



# Festival

## OF WORKSHOPS

**Atlantic District - LCMS**

Engaging the World with the Gospel of Hope!

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**but where sin increased....  
grace abounded all the more.**

**Romans 5:20b**

**Saturday March 7, 2020**

**Check In 8:30AM - 9:30AM**

**Program 9:30AM to 3:15PM**

CONCORDIA COLLEGE  
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BRONXVILLE, NY 10708

## About our Keynote Speaker

# Tim Young Eagle



Tim Young Eagle, was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is an American Indian of Pawnee descent.

Throughout his career Tim has been a successful leader with a distinguished record of accomplishment in fundraising, sales, marketing, and leadership that spanned more than 40 years.

Prior to his calling as Executive Director of Lutheran Indian Ministries(LIM), Tim served as the Senior Principal Gifts Officer for the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee Foundation (LHSAGM Foundation), National Director of Development for Bethesda Lutheran Communities, Executive Vice President of Mission Advancement for the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee (LHSAGM)and as LHSAGM’s Interim CEO.

Tim earned his designation as a Certified Fund Raising Professional (CFRE) in 2014. He also holds a Certificate in Fund Raising Leadership from Indiana University’s Lilly School of Philanthropy.

In addition to his work as LIM’s Executive Director Tim is a professionally certified workshop facilitator for The Extreme Leadership Institute’s LEAP program, The Leadership Challenge, The Student Leadership Challenge, and Team Emotional and Social Intelligence.

He is the author of “The Dream Catcher – A Father and Son Story” a work of Christian fiction published by Author House in 2003.

Tim received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

He is the current chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative (LUMIN), and a past board member of the Lutheran Indian Ministries (LIM), the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee (LHSAGM) and the National Christian Foundation (NCF).

In 2007, Tim was honored to receive the CUM DEO Award as a Distinguished Alumni of the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee.

**THANK YOU** .....

to our many workshop presenters for their time and expertise and to Concordia College–New York for the use of their campus.

# SCHEDULE.....

8:30AM	Check In, Registration and Fellowship
9:30AM	Opening remarks by President Derek G. Lecakes Keynote Speaker Tim Young Eagle
10:30AM - 11:40AM	Workshop Session 1
11:45AM - 12:30PM	Lunch
12:40PM - 1:50PM	Workshop Session 2
2:00PM - 3:10PM	Workshop Session 3

- Registration is \$35 per person. This includes lunch, check-in, hospitality, and workshops.
- If registration is received after February 28, 2020, the late registration fee is \$40.
- Check-in will be in the Sommer Center Lobby



## Special Guest Workshop Leader - Laura Langhoff

Laura Langhoff Arndt is...a girl with a mission. "I am a professional educator with over 15 years experience teaching middle and high school students in both public and charter schools. I have a B.A. in Secondary Education and an M.A. in Classroom Instruction as well as school board leadership and administrative experience. I am also a certified Director of Christian Education (DCE) in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church (LCMS).

The majority of my DCE experience has been on a volunteer basis as I am drawn to smaller congregations that cannot afford extra staff. I love finding resources and equipping and encouraging lay leaders and have always had a passion for education in the church and finding ways to apply current educational research to religious education."

- taken from [carpentersministrytoolbox.com](http://carpentersministrytoolbox.com)

Laura Langhoff Arndt is the author of a number of publications, such as "The Art of Teaching Sunday School," "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb: God's Promises at Baptism" and more!

# KEY FOR SPECIFIC INTEREST TRACKS.....

Here is a special interest key so that you easily may identify workshops that might correspond to your particular area of interest. We have attempted to have a selection from each area in each of the time slots so that you may follow your own track throughout the day or you can make up a track of your own choosing from any area.

