of the year the hours would be 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This person is responsible for the drop-off nursery and would be responsible for children ages newborn-6. Parents would remain in the building while their children are in the nursery. We request that they are available by cell phone if needed. Additional hours may be available.

Infant & Child CPR and First Aid certifications are required for this position - opportunity for certification if needed. Please contact Lauren Busey at Trinity Lutheran Church (3637 Golf Rd., Evanston, IL 60203) at [lauren@trinityevanston.org](mailto:lauren@trinityevanston.org) or **847-673-8564**.

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### Director of Stewardship

Grace Lutheran Church and School is an independent Lutheran congregation, located in River Forest, Illinois, nine miles west of downtown Chicago. A new position for Grace, reporting to the Senior Pastor, the Director of Stewardship will have primary responsibility for shaping and developing the overall structure of stewardship programs for the church and school. He/she will lead efforts to meet annual financial goals for the general fund of the congregation, school contributions, and endowments working closely with pastors, staff, and congregation members. The ideal candidate will be an organized, self-starter able to work well with a variety of people from all stations in life.

Grace staff members are accustomed to working as a team to meet challenges and possess a strong

commitment to the Christian ministry of the church. It is expected that the Director will be active in the life of the church and school. A minimum of 3 to 5 years of experience in fundraising or related field is required, and experience in church or other faith-based organization preferred. Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with experience. Interested candidates should e-mail a cover letter and resume to:

**[stewardshipdirector@graceriverforest.org](mailto:stewardshipdirector@graceriverforest.org)**

Director of Stewardship Search Committee  
Grace Lutheran Church & School  
7300 Division Street  
River Forest, IL 60305

No phone calls, please. Electronic submission recommended and preferred. For more information, please visit the website at **[www.graceriverforest.org](http://www.graceriverforest.org)**.

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### 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](http://www.graceriverforest.org/pages/Employment_opportunities)**.

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### Minister of Music - Calvary Lutheran

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chicago seeks a Minister of Music to lead the congregation in worship. The candidate should be proficient in playing organ and piano, willing to assist in planning worship, capable of directing and leading an adult sanctuary choir and children’s choir, and skilled in introducing new hymnody and liturgies to the congregation.

The ideal candidate would be available for choir rehearsal during the week and for special liturgies during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Holy Week.

Please send resume to:

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, at 6149 S. Kenneth Ave., Chicago, IL 60629 or by e-mail to [calvaryluther@sbcglobal.net](mailto:calvaryluther@sbcglobal.net).

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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](mailto:pastormeagan@gmail.com).

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### 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](mailto:jadeyi1969@gmail.com).

### Metropolitan Chicago Synod Directory Changes

Name	Change	Effective
Catalano, Audree C.	Retired	6/1/2011
Delvin, Sheri L.	Retired	9/1/2011
Gorder, John M.	Retired	9/1/2011
Lund, Mark A.	Retired	6/1/2011
Norman, Linda O.	From ELCA Controller to ELCA Treasurer	9/1/2011
van der Duim, Dirk	On Leave from Call	7/11/2011
Grudt, Sue Ellen	Associate Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Vernon Hills, Ill.	9/20/2011

#### Welcome to Rostered Leaders New to the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA

Welcome to the **Rev. Joel S. Washington (Khunanpu Sangoma)**, who is serving as a part-time associate pastor for Campus Ministry at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Chicago, Ill., as a campus minister to the Kennedy-King College community. Originally from New York, Pastor Washington is a graduate of Hunter College. After a career in the retail industry, from which he retired, he graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia’s Theological Education for Emerging Ministries program. He is an event and community organizer and a Black HIV/AIDS Awareness activist. He has three daughters, three sons, and five grandchildren.

Welcome to the **Rev. Sue Ellen Grudt**, who is serving as associate pastor at Christ Lutheran Church, Vernon Hills, Ill. Pastor Grudt graduated with a BA in English from Saint Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and with an MDiv from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. She is married to the Rev. Richard Grudt, and they have three children. She transferred from the Northern Illinois Synod, ELCA.

### Stand for Welcome and Host a DREAM Act Sabbath



#### *LIRS Advocacy with Migrants and Refugees*

Consider joining Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and faith communities throughout the country in hosting a DREAM Act Sabbath at your congregation.

