



Co-workers in the Gospel

A Workshop for Congregation Leaders

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...the rest of my co-workers...” (Philippians 4:3)*

Location: St. Luke’s Lutheran Church
3215 Four Mile Road NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Saturday, April 25, 2015 10am – 3pm

(Note: this workshop will be held again in the fall in the northern part of the synod.)

Cost: \$10 per person (includes lunch)

Designed for congregation council and other leaders, this workshop will feature speakers, discussion, and idea-sharing with other leaders on leadership, synod resources, boundaries, your church building as a mission, and topics for treasurers.

Co-workers in the Gospel

Name: _____

Email or phone: _____

Congregation name: _____ City: _____

Special dietary needs? Describe: _____

How are you currently serving your congregation?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Council President | <input type="checkbox"/> Council Vice President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Council Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Council position | <input type="checkbox"/> Other leadership role |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

Send your registration and check to the Synod by April 21 marked **“Co-workers in the Gospel”**
N/W Lower Michigan Synod, 2900 N. Waverly Road, Lansing MI 48906



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Draft Agenda

Congregational Leadership Event – April 25, 2015

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10:00 – 10:30 Gathering, Devotions & Introductions

10:30 – 11:45 Leadership

- Call to council leadership– role in the congregation
- Being mission focused
- Spirituality in council meetings
- Inspiring spiritual formation in the congregation
- ELCA Resources for congregations
- Q&A

11:45 – 12:15 Lunch

12:30 – 1:15 Choose:

Boundaries

- Expectations of Pastors
- Role of bishop in congregation conflict
- Social media

Getting to know the Synod

- Nuts & bolts: 3 Expressions of the ELCA (& conferences), mission support, call process, youth, preaching/presiding, candidacy, information, record-keeping (financial, roster, etc.), coordination between congregations, events, Synod Council, committees
- Role of bishop and assistants

Just for Treasurers

- Budgeting
- Audit & compliance issues
- Technology
- Insurance & benefits
- Financial reports
- Mission support
- Endowments & designated funds
- ELCA Resources for Treasurers

1:30 – 2:15 Choose:

Building as Mission

- Building utilization
- Energy stewardship
- Safety issues
- Good maintenance
- Property insurance
- Cleanliness
- Hospitality

Leadership II

- Pastor & President – interactions between lay & clergy
- Conflict management – Bridgebuilders, Healthy Congregations
- Legal responsibilities of Congregation Councils

Just for Treasurers (continued)

2:30 – 3:00 Closing Worship