Teen Track = **T**

Youth leaders = **YL**

Children, Education and Schools = **CES**

Evangelism/Outreach/Marketing/Communication = **EOMC**

Music and Worship = **MW**

Buildings and Rentals = **BR**

Caregiving and Health = **CH**

Administration and Leadership = **AL**

Stewardship and Finance = **SF**

# WORKSHOP SESSION OVERVIEW.....

## SESSION ONE: 10:30 AM

The Spiritually Disciplined Life - CES, CH

Serving Without Seminary - T

Making Disciples for Life by Investing in Our Youth - YL

Connecting Your Parish With Christ: A Practical 40 Day Journey - CES

God's Vision & Strategic Planning in Pursuit - AL

The 5 Stages of Faith Education - CES

Old But Not Cold - CH, CES, MW

Church Safety and Risk Management – Insurance 101 - SF/BR

Battlegrounds where Grace Abounds - EOMC

Positive Tips for Coping with Depression - CH

Engaging Generations through Generosity - Explore the Culture of Generosity at your Church - SF

## • • • LUNCH 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM • • •

Lunch will be served to all registrants in Schoenfeld Hall and Sommer Center

## SESSION TWO: 12:40 PM

Secrets of the Secret Place - T

Creating a Mini-Mass Event - YL

Altar Call - MW

Atlantic District LWML: We Ain't Just Quilts! - AL, CES, EOMC

Bible Inquiry - It's about the questions - CES

An Income Tax Guide for Ministers and Called Workers - SF

Ministry in Pictures: How discovering your unique Ministry Picture can revolutionize your mission - EOMC, AL

Proclaiming the Gospel to Trauma Infected Cultures – The Unique Challenges of Bringing Christ to Native American Peoples - EOMC, CH

Staying Safe at Home - CH

Millennials, Gen Z, and Your Church - AL, EOMC, CES

Churches and Schools: Collaboration for Kingdom Goals - CES, EOMC

## SESSION THREE: 2 PM

Board Matters - AL

Word Up - MW

Teaching Adults - Developing a participatory culture - CES

A Ministry You Should Consider – Helping People and Families With Alzheimer's - CH

A New Look at Membership & Stewardship - AL, SF

FiveTwo: What Would You Like To Know? - AL, EOMC

Moments of Grace in Grace Filled Acts - CES

Grace is for Losers - T

Celtic Evangelism - EOMC

Youth Ministry that Doesn't Make Baby Jesus Cry - YL

## The Spiritually Disciplined Life - CES, CH

Today we suffer from an unexamined life and this workshop will motivate you to in the major areas of spiritual development. Pastor Oscar will introduce you to ancient spiritual disciplines and give you practical help to start today.

Rev. Oscar Benavides, FiveTwo Network

## Serving Without Seminary - T

Can you serve God without being a Pastor, Deaconess, or other church worker? The answer is yes, and believe it or not, these people make up the majority of the body of Christ. But as you're deciding what to do in the future, what does this type of serving look like and how can we use our future profession to glorify God?

Matthew Eyler

## Making Disciples for Life by Investing in Our Youth - YL

The Board for National Mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has assembled “Seven Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry” that will be reviewed. The data will be shocking yet compelling as we move forward “Engaging the World with the Gospel of Hope.”

Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx

## Connecting Your Parish With Christ: A Practical 40 Day Journey - CES

Our goal is to help people live more like Jesus but many parishes attempt discipleship building without success. This seminar narrates a successful parish experience and explains how the Red Letter Challenge (RLC) program can work for you. The 40-day RLC program was developed in 2017 by Zach Zehnder (Lead pastor of the Cross Church in Mount Dora, Florida) to invigorate congregations by taking Christ's literal words and providing practical daily actions based on those words. The RLC program begins each week with a worship service followed by daily individual workbook study and mid-week small group gatherings. The first 5 days introduce the 5 principles - being, forgiving, serving, giving, and going. The following 5 weeks concentrate on being with Jesus, receiving and giving away His forgiveness, serving our neighbors and communities, giving generously to the needy, and going out as Christ's witnesses in this world. The RLC program provides promotional materials, a network for pastors, graphics (everything from fliers, to posters, to social media graphics, to sermon slides, etc.) and small group material from the RLC website. Too many Jesus followers don't understand what it means to

follow Jesus and the RLC program will help your parish discover practical ways to put Christ's words into practice! Hundreds of congregations have already completed this challenge, several multiple times. So, learn from our experience how to spend 40 days, diving into Christ's words and experiencing the life we were made for!

Deacon R. Laird Conover & Conan O'Rourke, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Saratoga Springs, NY

## God's Vision & Strategic Planning in Pursuit - AL

Planning for the future is critical to the success of any organization. While true for the church, the future we pursue is the one Jesus calls us towards. Join Pastor Billy Brath, as he shares church specific visioning and strategic planning process tools that will drive your ministries forward according to God's will.

