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FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

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WORD FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, "I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice." John 10:15b-16a.

NEWS

Important Dates 2009 District Convention: Transformed For His Mission - Romans 12:2 – June 11–13, 2009 – Gangelhoff Center, Concordia University, St. Paul. **Convention Documents** available on the MNS District website.

COUNTDOWN TO CONVENTION - 37 Days

PETITION FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP IN ADVANCE OF THE CONVENTION: For Sunday, May10 – Easter 5: Lord Jesus Christ, our beloved Vine through whom flows to us the life giving Spirit, we know and believe that without You we can do nothing. As You have **transformed** us to bear fruit for You, help us by Your Spirit to identify those individuals who through our relationship with them will hear about Your **mission**, and by Your Spirit believe and be saved for eternal life in heaven. Lord in Your mercy...

An unofficial invitation has been distributed to individuals in The LCMS to respond to the topics under consideration by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance (BRTFSSG) through an unofficial web survey. **This invitation encourages individuals to express their opinions on topics to those who have no relationship with the BRTFSSG or any responsibility concerning the work of the task force.** All members of the Synod are encouraged to respond directly to the task force after reviewing the current work of the task force as posted on the Synod's web site, www.lcms.org, click on **"Walking Together."** After accessing and reviewing the **"Current District Convention Report"** and other documents posted on this site, your comments can be sent directly to the task force at LCMSFuture@lcms.org. Your response is encouraged.

Fan into Flame update as of Friday, April 24:

LCMS National Campaign - **\$ 46,808,910.00**

Minnesota South District - **\$1,904,929.00** (toward the National Campaign)

LCEF Minnesota South District OUTREACH GRANTS, camp construction, Kenyan ministry and more! View the **May '09 upper Midwest LCEF Update**. Deadline to apply for LCEF Outreach Grant: June 15, 2009.

Free resources available to you through the Synod's Board for Pastoral Education to assist you and your congregation in the observance of Pastoral Education Month.

TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT AT NO COST If you have difficulty hearing or speaking you may be eligible to receive the telephone equipment you need **free of charge** from the **State of Minnesota's Equipment Distribution Program**. You are already paying for this service through a telephone surcharge on your phone bill. For more information call: 1-800-657-3663, 1-888-206-6555 or visit the website linked above.

Lutheran World Relief—Human Care updated (*since 4/30*) Resource Helps Congregations Prepare for Possible Swine Flu Pandemic.

Networking with Congregations (*as of 5/1*) The purpose of these pages is to offer information regarding future events sponsored by District congregations. Visit it each week for the latest information on events sponsored by other entities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Litany for a National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 7, 2009.

District Calendar

Camp Omega Upcoming Events and Retreats: Annual Work Weekend - May 22-24; Camp Omega Day – June 6; Camp Omega Sunday – June 7.

MISSION NEWS

"Daughter Church Planting: The Multi-Site Approach" from the Center for US Missions—Should your church develop a multi-site ministry? Consider these factors.

Daughter Church Planting Conference is scheduled for **Sept 18-19** at Christ Victorious, Chaska. This is a training event for pastors and leaders of congregations considering "daughtering" a new church or starting a satellite/second site. More information to come; for now, mark your calendar, and pray about who you might bring to the conference.

Outreach/Faith Sharing Tools and Ideas for individuals, congregations, and schools may be found on the **LCMS website** – many ideas listed...see what works best for you!

Go Global! Interested in short-term mission trips, or serving in a longer-term capacity? Go to: **www.lcmsworldmission.org/searchopps** to learn how you can serve by going global. You may also contact an LCMS World Mission placement counselor at 1-800-433-3954 or **mission.recruitment@lcms.org**.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Join the MNS District Staff this week in praying for the **Congregations of the Northeast Minneapolis Circuit**: Mt. Olive, Anoka; King of Glory, Blaine; St. Matthew, Columbia Hgts.; St. John, Elk River; Family of Christ, Ham Lake; Spirit of Christ, Ham Lake; Gloria Dei, Minneapolis; Messiah, Mounds View; Prince of Peace, Spring Lake Park; & Trinity, St. Francis.

Download **MNS Mission Prayers** for May.

CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

Commissioned Ministers (*as of 4/30*)

Ordained Ministers (*as of 5/1*)

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