

DISTRICT UPDATE

President's Convocation Designed for All Church Workers

Pastors, administrators, teachers, DCEs, DCOs, deaconesses, church musicians, support staff, lay leaders are invited to the September 24-26 Florida-Georgia District President's Convocation at the Hilton in Daytona Beach.

The event will feature nationally prominent speakers, general sessions, workshops, worship and fellowship opportunities under the theme "Into the World."

Complete registration materials for the Convocation are posted online on the front page of the District website: www.flga-lcms.org.

Speakers will include Rev. Dr. Donald K. Muchow, who served as the U.S. Navy's 20th Chief of

Chaplain and serves as chairman of the LCMS Board of Directors; Dr. Uwe Siemon-Netto, Director of the Center for Lutheran Theology and Public Life; Jill A. Schumann, President and CEO of Lutheran Services in America; RV Brown, Founder and President of Outreach to America's Youth, Inc.

On-site Convocation registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24. Exhibits will open an hour later.

"Vocation" will be the focus on the opening event,



which is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Muchow will lead the Bible study; Siemon-Netto will be the featured speaker.

The first session of workshops will begin at 3:45 p.m.

The President's Reception and Fellowship Hour will start at 5 p.m.

"Social Action" is the theme for the plenary event set to begin at 8:30 a.m. on September 25. Muchow will lead the Bible study — and Schuman is slated as the featured speaker.

The second workshop session begins at 10:30 a.m.

on Thursday. The noon plenary event — "Witness" — will encompass lunch, anniversary recognitions and Brown as the featured speaker. The third workshop session beginning at 2:45 p.m.

Friday, the Convocation's closing day, will begin with the final workshop session starting at 8:30 a.m.

"Into the World" will be the theme of the closing worship, set to begin at 10:15 a.m. Florida-Georgia District President Gerhard Michael will be the preacher at the communion worship, which will conclude with the commissioning of participants.

A noon adjournment is planned. □

2008 President's Convocation Workshop Overview

Topics for the four sessions of workshops include:

A Forum on How to Best Utilize the God-given Opportunity to Reach the Unchurched, De-churched and Other People Seeking [or not seeking] God's Love and Salvation.

A Future Crisis or Opportunity? Are we responding to future opportunities, or merely to address a crisis?

A Model Middle School Program blending discipleship and service.

Ablaze – Catching the Wave at My Church. Engaging the people of God in the mission of God from the pulpit to the pew.

Balance in Our Lives Time for work, time for family, time for you ... are they equal in priority? \

Challenges to and Opportunities for Ministry Wherever we Work. God calls us to ministry in some of the most unlikely places!

Children's Perceptions of the Learning Environment: Learning from 1st Graders Specific attention given to aesthetic dimension of the classroom environment.

Christ's Hands in the World How Lutheran World Relief reaches beyond relief and how your community can participate.

Clicking Your Way to Academic Success Hand-held Classroom Performance System device.

Collaboration: How Working Together Strengthens Our Ministries Practical ideas, examples, and tools for collaborations that strengthen ministry.

Communicating and Sharing Online A new way to deliver the message and collaborate digitally via the Internet with podcasting.

Confirmation: Teaching to the Test Essential elements of Confirmation instruction; effective

methods for helping students learn and retain those essentials.

Creating Quality Learning Environments for Children Ideas for creating inviting, intriguing learning environments.

Creative Faith Expressions- Keep the Faith! Hands-on tools & projects to mark faith milestones.

Disaster Preparedness and Response. How to prepare for disaster and how to volunteer and reach out after disaster.

Establishing Your Development Office. Every school needs to determine whether they are ready to invest in their future.

Everyday Witnessing by Everyday People. How to listen, use questions, make brief comments that allow the sharing of "your story of HIS" story in your life."

Evolution 101: Science Education for People of Faith. To inform people of faith about the scientific theory of evolution.

Faith Stepping from Generation to Generation. Strategies for families at various stages of life to mentor each other in faith.

Food for the Poor How school ministries to the poor can be enhanced by linking to human care ministry.