The DREAM Act Sabbath, an initiative of the Interfaith Immigration Coalition, is a nationwide effort for people of faith to raise attention and awareness of the DREAM Act (<http://www.lirs.org/dream>), proposed federal legislation that would allow undocumented youth who want to attend college or serve in the military to earn a pathway to legal status.

This August, the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA voted to support compassionate immigration reform measures (<http://bit.ly/qyCTCy>), like the DREAM Act.

Participating in a DREAM Sabbath offers one way for your congregation to engage in dialogue around immigration issues and reflect on the role people of faith play in welcoming newcomers.

To register your congregation for an event and to find all the resources you need to plan a DREAM Sabbath, including Scripture suggestions and help connecting with a DREAM Act student in your area, please visit [lirs.org/dream](http://lirs.org/dream) and register your plans (<http://bit.ly/nTYHb4>) here.

Learn more about the local expression of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service by visiting RefugeeOne online at <http://www.refugeeone.org>.



## Metropolitan Chicago Synod Calendar

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

- November 02** Next Level Leaders Training, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1006 Gillick St., Park Ridge, IL 60068, 9AM
- 05** “Your Building Is an Asset for Mission” Workshop, United in Faith , 6525 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL 60634, 10AM
- 08** First Call Theological Education, Managing Self and Leading through Conflict – Synod Office, 9AM  
Latino Strategy Meeting, Resurrection, 9920 W. Grand Ave., Franklin Park, IL 60131, 7PM
- 11-12** Acts 15 Team Training Course (Wave II, Weekend III), Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester, IL 60154
- 12** Leadership Triangle Workshop, St. Mark Lutheran Church, 11007 S. 76th Ave., Worth, IL 60482, 9AM
- 15** Synod Newsletter Articles Due
- 16** Deans Meeting – Synod Office, 10AM
- 17** Interim Pastors Meeting – Synod Office, 10AM  
North Conference Meeting, St. James, 1380 N Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045, 9AM
- 18** Leadership in Ministry Group – Synod Office, 10AM  
Synod Coaches’ Lunch – Synod Office, 12PM
- 19** Mission Interpreter Gathering – Synod Office, 9APM
- 21** Deadline for February Supplement to *The Lutheran*
- 24-25** Synod Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving
- 29** Bishop’s Advisory Group (On Leave from Call) – Synod Office, 10AM
- 30** Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community (SAWC) Meeting – Synod Office, 10AM

### 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

<b>Central</b>	Sagrado Corazon, Waukegan - B	Calvary (Spaulding), Chicago – D
Bethel West, Chicago - B	<b>Northeast</b>	St. James, Chicago – B
Martin Luther, Chicago - B	Pilgrim, Chicago - A	Windsor Park – on hold
Mission of Christ, Chicago – D	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 - B
Grace, Elmwood Park - A	Christus Victor, Elk Grove Vlg.(*) (PT) B	<b>West</b>
Redeemer, Hinsdale - B	Luth. Church of the Cross, Arlington Hts. - A	Geneva, Geneva - B
Resurrection, Franklin Park – on hold	St. Mark’s, Mt. Prospect (*) (PT) B	Good Shepherd, Naperville (*) B
<b>North</b>	<b>South</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.  
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“I was a stranger and  
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*Matthew 25:35*

**Panel of Speakers**

**Oscar Chacon**

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**Jennifer Smyers**

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**The Rev. Craig Mousin**

*University Ombudsperson, DePaul University, Chicago,  
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*Moderated by **Greg Wangerin**, Executive Director, RefugeeOne*

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

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## 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  
April 5, 2012 – Robert Lowell, Jean Stafford & Beliefs as the Product of the Family Unit

## Information & Registration

For more information on this series, contact Bob Williamson at [Bob@BeliefsChart.org](mailto:Bob@BeliefsChart.org) or 630-910-1856.

For information on BeliefsChart.org LLC, go to: [www.BeliefsChart.org](http://www.BeliefsChart.org)

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To register, complete the form below and mail with your check (\$220 for the series or \$35 per session) payable to **BeliefsChart.org LLC**, 2217 Wharf Drive #306, Woodridge, IL 60517.

Please register me for the 2011-2012 Case Study Series to begin on October 6, 2011.

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