Rev. Billy Brath, LCEF Vice-President of Ministry Support

## The 5 Stages of Faith Education - CES

Most Sunday school teachers are volunteers who are not professional educators. How do you train your volunteer teachers about teaching their grade level? The first step is to understand the 5 stages of faith education: Narrative (PreS-2nd), Knowledge (3rd-5th), Understanding (6th-8th), Reason, (9th-college), and Wisdom (adults). What is the difference between the stages and how does knowing them change how you teach? More importantly, how will it change how they learn? Let's talk about it.

Laura Langhoff Arndt, Teacher/DCE/Author

## Old But Not Cold - CH, CES, MW

Ms. Gladys Stewart, a nonagenarian member of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in The Bronx for over 50 years, reminds people weekly that she is “old but not cold.” Many seniors remember when they used to sing in the choir, welcome people as ushers, teach Sunday School and work in the altar guild. Even though they have stepped down from those roles, there are still ways for them to serve the Lord in His Holy Church. This workshop explores different ways seniors serve and share Christ Jesus. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. (Psalm 71:18 ESV)

Deaconess Raquel A. Rojas, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx

### Church Safety and Risk Management – Insurance 101 - SF/BR

Your church is a small business and has significant exposure as it relates to people, property and liability. Every year we hear about claims against churches that could have been avoided. Learning what your responsibilities are as church leaders (and how you address the same) is how you will avoid incidents, avoid filing claims and ultimately save money. During our brief time together, we will review:

- Common claims and how to avoid them
- Making sure your church has proper insurance coverage
- Building maintenance – what is the bare bones minimum that you have to do.

[Mike Jakob, Carriage Trade Insurance](#)

### Battlegrounds where Grace Abounds - EOMC

Identity issues. Ethical questions. Technological quandaries. These test the Christian church, especially its outreach and evangelism. Challenges like these often show up first on college campuses. How can a grace-based approach help us engage the culture in ways that are both true to our tradition and hospitable?

[Rev John Arthur Nunes, Ph.D., President, Concordia College New York](#)

### Positive Tips for Coping with Depression - CH

What are the symptoms of depression? What is the difference between depression and sadness? Mrs. Geiling will explore these questions, give positive tips for dealing with sadness, and explain when mental health therapy is needed.

[Elizabeth Geiling, MSED, LMHC, She is a therapist with Lutheran Counseling Center \(LCC\), counseling at LCC Bronxville and Manhattan sites.](#)

### Engaging Generations through Generosity - Explore the culture of generosity at your church - SF

Looking for ways to create a culture of generosity that is attractive to all generations? (Including millennials!) Interested in understanding what the people of your church really think about generosity? Ready to create a culture of generosity beyond just money? Where is your church now and where would you like to go?

[Gena L. Gilbertson, Community Engagement leader, Thrivent](#)

## SESSION TWO

12:40 PM - 1:50 PM

### Secrets of the Secret Place - T

“And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”  
Matthew 6:6b

Think about your BFF, you probably have secrets between the two of you. Secrets are a sign of intimacy, trust, and friendship. Jesus has much to say about doing things in secret so only God knows! Have you ever wondered why? Ironically, He doesn't keep it a secret from us! He openly shares with us about God's amazing secrets that are foundational to living a life filled with peace, joy, and most importantly - a secret relationship with the King Himself! Join us to learn these secrets and why it's no secret that Jesus wants to meet you, to be known by you, and to transform you!

[Ray Cummings III, Trinity Lutheran Church, Walden](#)

### Creating a Mini-Mass Event - YL

Every summer, churches host large scale VBS programs for children...but what about our teenagers? In this workshop, we'll take a look at the tools you can use not only use in youth ministry, but to create a larger, multi-day programming event for your youth that reaches the community, generates buzz, and still provides an opportunity for biblical teaching and a lot of fun.

[Matthew Eyler](#)

### Altar Call - MW

Gathered around the altar, we shall review some skills and issues connected with the care of our Lord's altar and other items in church. This is the perfect workshop for altar guild members and all who wish to learn about this important aspect of our witness.

