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DEVELOPING MISSIONAL LEADERS IN CONGREGATIONS AND SCHOOLS

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NEWS

MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT CONVENTION, June 14-16, 2012, Concordia University, St. Paul.
Make sure to: -Send in **ALL** completed registrations forms and remittance.
ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after April 14, 2012 MUST include the $50 late registration fee.
-For ease at the registration table at convention, **PLEASE SEND IN** the full synodical yellow sheet form **filled out on BOTH sides.**
ATTENTION DELEGATES: Convention workbook CD's have been sent.
Coins For Missions Offering will go to the new Otsego church start, a joint effort of MNS/MNN Districts.

Minnesota Pastors For Marriage. Get important information on the Marriage Protection Amendment. See also the **Legal Compliance FAQs For Pastors And Churches.**

Minnesota Pastors For Marriage Conference, Weds., May 9, 2012, 9:30 – 4:00 PM, Grace Church, 9301 Eden Prairie Rd., Eden Prairie. Registration $25. Call Cheryl at 612-789-8811

Twin Cities Marriage Tune Up Conference, May 11-12, 2012, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Plymouth, MN.

Gift Planning Advocate Meetings: South Shore Trinity Church White Bear Lake **May 1st;** Hosanna Lutheran Church Mankato, **May 2nd**. Build your stewardship team. Click links for schedules.

125th Anniversary Celebration Kickoff, Sunday, May 6, 2012, 10:00 AM, Bethlehem Lutheran, St. Paul, Multicultural service, Rev. Dr. Robert Kuhn preaching.

"Church Planting In Norway and Post-Christian Europe", Mon., May 7, 2012, 8-10 AM, St. Michael's Lutheran, Bloomington. Presenter, Norwegian Pastor Torkild Masvie

"**Going Where God Leads**", **S.A.G.E.S. GATHERING XXIV, May 7-8, 2012**, Best Western Inn, North Mankato. Click here GATHERING registration and Best Western Inn reservation forms**.**

LWML District Convention, June 22-24, 2012, Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato. Watch for more details.

31st Annual LYF Day at Valleyfair, June 25, 2012. Early Bird special until May 25th is $22

LANE SEITZ RETIREMENT WORSHIP SERVICE and RECEPTION, Sun., Aug. 26, 2012, 4:00 PM, Messiah Lutheran Church, Lakeville. Plan now to attend!

Networking Resources. (Refreshed 04-27-12) **Weekly Classifieds.** (Refreshed 04-27-12)
Would you like to get an item included? Contact the Minnesota South District.

District website **District Calendar** **Camp Omega Events**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER- (CAN BE INCLUDED IN YOUR SUNDAY BULLETINS OR NEWSLETTERS)

Jesus said, *"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"* (Luke 16:11). Jesus is telling us that, if we can be trusted with our stewardship of the material things that He entrusts to us, then He will trust us to be stewards over things of highest value which relate to the eternal. The way that we handle our material possessions is a good test of the way that we would handle responsibilities relating to God's kingdom. In order to be *"trustworthy in handling worldly wealth,"* we need to recognize our privilege and responsibility to use our material blessings with a kingdom focus.

A stewardship devotion is available for you to use in newsletters, or elsewhere.

RESOURCES

Lectionary Illustration: Fifth Sunday of EASTER: John 15:1-8
There was a teenager who didn't want to be seen in public with her mother, because her mother's arms were terribly disfigured. One day when her mother took her shopping and reached out her hand, a clerk looked horrified. Later, crying, the girl told her how embarrassed she was.
Understandably hurt, the mother waited an hour before going to her daughter's room to tell her, for the first time, what happened.
"When you were a baby, I woke up to a burning house. Your room was an inferno. Flames were everywhere. I could have gotten out the front door, but I decided I'd rather die with you than leave you to die alone. I ran through the fire and wrapped my arms around you. Then I went back through the flames, my arms on fire. When I got outside on the lawn, the pain was agonizing but when I looked at you, all I could do was rejoice that the flames hadn't touched you."
Stunned, the girl looked at her mother through new eyes. Weeping in shame and gratitude, she kissed her mother's marred hands and arms.

MACOL- What is it? Could it affect and equip you?

MNS Lutheran Witness **The Lutheran Witness** **LCMS Reporter** **Frequently Asked Questions**

Mission Prayers April 2012 **Mission Vision News Spring 2012** **RSTM Newsletter.**

HEALTH & MINISTERIAL HELPS

Empty Nest Syndrome: Tips For Coping **Anger Management: Your Questions Answered**
Anger Management: 10 Tips To Tame Your Temper **Anger: Taking The Heat Out**

EDUCATORS and ADMINISTRATORS NOTEBOOK

Administrator's in-service, Thurs., May 3, 2012. Hearts For Jesus 2012= Orphan Grain Train

Early Childhood Conference, June 13, 2012, Concordia University Nebraska

IN OUR PRAYERS

-Please join us this week in praying for **Circuit 18, McLeod**, Rev. Kevin Oster, circuit counselor. Please click here for maps of the District and all Circuits.
-Please pray for Jennifer Diedrick, (Rev. Ted, Circle Pines) and Rev Bob Rupprecht, (New Germany) cancer, Norman Discher, Augustana Care Center, Apple Valley Care Center

CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

Commissioned Ministers (as of 04-27-12) **Ordained Ministers** (as of 04-27-12)

Change of address, e-mail address, contact information? Contact the Minnesota South District
Do you have a brief story of a new ministry in your church? An event happening? We would love to hear about it. **Contact the MNS District.** Attach your story to your e-mail.