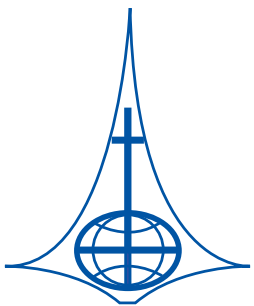


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A COMMUNION OF COMMUNITIES: BEING LUTHERAN IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD

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Registration Form
(Please include with this form the deposit of \$250.00 made out to The LWF and return no later than 6/1/2009)

Name: _____ Circle One: FEMALE MALE

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Synod: _____

Title or brief description of ministry: _____

Please check the box if you are currently enrolled in theological degree programs.

WHO CAN ATTEND:

Persons currently serving as assistants to synodical bishops or other synodical staff as approved by the synodical bishop in the LWF member churches in United States and Canada.

EXPECTATIONS:

Engaged participation in the presentations and discussions, readings, and regular written reflections. You will have opportunity to both develop strategies for bringing global perspectives into your ministry settings in North America and network in the course for implementation of these strategies.

COSTS:

Non-Refundable Registration
(due w/ this form): \$250.00

(All costs are approximate in USD and subject to changing currency exchange rate)

Airfare (arranged by you): \$900-\$1,500

Accommodation (includes single/double rooming and 1 meal): \$800/\$650

Other Meals (on your own): \$300

Books (approximately): \$45

TOTAL: Approx. \$2,200

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Complete the registration form attached to this brochure and mail the form along with a \$250.00 non-refundable deposit with checks made out to:

The Rev. Teresita Valeriano
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WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

The trip is limited to 30 participants and is on a first-come basis. The deadline to register is June 1, 2009 unless the program fills up prior to that date. It is possible that academic credit may be arranged for those enrolled in theological degree programs. Indicate your interest on the information form.

A JOURNEY:

Geneva, one of the Ecumenical centers of the world, we will see the global experience of being Lutheran in the 21st century through the mission, witness and public ministry of the LWF and its churches. Discover what it means to be members of this global communion of churches and the implications this globalization has for ministry within North America.

OBJECTIVES:

- Develop from a North American context a deeper appreciation of our Lutheran identity within a global communion of churches
- Discover the role of accompaniment within the global church in sharing gifts (both receiving and contributing) and overcoming challenges in North America
- Begin to develop strategies for global perspectives into the context of North American church life in furthering long-term mission interests.

WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED:

- The work of the Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches, and other ecclesial families such as the World Alliance of Reformed Churches
- North American models for building relationships (Companion Synods) within the global Lutheran communion – joys and challenges
- Ecumenical dialogues in pursuit of church unity
- Particular challenges facing churches in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe
- Interfaith dialogue and diapraxis in the world
- Humanitarian assistance, sustainable development, and climate change
- International affairs, human rights and advocacy, especially in the context of the UN
- Ways that North American churches, and cultural differences, are viewed in relation to other churches in the communion

The journey will take us to...

Bossey Ecumenical Institute (Switzerland)

Founded in 1946, the Institute is the international centre for encounter, dialogue and formation of the World Council of Churches.



Taizé Community (France)

To welcome young people, this ecumenical community has developed distinctive prayerful music known throughout the world.

The International Museum of the Reformation

Located in the old town of Geneva near Cathedrale Saint-Pierre, the museum traces the history of the Reformed movement initiated by John Calvin.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Geneva

And we will experience worship and spirituality in a global, cross-cultural context at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Geneva (English-speaking)



“As Lutherans we must boldly and faithfully discern who we are becoming in the world today. This course fosters such discernment.”

Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

“The reality of 21st century churches is that we cannot function as independent silos. We have to partner both internationally and ecumenically.”

Susan Johnson
National Bishop, ELCIC

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