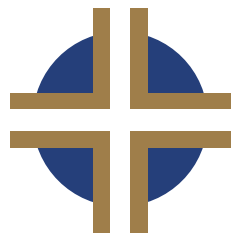


*Atlantic District*  
*Festival of Workshops*

"If my people who are called by My name,  
will humble themselves and pray...  
then I will hear from heaven...." 2 Chronicles 7:14

*There will be a morning and afternoon prayer session to pray for the work of Atlantic District Congregations, Schools and Missions. Prayer requests may be handed in at registration and all are invited to attend one or both sessions.*



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*For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,  
till her righteousness shines out like the dawn,  
her salvation like a blazing torch. Isaiah 62:1*

*March 8, 2008*

*9:00 am – 4:00 pm*

*Concordia College—New York, Bronxville, NY*

## Schedule for the Day

8:30 am	Check In, Fellowship and Morning Praise led by St. John Lutheran Church, College Point – Sommer Center
9:30 am	Opening Devotion and Ablaze! Igniter Event – shared faith stories from around the Atlantic District – Sommer Center
10:30 am	Workshop Session 1
11:45 am	Workshop Session 2 or Lunch
1:00 pm	Workshop Session 3 or Lunch
2:15 pm	Workshop Session 4
3:30 pm	Closing and Sending Blessing – Sommer Center

- Registration form is separate from this brochure and is available at [www.ad-lcms.org](http://www.ad-lcms.org) or in your church office.
- Early Registration Cost: \$25 per person. Registration form and payment must be received by **February 29, 2008**. Lunch and hospitality at Check In are included. Late registration is \$30 per person if received after **February 29th**.
- Directions to the campus: [www.concordia-ny.edu](http://www.concordia-ny.edu) click on “About Concordia”
- Consider car or van pooling and sharing your experiences on the trip home.
- Designate one Check In Person to pick up folders for all pre-paid individuals in your congregation the morning of the Festival.

Ablaze! is an initiative to ignite 100 million hearts with the Gospel by the year 2017, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

It is our hope that today's presentations and discussion will encourage you to share the Good News of Jesus with unreached or uncommitted people.

*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Phil. 1:4-6)*

*Thank You to the seven Atlantic District Task Forces for sponsoring the Festival of Workshops, to our many workshop presenters for their time and expertise, to Carol Mittelstaedt's prayer teams for their prayers during this event, and to Concordia College for use of the campus.*

## Called to be in Relationship with Others

### *Deacons in the Atlantic District – a Unique Calling*

Learn how individuals in our congregations are using their unique gifts to be a blessing to their own congregations, pastor and neighborhood. Learn about courses, internships, the application and recommendation process, and cost. – *Session 1*

*Rev. Deric Taylor, Associate pastor - Village Lutheran Church, Bronxville, NY and several commissioned AD Deacons*

### *A Ministry of Caring*

Equipping the saints to be involved with caring for the flock. A workshop to assist lay members to supplement the Pastoral Care ministry of the congregation. A discussion of ways to serve and what tools are needed to serve as we touch lives of both members as well as friends and neighbors. – *Session 4*

*Rev. Charles Froeblich, St. Luke, Dix Hills and Rev. Steve Unger, St. James*

### *The Mystery of Marriage: Why It's So Great! Why It's So Difficult!*

An introductory workshop about understanding and improving couple relationships, which can be offered in congregations and schools in Sunday morning education hours, or weekend or weekday evening programs. The workshop combines Biblical and psychological perspectives (a brief introduction to Imago Relationship theory) to help participants better understand the value, difficulty, and possibilities of couple relationships, and begin to learn a connecting relationship skill. – *Sessions 1 & 3*

*Rev. Dr. Ron Lebenbauer, Pastoral Counselor, Lutheran Counseling Center, Mineola, NY Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Certified Imago Relationship Therapist, Member AAPC and American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Pastor Emeritus, St. John's, Flushing*

## Communicating Successfully

### *The Congregation in Print*

Are you interested in starting a congregational newsletter? Do you want assistance in developing effective worship bulletins? Have you utilized print ads to create an awareness of your congregation's ministries in and around your community? This workshop will provide a survey of the many ways that congregations can communicate through print media. We will also identify resources and materials to assist you in conveying the message of the Gospel of Christ in print. – *Session 1*

*Rev. Stephen M. Hand, Director of Communication, Atlantic District*

### *The Congregation on the Web*

Websites, blogging, pod cast, and e-newsletters are wonderful ways to communicate with members and the communities you serve. Still many of us are intimidated by entering the realm of cyberspace in this electronic age. This workshop will discuss how to understand the environment around us to determine which media works best for your congregations needs. We will discuss how to start basic web pages, web content; resources available for designing websites, blogging and pod casts. Together we will learn how to engage the world with the Gospel of Hope through electronic media. – *Session 4*

