

Seminary Hosts EIIT Seminar

Some 35 students along with five mentors from all over the United States and beyond attended the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology Outreach to Work Religions Seminar, held October 10-14 on the campus of Concordia Seminary-St. Louis.

Participants explored different world religions and discussed the ways that students can effectively evangelize to followers of those religions. This session was the final of three seminars that EIIT students were required to attend.

EIIT is a specialized program leading to ordination for men engaged in pastoral missionary contexts in ethnic immigrant and urban cultures. Students are preferably first-generation immigrants leading immigrant-based churches. The program consists of distance education, contextual mentoring and regular on-campus modules.

EIIT is a collaborative effort between Concordia Seminary, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Board for Mission Services, the students, the mentors and members of the ethnic communities being served and the students' LCMS districts.

For additional information regarding the EIIT program, contact Rev. Yohannes Mengsteab, director of the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology, at 800-433-3945, ext. 1336, or email at yohannes.mengsteab@lcms.org. □



Attending the EIIT seminar from the Florida-Georgia District were (front, left to right) Oslet Maccenat, Josue Vilsaint, Jean Picard, Aaron Dickerson, Jean Parent, (back, left to right) Rev. George Earhart, Bernard Julmiste and Michel Ovil.



EQUIPPING TO SHARE — The Evangelism Board of Good Shepherd Lutheran-Titusville, FL, in September sponsored a Lutheran Hour Ministries' "Equipping to Share" workshop. Tara Muldar led the session, which Sharon Bohlman, chairwoman of the Evangelism Board, described as "an inspiring workshop that encourages us to share the news of Christ." Ten circuit congregations sent 18 participants, who joined 18 Good Shepherd members for the workshop and shared experiences and ideas. □



NEW MEMBERS were welcomed at St. Paul Lutheran Church-Lakeland, FL, on November 13. They are pictured above. □



MARTIN LUTHER'S REFORMATION APPEARANCE — Martin Luther, as portrayed by John Illsley, visited Trinity Lutheran Church-Delray Beach, FL, on Reformation Sunday. Illsley is active in the leadership of Trinity's senior youth group, plays in the bell choir and Connections service and is frequently called upon as an instrumentalist. He is a junior at Atlantic High School-Delray Beach, where he is a member of the Christian group First Priority and plays in the band. He is the youngest child of Ron and Jane Illsley of Boynton Beach. □

CAPSULES

by Rev. Gerhard Michael Jr.
President, Florida-Georgia District

Calling Congregations Pastor

Cape Coral FL Trinity
Clewiston FL Faith
Hialeah FL St. Andrew's
Inverness FL First
LaBelle FL Christ the King
North Miami FL Holy Cross
North Palm Beach FL Faith
Pompano Beach FL Hope
Stockbridge GA Lord of Life

Senior Pastor

Orlando FL Prince of Peace
St. Petersburg FL Grace
St. Petersburg FL Our Savior

Associate Pastor

Brandon FL Immanuel
Bradenton FL Hope
Winter Haven FL Grace

Assistant Pastor

Eustis FL Faith
Lutz FL Holy Trinity

Associate/Assistant Pastor

Delray Beach FL Trinity

Mission Developer

North Dade County (Miami Shores FL) Redeemer

Principal/Administrator

Brandon FL Immanuel
Orlando FL Prince of Peace
Orlando FL Trinity
Saint Petersburg FL Grace
Sarasota FL Sarasota

DCE/DCO

Kennesaw GA Living Hope
Marietta GA Faith
Orlando FL Trinity
Peachtree City GA St. Paul
Savannah GA Trinity

Calls Extended

Christ the King-Labelle FL, extended a call to Rev. Richard Arndt, St. Peter's-Belle Glade, FL, as pastor.
St. Paul-Peachtree City GA, extended a call to Corey Smith, Mt. Calvary-Brentwood MO, as DCE.
Trinity-Orlando FL, extended a call to Mr. Brandon Heath, Christ-LaMesa CA, as DCE.

Calls Received

Rev. John "Jay" S. Mason, Lift High the Cross-Davie FL, received a call from Our Savior-Albuquerque NM.

Calls Accepted

Rev. William A. Qualman, Winter Haven FL, accepted the call from Good Shepherd-Old Bridge NJ.
Rev. John "Jay" S. Mason, Lift High the Cross-Davie FL, accepted the call from Our Savior-Albuquerque NM.

Calls Declined

Rev. Dr. David H. Benke, St. Peter-Brooklyn NY, declined the call from The Florida-Georgia District, LCMS, to serve at Redeemer-Miami Shores FL, as mission developer.
Rev. Richard Arndt, St. Peter's-Belle Glade, FL, declined the call from Christ the King-Labelle FL.
Mr. Brandon Heath, Christ-LaMesa CA, declined the call from Trinity-Orlando FL.

Transferred to Other Districts

Rev. William A. Qualman to New Jersey
Rev. John "Jay" S. Mason to Rocky Mountain
Mr. David L. Schultz to Texas

Transferred from Other Districts

Rev. Mark H. Abram from North Wisconsin
Rev. Ronald D. Pennekamp from Central Illinois
Dr. Wayne E. Jensen from South Wisconsin
Ms. Ginger Vose from Iowa East

Commissioned Minister

Assignments - Teachers/DCEs
Ms. Rebecca T. Kostrzewa - Concordia-Mequon WI - St. Paul's, Boca Raton FL

Emeritus

Rev. Charles L. Houska, Blairsville GA.

Resignation

Rev. Dr. David Sieg resigned as pastor, Savior of All-Cartersville GA
Rev. Louis Abel resigned as pastor, Trinity-Fort Lauderdale FL Church Triumphant
Rev. Mark W. Bergmann, October 22, 2005
Rev. Ralph A. Weinrich, October 31, 2005
Rev. Eduardo Llerena, May 28, 2005



The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity-Macon, GA, recently completed the outreach project sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled "Back Packs for Kids" which is designed to assist young victims of the recent hurricanes in along our Nation's Gulf Coast. The members of Holy Trinity completed ten packets for the "Back Packs for Kids," project. Shown here (left to right) are Holy Trinity members Jackie Buck, Kim Rekau, David Harper, Valerie Wilson, Terry Wells and Martha Gottschall. Also participating in the project were Barbara Myers, Ellen Churchill, Judy Jurgensen and Alan These. □



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER-Vero Beach, FL, welcomed new members through adult confirmation, transfer and reaffirmation on September 11. These new members are shown with Rev. Robert Weikert. □