

# CONCORDIA SEMINARY PRESS RELEASES

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### NATIONWIDE SUMMER WORKSHOPS OFFERED

ST. LOUIS—Concordia Seminary is pleased to announce its summer 2009 series of workshops for pastors, professional church workers and interested laypersons. Eight workshops, covering a wide variety of subjects, are offered nationwide.

The cost for each summer workshop is \$125, which includes 1.5 CEU credits. Payment is due 21 days prior to the beginning of each workshop, and workshops have a minimum required enrollment. Housing and meal information may be obtained from the host pastor.

To register or to receive further information, contact the Office of Continuing Education and Parish Services, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105; 314-505-7486; ce@csl.edu.

*July 27-29—“Together with All Creatures”—Dr. Charles Arand  
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, West Des Moines, Iowa  
Host Pastor: Rev. Thomas Ogilvie, tom@sotv-wdm.org, 515-225-1623*

*July 27-29—“Faith and Creative Writing”—Rev. Travis Scholl  
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri  
Continuing Education and Parish Services, ce@csl.edu, 314-505-7486*

*July 27-29—“James: The Apostle of Faith and Works”—Dr. Louis Brighton  
Christ Church Lutheran, Phoenix, Arizona  
Host Pastor: Dr. Jeffrey T. Schrank, christchurch@cclphoenix.org, 602-955-4830*

*August 3-5—“When Things Fall Apart”—Dr. Henry Rowold  
St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, North Dakota  
Host Pastor: Rev. Clark H. Jahnke, revchjahnke@ideaone.net, 701-282-4195*

*August 3-5—“Teaching the Faith: Catechesis in the Parish”—Dr. Andy Bacon  
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri  
Continuing Education and Parish Services, ce@csl.edu, 314-505-7486*

*August 3-5—“The Book of Revelation and the End Times”—Dr. Louis Brighton  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Cedar Crest, New Mexico  
Host Pastor: Rev. Devon Woodyard, woodyard3@gmail.com, 505-281-2430*

*August 10-12—“Isaiah: The Fifth Gospel”—Dr. Reed Lessing  
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Charlottesville, Virginia  
Host Pastor: Rev. Ernest Houppert, sheprod@embarqmail.com, 434-295-4038*

*August 10-12—“The Church in the New Testament”—Dr. Jeffrey Kloha  
St. James Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio  
Host Pastor: Dr. Paul Hoffman, stjamescleve@juno.com, 216-351-6499*

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**LUTHERHOSTEL '09 – EXPLORING THE 'FINITE AND INFINITE'**

ST. LOUIS—LutherHostel 2009 will be held Oct. 3-6 on the campus of Concordia Seminary. LutherHostel is an event designed to provide growth in biblical knowledge and understanding, fun and fellowship, and a chance to gain helpful insights for daily living. It is offered for adults age 55 and above.

The theme for the event will be “Finite and Infinite Games.” The main presenter will be Rev. John Nunes, president of Lutheran World Relief in Baltimore, Md.

A well-known and highly regarded pastor, theologian, speaker and community organizer, Rev. Nunes has served as a management consultant, pastor, teacher, youth director and parish musician. Additionally, he has provided consulting support to Wheat Ridge Ministries as a staff associate for urban ministry research. He has served as director for church resource development at Concordia Publishing House and as a research fellow for the Acton Institute. He is a Doctor of Philosophy candidate from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Ill.

Scheduled activities for LutherHostel 2009 will feature a reception and dinner with President and Mrs. Dale A. Meyer. Other activities include presentations, class visitation, student-led evening devotions, opportunities for informal interaction with faculty, a private demonstration of the organ in The Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, and a tour of selected St. Louis area sites. An optional tour of Lutheran historical sites in Perry County, Mo., also is available on Oct. 7, immediately following LutherHostel.

The LutherHostel fee is \$325 per person, which includes all meals and refreshments for the event. Housing is available on campus (on a limited basis for an additional cost) or in nearby hotels.

For more information about LutherHostel, contact the Seminary’s Office of Continuing Education and Parish Services at 314-505-7486 or [ce@csl.edu](mailto:ce@csl.edu).