*Rev. Stephen M. Hand, Director of Communication, Atlantic District*

## Reaching Your Neighbors

### *Ablaze Covenant Congregations*

Is your congregation willing to spearhead a new mission station in your area? Would you like to learn what it will take and the help available? Then this seminar is for you. – *Session 1*

*Rev. Neil Mittelstaedt, AD Mission Executive*

### *New Spanish Outreach*

Practical how tos from a veteran Church Planter. Follows up the Hispanic Mission Consultation held last September.

– *Sessions 2 & 4*

*Rev. Mark Junkans, Lutheran Inter-City Network Coalition, Houston and Rev. Neil Mittelstaedt, AD Mission Executive*

### *Christian Outreach to Muslims*

We will focus on how to share Jesus the Messiah with our Muslim neighbors in encouraging ways that are compassionate to the feelings and world view of Muslims. – *Session 1*

*Rev. Joshua Hollmann, Missionary to Muslims and Newcomers in Montreal The SELC District LCMS, in partnership with Philoxenia / Hospitality Ministry and Ascension Lutheran Church, Montreal, Quebec, Canada*

### *Using ESL as an Outreach Tool*

We will explore creative techniques and strategies for congregations and small groups to effectively use English as a second language (ESL) as a welcoming way to share the gospel with newcomers in our area. – *Sessions 2 & 4*

*Rev. Joshua Hollmann, (see above) and LaNell Schultbeis, Christ, Woodside*

### *Homework Help – Outreach Tutorial Ministry*

“Homework Help” is a twice weekly, after-school, tutorial ministry at Redeemer in the Bronx. Students are helped with homework, projects, reports and SAT and Regents preparations. Operated by volunteers, students from the congregation and community are led in devotions and fed healthy meals. A number of students and families have been brought into Redeemer as a result of “Homework Help”. – *Session 3*

*Melvin Butts, Redeemer, the Bronx*

### *ALPHA: What is ALPHA? How can ALPHA bless your church and Neighborhood?*

A practical, interactive workshop that outlines how this evangelism ministry strengthens the local church and serves the local neighborhood with the Gospel. This is geared toward pastors, lay leaders and those who have a heart for the lost. – *Sessions 2 & 3*

*Linda Bulloss, NY Regional ALPHA representative*

### *Ablaze! Resources*

What is the Ablaze! emphasis? How can you and your congregation become involved or deepen your commitment? Learn about the many resources available for your congregation! – *Session 3*

*TF2 Members: John Gallear, Emanuel, Patchogue, Lillian Biddle, Grace, Queens Village, Bill Holsten, St. John's, Williston Park, Peggy Ruhs, Trinity, Hicksville, Janet George, Village, Bronxville*

## *Spiritual Renewal*

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### *Prayer: Transforming the World*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he saw that they were “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” *The harvest was plentiful but the laborers were few.* Jesus had an entire world to transform! What was he to do? He prayed. And he enlisted the prayers of his disciples (Matthew 9:35-38). Two thousand years later, prayer is still the power for transforming the world for Jesus Christ.

– *Session 1*

*Rev. Charles Lindquist, Director, World Mission Prayer League...A Lutheran Missionary Society, Minneapolis*

### *Mission in the Middle*

We are familiar with the “material” world and the “spiritual.” Yet most people operate in a kind of “middle” ground – not purely physical, not simply spiritual. This is a world populated often enough by spirits, demons, magic, and luck. How do we share the Gospel of Christ in a world such as this? We’ll need “mission in the middle.” – *Sessions 3 & 4*

*Rev. Charles Lindquist, Director, World Mission Prayer League...A Lutheran Missionary Society, Minneapolis*

### *Christ In You-What Does That REALLY Mean?*

Tired and burned out trying to be like Jesus? How about instead being a vessel He works through? It's life-fulfilling, less stressful, and after all Jesus said "I will build my church".