[Deaconess Raquel A. Rojas and Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx](#)

### Atlantic District LWML: We Ain't Just Quilts! - AL, CES, EOMC

Come and hear about the exciting ways the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) encourages women to support local and global missions! Learn about the free resources you can use to assist the women of the LCMS to recognize their God-given gifts and how you can use those gifts in the service of Jesus Christ! Let's learn about how you can use LWML's bible studies, retreat ideas, sketches, dramas, etc. in your own congregations and ministry. Let's explore the new and interesting ways the Atlantic District LWML wants to become more involved and how you can be a part of that plan. [LWML President Linda Guterres with LWML Board Members](#)

### Bible Inquiry - It's about the questions - CES

How can we change from a passive Bible STUDY to active Bible INQUIRY at any age? It's about creating a culture of curiosity through stories and questions. People often ask: How do you get them to talk? Discuss? What's appropriate for each faith education stage? In this session we're shifting paradigms and learning about how to get kids of all ages to bring Bible study alive. [Laura Langhoff Arndt, Teacher/DCE/Author](#)

### An Income Tax Guide for Ministers and Called Workers - SF

Ministers and other church employees are subject to special U.S. tax regulations. Virtually every year new tax rulings affect the way that you should file your taxes. In our 20 plus years' experience helping Pastors and other called workers all over the country we have seen the mistakes made which cause issues for called workers and for the organizations they serve. This brief course will help you make sure you do not make the errors which will cost you money. In the hour allotted, we will:

- Review the basics of housing allowance and how it is determined (and make sure the church is reporting correctly)
- Touch on the 2018 tax law changes (significant)
- Review how to make sure you and your church are accurately reporting to Concordia Retirement Plans

[Mike Jakob, Landmark Tax Service](#)

### Ministry in Pictures: How discovering your unique Ministry Picture can revolutionize your mission - EOMC, AL

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but in ministry, it might be worth even more. Throughout the Bible, God uses pictures to motivate and mobilize his

people in mission. This isn't an accident. By discovering and developing your unique ministry picture, you will be able to clarify your vision, communicate it more clearly, and call people to join in the mission that God has in mind for you.

[Rev. Matthew Schultz, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Niskayuna](#)

### Proclaiming the Gospel to Trauma Infected Cultures: The Unique Challenges of Bringing Christ to Native American Peoples - EOMC, CH

Native American people are hiding in plain sight – often in the very shadows of our church steeples. More than 5 million people in the United States claim Native American ancestry. There are eight federally recognized Indian tribes in New York State. 75% of Native American live in cities and the city with the largest Indigenous population in America is New York (more than 110,000). Yet, when it comes to evangelism, First Nations people are often left out of the conversation. In the church, the First are usually the last if not altogether forgotten. The result...less than 5% of Native Americans know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. In this workshop you will learn: Why the church has failed in its evangelistic efforts to Native Americans? What is the aftermath of more than 500 years of failed and misguided outreach to Indian peoples? Why do Native people often reject the Gospel as the "white man's religion?" What role has historic trauma played in Indian resistance to hearing the Gospel message? What can and is being done to bring Native people to the knowledge of the Truth?

[Tim Young Eagle \(Pawnee\), Executive Director, Lutheran Indian Ministries](#)

### Staying Safe at Home - CH

There are many things that can be done to prevent injuries in the home. Learn about a range of simple, common sense changes, as well as a few low-cost investments, that will make your home a safer place. This is especially important for anyone concerned about or caring for an older adult for whom falls, burns, and poisoning are among the most common accidents. Learn some simple tips, including technology helps, that can keep seniors on their feet and in their homes safely. [Jeanine Kurtz, R.N., Director of Performance Improvement & Corporate Compliance at The Lutheran Care Network.](#)

### Millennials, Gen Z, and Your Church - AL, EOMC, CES

Instead of talking statistics and causation, this session will work through practical ways to engage young people drawing from successes and failures around the church. Join Pastor Billy Brath, LCEF Vice-President of Ministry Support, as he shares the wisdom of leaders and churches on the front lines across the synod.

Rev. Billy Brath, LCEF Vice-President of Ministry Support

### Churches and Schools: Collaboration for Kingdom Goals - CES, EOMC

A panel discussion by church leaders, moderated by Dr. Laura Labenberg, Executive Director of Lutheran Schools Association on how churches and schools can and should work together.