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### **CONCORDIA SEMINARY TO OFFER CONCORDIA HEALTH PLAN TO STUDENTS**

ST. LOUIS—Concordia Seminary, St. Louis will now offer healthcare coverage to their students and families under the Concordia Health Plan administered by Concordia Plan Services (CPS). Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., has also agreed to extend this offer to its students. The effective date for the 12-month plan is August 1, 2009, and will cover the 2009-2010 academic year.

The agreement among the three organizations has been under development for more than a year and represents a breakthrough for Seminary enrollees. The new health care plan will provide improved, affordable, and comprehensive coverage that will meet the needs of students and their families. It will also ease the transition from the student plan into the Concordia Health Plan for active workers upon graduation.

In the past, the two seminaries worked separately with independent brokers to develop limited health insurance coverage for their students. Neither plan offered the comprehensive coverage that is available through Concordia Plan Services. Now, Seminary students and their families, for costs similar to their current independent insurance, will receive the all-inclusive healthcare components that are available to active Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod workers.

“I am excited about the high quality of health insurance that we will be able to provide to our students and their families through the Concordia Health Plan at the same or even lower cost compared to our current health plan,” commented Dr. Wally Becker, director of student services. “And the benefits, especially in the area of prevention and helping our students live healthy lives, are excellent.”

The Seminary student plan will become part of the Concordia Health Plan portfolio of medical care options. Additional coverage not available in the current package for Seminary students will include dental care benefits, preventive medical services, expanded prescription drug coverage, employee assistance program, health and wellness programs, vision care, behavioral health benefits and hearing treatment discounts.

All Seminary students, including those in the deaconess program, with seven credit hours or more will be required to have health coverage during their enrollment at the seminaries. In addition, coverage will continue during periods of vicarage, internship or foreign study. There will be exceptions for students who qualify as eligible “opt-outs” by having coverage, for example, through a spouse’s or parent’s group health plan.

Students can purchase the plan for themselves only, or for their spouses and dependent children. As in the Concordia Health Plan, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota will administer the medical benefits, CIGNA Healthcare will administer the dental benefits and wellness programs, and Express Scripts Inc., will manage prescription services.

In addition, students and eligible dependents will be able to keep their coverage up to 12 months following graduation if the graduate is working on a dissertation or waiting for a call.

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**CALL DAY IS APRIL 22**

ST. LOUIS—Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, cordially invites the public to share in the joy of Call Day on Wednesday, April 22. Students who will serve as vicars (a one-year internship) next year will receive their assignments during a 3:00 p.m. worship service. In addition, deaconess interns, Alternate Route vicars, and Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) vicars and deaconess interns will receive their assignments. Rev. Dr. Gerhard C. Michael, Jr., Florida-Georgia District President, will serve as preacher.

During a 7:00 p.m. worship service, candidates for the pastoral ministry will receive their first calls to serve as pastors, missionaries and chaplains in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Rev. Dr. Ray Mirly, a member of the Seminary's Board of Regents and president of the Missouri District, will serve as preacher. Both services will be held in the Seminary's Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus.

Also on that day, deaconess candidates, CHS candidates and DELTO (Distance Education Leading To Ordination) candidates are expected to receive their calls.

Those unable to attend may listen to the services online via the Seminary's Web site ([www.csl.edu](http://www.csl.edu)). Both audio and video will be available. For more information, visit the Resources section of the Seminary's Web site one week prior to the services.

The vicarages and calls will be posted on Concordia Seminary's Web site on April 22 at 9:00 p.m. (CST). Lists also will be e-mailed at the same time via the Seminary's e-mail list services, CSLNEWS and CSLPRESEM. Those who desire to subscribe to CSLNEWS prior to the April 22 services in order to receive the lists may do so at [www.csl.edu/AboutCSL\\_Subscribe.aspx](http://www.csl.edu/AboutCSL_Subscribe.aspx). A complete listing also will be featured in the summer 2009 issue of FOCUS. Audio recordings of the sermons for both services will be available for listening on the Seminary's Web site within 24 hours.

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