– *Session 2*

*Bruce Carlson, Evangelist, Trinity, Walden*

### *It's Never Too Early to Start Planning your next Sunday School Christmas Program*

Are you looking for interesting themes, easy to learn music, with “something special for everyone” to do, say, or sing? Then join this workshop, led by Dorothy Schultz, children’s songwriter and author of eight original Christmas programs for her congregation. She will share examples of her work and provide resources available through catalog and Internet. **Participants are also encouraged to bring and share programs they have used successfully.** Please contact Dorothy before March 1 at [ccnyrcs@aol.com](mailto:ccnyrcs@aol.com) or call 518-458-7231 to let her know what you will be sharing. – *Session 3*

*Dorothy Schultz, Bethlehem, Delmar*

### *Faith Legacy-Helping Families Grow Spiritually*

Developed by King of Kings Kids Kount and Family Ministry, this approach has helped families develop habits within the homes that encourage family spiritual growth through a series of classes, retreats, and very special blessing events. – *Sessions 1 & 4*

*Shery Fiene, Director for Early Childhood Ministries, King of Kings Lutheran Church, Omaha, NE*

### *Kingdom Quest-Lessons the Children Will Never Forget!*

Learn the ten educational principles that teach us to engage the whole child: heart, soul, mind, and body. Observe numerous examples of these principles and see how God's Word is given to the children in a way they will learn it and use it! – *Session 2*

*Shery Fiene, Director for Early Childhood Ministries, King of Kings Lutheran Church, Omaha, NE*

## Parish Education and Youth

### *Everyday Outreach for Everyday Students*

Discover how to equip your students to share Jesus – naturally – with no formulas to memorize, no sales techniques to master. Instead, find a guide to experiencing an authentic joy in God that outflows in our lives, sharing it with others in ways that are authentic, passionate, enduring, and effective.”

– *Session 1*

*Toby Rowe, Group Publishing's Mission Program Manager*

### *Accelerate Your Ministry Through Missions*

At this workshop we'll talk about the power of youth mission trips to grow kids' faith in Jesus. We'll discuss the best ways to plan a mission trip to serve others and help students grow closer to God. Along the way there'll be lots of tips, ideas, and suggestions to make your next youth mission trip great...and expect some inspiring stories, too! Through serving others on youth mission trips, you'll not only make a big impact in the lives of those you serve, but your ministry will take off as well.

– *Session 2*

*Toby Rowe, Group Publishing's Mission Program Manager*

### *Children's Ministry Ah Ha's*

Is ministry what you thought it would be? Have you had any surprise revelations no matter how small or large? From the heart and knowledge of some of the nation's top children's leaders this workshop will give you what no book or article can supply. With a combined total of over 125 years in children's ministry hear the Ah Ha's from some of the best in children's ministry and then take the chance to add your own to the list! – *Session 4*

*Toby Rowe, Group Publishing's Mission Program Manager*

### *Youth Leaders – Round Table Networking*

Calling all youth leaders – both volunteer and professional! Whether you're a parent looking to start a youth group or a full-time youth leader of 50, you are invited to attend this time of sharing and networking – **bring along your best resources, ideas and questions to share** – we'll talk and pray together about effective ministries to youth. – *Session 3*

*Jenn Partlow, Atlantic District ZAP and Youth Ministry Coordinator, and team*

## Congregational Membership and Worship

### *Welcome to Christ" – The Catechumenate and Parish Growth*

This workshop gives an overview of the ancient Catechumenate model for bringing non-Christians and lapsed Christians into the Body of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit through the means of grace. Attendees learn about and experience how this multi-faceted approach to church membership involves the entire congregation, works with youth and adults, is grounded in the Word and Sacraments, is in agreement with the Lutheran Confessions, is intricately connected to the worship service, utilizes multiple intelligences and facilitates the making of disciples who remain active, participating, enthusiastic and contributing members of a Lutheran congregation. – *Sessions 3 & 4*

*Leaders: Catechist Rosa Cruz-Molina and Pastor Dien Ashley Taylor Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Bronx*

### *Hospitality*

How to let your light shine! Using your gifts of hospitality, whether at your home, church, local coffee shop, restaurant or hang-out to introduce family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to Christ. – *Session 2*

*Carol Mittelstaedt, Atlantic District Mission Society, Our Saviour, Rego Park, Ministry Leader*

### *Lutheran Missional Worship in the 21st Century – Part 1: Recapturing a Lutheran Worship Ethic*

WHO were those early Lutherans, anyway? The WHY of Luther's Worship Reforms and the WHAT of the Early Lutherans' Music. Participants are offered a grounding in both our Lutheran theology of worship, as well as our

missiology of worship, as we listen with new ears to Luther's passionate perspective on music in his day. – *Session 1*

### *Lutheran Missional Worship in the 21st Century - Part 2: Realigning a Lutheran Worship Ethic*

The WHEN and HOW of Missional Worship. Participants look at the emerging postmodern context of mission today and discuss guidelines for choosing music that allows worshipers of differing backgrounds to experience the presence of God in a Lutheran worship setting where “message and music join to move the listener's soul.” – *Session 2*