Dr. Laura Labenberg, Mrs. Carol Mittelstaedt, Rev. Robert Hartwell, Rev. Victor Nelson and Rev. John Hopkins.

## SESSION THREE

2:00 PM - 3:10 PM

### Board Matters - AL

A workshop on the basics of Robert's Rules of Order, Board or Council Etiquette, and keys to more successful, productive and enjoyable meetings of Church Boards. The perfect workshop for Boards that are running well and want to continue to grow or for the church leaders who struggle with effective and encouraging Board Meetings and are interested in new techniques to help their existing Board or Council experience.

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, Village Lutheran Church, Bronxville

### Word Up - MW

The public reading of our Lord's Holy Word can be a great blessing. This workshop explores some things to remember when doing so and will assist those who are given the opportunity to serve as lectors.

Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx

### Teaching Adults - Developing a participatory culture - CES

My favorite part of Adult Bible Study is when the room is abuzz with conversation in groups or people are asking multiple questions. They're excited. They're curious. They want to know more. The key is in how the class is structured, how to ask questions in a way that people want to answer them, and how to turn your statements into questions.

Laura Langhoff Arndt, Teacher/DCE/Author

### A Ministry You Should Consider – Helping People and Families With Alzheimer's - CH

People with dementia and their families need support from the local church! Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cairo, NY, began a helpful program 16 months ago. It is a ministry that most churches can duplicate. We will share our ministry and what it takes for you to begin a similar

caring ministry. Led by our director, Suzanne Quirk and Pastor Victor Nelson.

Rev. Victor Nelson, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cairo

### A New Look at Membership & Stewardship - AL, SF

Join Pastor Billy Brath, as he explores some of the ideas and biases that cloud our understanding of stewardship, church membership, and the work of the local parish. He will draw upon his experiences working with leaders and congregations across the synod and will present practical ways to re-engage your people with the ministries of your church.

Rev. Billy Brath, LCEF Vice-President of Ministry Support

### FiveTwo: What Would You Like To Know? - AL, EOMC

The FiveTwo Network equips Christian entrepreneurs to launch a variety of sustainable start-ups that reach people for Jesus. In our Atlantic District, the FiveTwo Network has already begun this process with a number of congregations. Have you ever wondered what they might bring to the life of your community? Do you have questions about their methods, process, and work within a variety of contexts? Join for this great Q & A session with the founder, Pastor Bill Woolsey, and a team from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Bronx, NY!

Rev. Bill Woolsey & Leaders at Trinity – Bronx

### Moments of Grace in Grace Filled Acts - CES

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV.

Participants will examine their various God-given gifts to discern how those gifts may be used to demonstrate Christ's presence in the world.

Dr. LuJuana Butts, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx

### Grace is for Losers - T

That's right, I said it. We're going to talk about grace, and grace is only for losers. No winners allowed at this talk! Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:17). So, if you're a sinner like me, then you're precisely Jesus' cup of tea. Come on over and hear about the grace that God has for you in and through His Son, Jesus. It's a message just for us!

Rev. Jake Allstaedt, St. John Lutheran Church, Williston Park

### Celtic Evangelism - EOMC

In the judgment of many missiologists, the mission work of St. Patrick chronicles one of the most significant missionary movements in the history of Christian missions; consider these mission outcomes: Patrick, and those who served with him, baptized tens of thousands of converts, planted 700 churches, ordained 1,000 priests... with 30-40 of the 150 tribes in Ireland becoming substantially Christian by the time of his death twenty-eight years later. Can the ancient movement known as Celtic Christianity show us some ways forward in the 21st century?

Tony Steinbronn, District President, New Jersey District

### Youth Ministry that Doesn't Make Baby Jesus Cry - YL

Are you interested in improving your church's youth ministry? Are you frustrated with low attendance or retention of youth? Do you still use the term 'Youth Group?' (Do you ask a lot of rhetorical questions?) If so, your youth group is probably struggling to be what it needs to be. This presentation either show you how to fix all your youth ministry problems forever, or give you a darn-good place to start.

This session is an irreverent but very relevant look at improving youth-focused ministry by first identifying the things that are killing it, from someone who has been in it for over 20 years, and is tired of acting polite about lackluster youth programs.

George Carstensen, Director of Gospel Communications, Atlantic District