

Announcing the concluding global consultation of a Lutheran World Federation program

Theology in the Life of Lutheran Churches:

TRANSFORMATIVE PERSPECTIVES AND PRACTICES TODAY

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How can theologians from around the world learn from cultural, gender, social, economic, political and interreligious realities different from their own and be transformed by them? How might these different perspectives become more constitutive and transformative of Lutheran theology in the twenty-first century?

Many theologians have been participating in the “Theology in the Life of the Church” program of the LWF Department for Theology and Studies, which has sought to bridge the gap between the various theological disciplines and the life of the church. Since 2006, papers have been written, seminars have been held in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America, and the first books in this series have been published.²

This concluding consultation will reflect on what has emerged, consider examples of more integrative theological education, and in the spirit of this overall program, pursue further constructive theological work together in the following strategic areas:

- Reading and interpreting the Bible in a global Lutheran communion
- The relation of nature and grace; creation, salvation and eschatology
- Worship and other practices of Lutheran congregations
- The public vocation of Lutheran churches in multireligious societies

This consultation is open to any interested theologians (biblical, historical, systematic, practical, etc.), who are invited to submit paper proposals that relate to the above. Younger, female and/or global South theologians are especially encouraged to participate. The consultation will be in English.

For application forms and further background to this consultation, please contact your dean/principal, or Dr Karen Bloomquist (kbl@lutheranworld.org), or Dr Hans-Peter Grosshans (hpg@lutheranworld.org), LWF Department for Theology and Studies, Box 2100, CH 1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland.

Forms expressing your interest are due by 15 SEPTEMBER 2008. Further information will follow.

¹ In cooperation with the Institut für Evangelische Theologie of the University of Augsburg, Germany.

² Karen L. Bloomquist (ed.), *Being the Church in the Midst of Empire: Trinitarian Reflections* (Minneapolis: Lutheran University Press, 2007) and Simone Sinn (ed.), *Deepening Faith, Hope and Love in Relations with Neighbors of Other Faiths* (Geneva: The Lutheran World Federation, 2008).