*Claire Partlow, NJ – MA, Theology and Culture, Concordia, Irvine, CA. A lover of both traditional and contemporary worship, currently enrolled in a doctoral program in Worship Studies.*

### *World Music Enhances Worship*

The Cade Center for Worship and Music is pleased to present a workshop on integrating world music into your worship service. Ranging from bringing in special groups to simply learning a new hymn now and then, adding non-traditional music can enhance worship, musical enjoyment and social awareness. – *Session 4*

### *Transforming Congregations*

An intensive walk-through of a quality approach to developing a congregational future. The LCMS is committed to this approach for as many of its congregations as are in need of revitalization and strong growth! – *Session 4*

*Rev. Dr. David H. Benke, Atlantic District President, St. Peter's, Brooklyn, Pastor*

## Keeping Your House in Order

### *Remember the Archives?*

What does that mean??? Each of our congregation was founded in a unique way and in order to be able to tell and/or write “our stories” we have to properly preserve the papers and photos of our church. This workshop will tell you how to do this and review what records you must keep and for how long! – *Session 1*

*Brigitte H. Conkling, Concordia College Archivist, Atlantic District Archivist, Eastchester Historical Society, Village of Bronxville Archives Assistant*

### *Property and Risk Management for Your Church and School*

This seminar will help you manage your property and organization through proper planning, maintenance, and insurance. It includes money saving tips on correct care for the property; what to look for in a contractor; how to save money on insurance; and other ways to manage risk. – *Session 1*

*Michael R. Jakob, Carriage Trade Insurance agency and Col. Michael Colacicco, Project and Assets Manager at West Point.*

### *Fostering a Culture of Generosity: How to encourage excelling in the grace of giving*

All biblical stewardship of time, talents, and treasure is motivated by free will giving. What are biblical and practical ways that pastors and leaders can encourage liberality in giving. – *Session 2*

*Rev. Victor Nelson, Resurrection, Cairo*

### *Financial Strategies toward Fiscal Stability for Treasurers and Office Managers*

What are the techniques and strategies that churches and schools can use to better understand and improve their financial situation. Topics that will be addressed include: bookkeeping, tax issues, how to keep effective visibility on finances, IRS reporting requirements, benefits plans, payroll, LCEF, and other important topics. – *Sessions 3*

*Connie Ledbetter, Concordia Plan; Peter Labenberg, AD Executive for Stewardship and Finance; Tim Elwell, Village, Bronxville*

### *Planned Giving – A 25 Year Solution to Permanent Problem!*

Planned giving refers to the process of making a charitable gift of estate assets to nonprofit organizations. Such a gift requires consideration and planning in light of the donor’s overall estate plan. Come learn about the techniques from simple to advanced that will not only make a difference in your personal planning but will make a permanent difference in funding your favorite charity for the future. – *Session 4*

*Chris Jones, Certified Financial Planner*

## Lutheran Schools

### *An Introduction to the Lutheran School Portal*

Hundreds of schools are making use of the Lutheran School Portal. In this sectional, participants will tour the portal, the resources included, premium services offered and the applications for teachers and administrators alike. – *Session 1*

*Dr. Perry A. Bresemann, LCMS Associate Director of Schools - National Director of Technology for Schools*

### *Internet Information Parents Need*

Parents are concerned about internet safety. Many do not understand the dangers or the concern. This presentation will provide participants with a powerpoint presentation that they can use with their PTL or interested parent groups. We will walk through the program and give each participant a copy that they can modify and use in their setting. – *Session 2*

*Dr. Perry A. Bresemann, LCMS Associate Director of Schools - National Director of Technology for Schools*

### *Sticky Wickets*

Audience: Administrators

What about the staff member that does not pull his/her weight? Should all workers be on an annual basis? Should more be 10 months? Are assignments balanced? What about class loads, challenging students and time required to evaluate in one class as compared to another. This presentation will address the sticky wickets that require special care to keep a faculty balanced and focused.

– *Session 4*

*Dr. Perry A. Bresemann, LCMS Associate Director of Schools - National Director of Technology for Schools*

### *FISH*

Choose Your Attitude. Have fun. Be there. Make their day. These are the four practices of the FISH! Philosophy. This workshop will look at how these practices can help your school develop a positive school climate for your students, staff, and parents. Watch out for flying fish! – *Session 3*

*Marlene Lund, Executive Director of the Lutheran Schools Association & Executive Director for WheatRidge - Center for Urban Education*