Helping Congregations Get Involved in Social Ministry and Social Outreach

How can Declining Congregations Start to Turn it All Around? Mission Revitalization of LCMS congregations

How Congregations & Schools Can Partner with Thrivent in Social Outreach 10 ways to partner through Thrivent programs

Immigration in the Congregation The history of immigration in the USA, the history of LSF, the impact of immigrants on the congregation.

International Mission Fields... Not "Over There" but "Right Here!" How to reach international friends with the life-changing message of God's grace

Introducing "Men's NetWork" An overview of the LHM Men's NetWork

Kagan Cooperative Learning System for Early Childhood/Elementary/Middle School Instructors (3 sessions) Structures, management tips, strategies to create a cooperative class

Knowing Your Neighbors Get to know the people in your area and opportunities for ministry to meet their needs.

Link to the World with Lutheran Schools How to make contact and interact through cultural exchanges and mission support

"Listen! A Sower Went Out..." An Ablaze! Bible Study on Matt. 13:1-23 for small groups encourages interactive approach so process encourages witnessing.

Loneliness in Ministry; Beginning Support Groups Support groups have been a helpful resource for many struggling with loneliness/isolation in ministry

M&M Schools Lives change for eternity when teachers focus on core values: Mission & Ministry.

Managing Self in Difficult Situations Tending to anxiety, how to deliver difficult messages and understanding natural way of behaving in difficult situations

Managing Self for Christian Vocational Excellence Behaviors that add value in one-on-one and group task settings

More than a Glorified Brochure Using website to attract visitors and engage members.

Organizational Turn Around Various elements of mission-minded, strategic, and vision oriented thinking

Outreach Resources Available from Lutheran Hour Ministries

Parental Involvement: How Important Is It for Student Success? Learn what the research shows

Play in the Era of High Stakes Testing Strategies for meeting State curriculum goals, assessing play-based learning, communicating learning through play

Preparing and Presenting Children's Sermons How to's of preparing and presenting Gospel based children's sermons,

Reaching the Hispanic with the Gospel An encouragement to reach out to Hispanics as part of the mission of the church.

Research-Based Intervention for Children with Learning and Behavior Needs - Preschool/School Age (2 separate sessions) New Federal guidelines require research-based interventions for all students with learning needs prior to special ed intervention.

Social Services Panel Practical ways congregations and schools can partner Social Ministry Guardianship LSF Guardianship programs

Staying Enthused About My Vocation God always expects you to carry out your calling with ENTHUSIASM... that is "filled with God."

Structure Your Congregation for Mission Discover the benefits of keeping a focus on mission

"The Circle of Life" A Model for Wellness and Professional/Personal Growth

The Leader's Courage and the Development of Christian Vocational Excellence Leader's ability to promote clarity, connection & courage in self and others to enhance vocational excellence

The Bible Listening Project Exciting resources that connect God's word to students & their families

The Social Responsibility of the Church to its Community How to be involved in the community to improve the quality of life

The Power of Practice with Accelerated Math and Math Facts in a Flash Tools that track and adjust personalized math practice

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity Worldwide: Building Communities Around the World

Top Ten Mistakes Administrators Make Major issues confronting a school administrator.

Using Lutheran Service Builder and Building Worship Services as a Team. How new software is utilized by the ministry team to build worship services.

Using Music and Movement for any Subject PK3-3rd Grade

Welcoming Families by Including Individuals with Disabilities Ideas, resources to include those with physical & intellectual disabilities.

"What did Jesus do all day?" What was His leadership style?

What is Interim Ministry? A good workshop for parishes where a pastor has left or is leaving.

What Makes Middle School Students Tick? What's going on in the world in which they are developing into young adults?

What Does a Mission Congregation Look Like? How Lutheran emphases can cultivate missionary-oriented congregation

Why Does a Church/School Need a Website? Why a website is the most powerful, cost-effective method of advertising.

Working with Children in Times of Loss Techniques and skills for working with children/teens at the time of loss. Loss may be a death, divorce, disaster or security in their lives. □