

Assisting & Serving

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Website on the way

Under construction— this should be a great resource for the LLT Program— A place where you can exchange ideas and look up new ideas to apply to your mission. We hope to have it on line in the near future.

Mission The purpose of the Lay Leadership Training Program is to develop and maintain an on-going series of courses using qualified LCMS Pastors and Teachers to train lay persons through a prescribed series of courses, enabling them to become certified by the Pacific Southwest District to assist Pastors and congregations in carrying out the **GREAT COMMISSION**

Brief History of Lay Leadership Training

Lay Leadership Training began in 1992 at one location in San Diego with three students. The initial purpose was to train men and women to assist and serve their pastor and congregation in various ministries.

Since that early beginning, the program expanded to 17 locations with an enrollment of over 150 students who received excellent instruction from LCMS pastors within the Pacific Southwest District, Concordia University instructors and LCMS Lutheran educators. Skilled lay people have also taught leadership and care-giving courses.

During the past decade growth has taken place from 18 deacons and 3 parish ministry assistants to over 175 certified deacons and parish ministry assistants. Over the years several of the deacons went on to the Seminaries to become ordained LCMS pastors. The blessings from the program have been abundant for which we thank our Lord as the Gospel is shared within congregations, to local communities and throughout the world.

THOMAS EGGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Thomas Eggers who was a former student in Lay Leadership Training; prior to his death when the Lord called him to his eternal home. His wife used his name to set up the Thomas Eggers Memorial Fund. This fund is designed to provide financial help to LLT students for whom the costs entail a financial hardship. We are grateful to Patricia for initiating this fund as it has benefited a number of students who have gone on to become deacons and parish ministry assistants in their congregations.

Today the economy has made it difficult for some students taking courses to make full tuition payments. This fund is now in need of funding. Additional funding would be greatly appreciated from individuals in all areas of the Pacific Southwest District-LCMS. The donations may be sent to the Pacific Southwest District office att. Dawn Langemeier for the Thomas Eggers Memorial Scholarship Fund. Contact Duane Rohmaller, director for more information about the memorial fund. pswroh@aol.com

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message box

LLTP NEWS

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings as we begin 2010! Many people are planning ahead for the year. The Lord has given us a plan also for this year and beyond. "... GO make disciples of all nations ..." Scripture says in Romans 12:7-8 "... if it is serving let him serve; if it is teaching let him teach ..." These are just a couple of examples in these passages. This will be a goal for LLT in 2010 to equip individuals to use their specific gifts in reaching people to be connected to Jesus, their Savior.

Duane Rohmaller

We Need Your Help

The goal of this newsletter is to publicize the Lay Leadership Training Program. We would like every member of every church to have the opportunity to consider their own participation in this important training program.

There are some important ways you can help such as:

Copy and distribute this newsletter to members of your congregation.

Post this newsletter on your bulletin boards.

Personally hand copies to people who you know will benefit.

If you are involved in the program and have thought of a specific way the training has helped you we want to hear about it.

We want to show potential students how these classes can help them in their ministry. We also want to show pastors how their own ministries will be helped through the assistance of trained lay leaders.

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SMP Vicarage



The Specific Ministry Pastor program is a new path to ordination for the LCMS. I am one of 23 enrolled in the first class at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. There are 35 men at the seminary in St. Louis. Most of the education comes from using on-line technology under the supervision of a local mentor, mine is Pastor Joe Strubbe. We get the benefit of the seminary education system and don't have to move our families or stop our ministries. It is a four year program with ordination occurring after two years. This allows the person to perform all the pastoral duties required by an ordained

Pastor. This is important since there are over 300 vacancies in the LCMS. Most of the men are still working their regular jobs.

To God and the Church.

Vicar Lance Irey

CHRIST Lutheran Church & School Costa Mesa, CA

Upcoming Courses

ORANGE COUNTY Teaching the Faith

Date/Time: Begins **Thursday, January 28th** through **March 11th**
from 7:00-10:00PM

Location: Light Of Christ Lutheran Church, 18182 Culver Drive
Irvine, California

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY Teaching the Faith

Dates/Time: Begins **Tuesday, February 2nd** through **March 23rd**
from 7- 9 PM

Location: Historic First Lutheran Church, 8008 N. Los Robles
Avenue , Pasadena , CA

Lay Leadership 2010

Courses are open to all members of the Pacific Southwest district-LCMS who are interested in specific ministries that would be of value for the following roles in the congregation:

Certified Deacon, Parish Ministry Asst, leadership, Elder, Care Giving & Pray, Teaching Sunday School, Bible Classes, Evangelism & Assimilation, Music & Worship, Personal Enrichment

Stand alone courses are offered to equip members for their interest or gift areas to assist and serve their Lord in their congregation. There will be more specific information regarding the program soon. You may contact Duane Rohmaller, Director of LLTP at pswroh@aol.com

God's blessings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus