



ALL FOR JESUS
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SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS

2017 BLACK MINISTRY FAMILY CONVOCATION

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS/PLENARY

REV. BART DAY + REV. CHRISTOPHER BODLEY + LEEVONES G. DUBOSE-FISHER + REV. MICAH GLENN
REV. RANDALL L. GOLTER + REV. DR. ROOSEVELT GRAY + REV. DR. ULMER MARSHALL + REV. DR. JOHN NUNES
REV. DR. LEOPOLDO A. SÁNCHEZ M. + REV. DR. GREGORY SELTZ + REV. DR. DIEN ASHLEY TAYLOR

WORKSHOP LEADERS

REV. JON BEYER

SENIOR PASTOR, FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH,
HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

TITLE: *Finding the Open Doors to your Community*

DESCRIPTION: Where's the best place to start when it comes to reaching out to your community to confess Christ? Understanding how God has uniquely gifted your congregation to share the Gospel is the key. In this session you will discover ways to bring these two things together to find an open door.

REV. CHRISTOPHER BODLEY

A2E MISSIONARY-AT-LARGE, MICHIGAN DISTRICT

TITLE: *New Wine — 21st-Century Principles for Urban Mission and Ministry*

DESCRIPTION: This workshop focuses on biblical and spiritual principles integrated with intentional strategies for urban churches that desire to engage the community in this postmodern society.

REV. DR. CARLOS HERNANDEZ

DIRECTOR, LCMS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

TITLE: *Planting Gospel Seeds While Serving Human Needs: Engaging Mercy in the Service of Mercy, Witness, Life Together*

DESCRIPTION: Participants will learn a hands-on process that engages the leadership of island congregations to converse and connect with their immediate neighborhoods and engage them in mercy ministries that utilize their assets to address gaps in social, educational, health and community infrastructural services.

REV. MEREDITH B. JACKSON

PASTOR, HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, CAMDEN, ALA.

TITLE: *21st-Century Ministry Visioning — How/What/When/Where*

DESCRIPTION: How to prepare your congregation for 21st-century ministry opportunities by casting a vision and doing the work of the kingdom.

REV. ROSS JOHNSON

DIRECTOR, LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE

TITLE: *Helping Hands After a Natural Disaster – Why the Congregation Should Be Involved*

DESCRIPTION: This sectional will cover how Lutheran congregations can be hubs of mercy and outreach after a natural or manmade disaster. We will discuss the ministry of presence and how to provide spiritual care for the affected through visitation.

TITLE: *Helping Hands After a Natural Disaster – How to Organize a Congregational Response*

DESCRIPTION: This sectional will cover ways to train and use volunteers to serve the community through the Lutheran congregation after a natural or manmade disaster. We will discuss ways to mobilize the congregation for hands-on service after a tragedy occurs.

REV. MARK KIESSLING

DIRECTOR, LCMS YOUTH MINISTRY

TITLE: *Jesus-Centered Youth Ministry*

DESCRIPTION: LCMS Youth Ministry strives to faithfully lead, serve, resource and network LCMS youth and adults in ministry and fellowship where Christ is at the center of everything. Come learn about resources for assisting parents, pastors, and church workers in their service to young people.

REV. DR. JOHN LOUM

DIRECTOR, EIIT, CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS

TITLE: *Christian Witness Among Muslims!*

DESCRIPTION: As black Lutherans of the LCMS, our collective response to Muslims is to point them to Christ (Isa Al Masih) Jesus as Messiah and Lord. To reach them requires adequate tools, sensibility, skills and knowledge. You are invited to hear what the Quran says about Jesus.

TED KOBER

SENIOR AMBASSADOR, AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION

TITLE: *Go and Be Reconciled: What Does This Mean?*

DESCRIPTION: To know Jesus, confess Him, and serve Him means to live out our forgiveness through Christ in our relationships with one another, especially within the family. What's a dad to do when his teenage son denies his offense? Hear how a father reconciles with his teenage son in a way that reflects faith in Christ. Receive an easy-to-use form, "Proclaiming God's Forgiveness", to guide you in reconciliation using Scripture, especially in emotional settings.

DEACONESS GRACE RAO

DIRECTOR, LCMS DEACONESS MINISTRY

TITLE: *Applying God's Love to One Soul at a Time*

DESCRIPTION: Deaconess Grace Rao will address the Church's corporate role of mercy and stimulate participants to think about Lutheran theological foundations of this aspect of our life together in Christ Jesus. Discover the unique gifts women offer the Church in diaconal ministry and the variety of ways women reach out in mercy to those in need. Deaconess Dorcel Dowdell will be there to share her witness.

NICOLE RIDLEY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, LCMS NATIONAL HOUSING SUPPORT CORPORATION

TITLE: *Community Development and Housing Ministry 101*

DESCRIPTION: There are many areas of action that address the needs of economically challenged people in the communities where our LCMS entities are already engaged. Affordable housing is just one of them. Sorting out whether this is the best fit for your ministry is critical. Housing and other community development initiatives can be a visible, tangible witness to God's love and a means to care for people and a community.

REV. STEVE SCHAVE

DIRECTOR, LCMS URBAN & INNER-CITY MISSION AND CHURCH PLANTING

TITLE: *The New Frontier for Global Missions – The United States*

DESCRIPTION: This workshop will explore how the United States is fast becoming one of the greatest mission fields on Earth. Find out more about the *Mission Field: USA* initiative to reach new people in new places by starting new churches right here in our own backyards.

TITLE: *Global U.S. Cities as Urban Mission Fields*

This workshop will explore urban missions in the 21st century, both the challenges and the joys. While it may be a difficult context, it is a rewarding one that can be transformative for an entire community.

DR. REBECCA SCHMIDT

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, LCMS LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

TITLE: *Possibilities for Outreach Through Early Childhood*

DESCRIPTION: A generation ago, the front porch was a family's link to its neighborhood. Today, in much the same way, a Lutheran childcare center or preschool can link its congregation to its community. This sectional will explore ways to intentionally maximize this connection.

REV. DR. GREGORY P. SELTZ

SPEAKER, THE LUTHERAN HOUR*

DESCRIPTION: Lutheran Hour Ministries invites you to participate in a live recording of *The Lutheran Hour*®, the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program which is carried on more than 1,600 stations in North America, reaching an estimated 1 million listeners every week.

Come and listen to the Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, as he carries on the unbroken tradition of the Gospel proclamation of *The Lutheran Hour*®. Ask Dr. Seltz any question about faith you've ever had.

Please sign up for one — or all — of the following recordings to be aired at a later date.

TITLE: *Are You Yearning for Life? Pick Up Your Cross, and Follow Jesus!*

TITLE: *Who's the Greatest?*

TITLE: *Unleash the Power of Forgiveness in Your Life*

JULIANNA SHULTS

PROGRAM MANAGER, LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS CORPS,
LCMS YOUTH MINISTRY

TITLE: *Investigating and Engaging Young Adults*

DESCRIPTION: The millennial and founder generations are distinctly different from those that came before them. Shults will discuss recent research done with LCMS young adults and what it tells us about how to engage young people in our ministries.

REV. BYRON RAY WILLIAMS SR.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

TITLE: *Raising Up Future Leaders in the Church*

DESCRIPTION: Often we fail to raise up future leaders by not exposing them to leadership roles in the Church. Our youth have great potential! Learn how to unleash that potential by exposing them to those roles in their teenage years! *“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it” (Prov. 22:6).*

KAYE DUMAS WOLFF

VICE PRESIDENT, LWML SPECIAL FOCUS MINISTRIES

TITLE: *LWML – All for Jesus*

DESCRIPTION: This workshop will focus on how the LWML works in partnership with pastors, congregations, communities and the synod in “Witness, Mercy, Life Together,” and the intentional outreach to multicultural women.

REV. MARK A. WOOD

DIRECTOR, WITNESS AND OUTREACH AND REVITALIZATION

TITLE: *Everyday Witnessing ... Without Guilt, Fear, or Anxiety*

DESCRIPTION: Witnessing for Jesus should be a joy-filled everyday activity of every one of His disciples. Does that describe your experience as a witness? Too many evangelism approaches and programs make witnessing into a burdensome task – one that is filled with guilt, fear, and anxiety. They don’t mean to, but they do because they are based in the Law. “Every One His Witness,” the Synod’s new evangelism program, is based in the Gospel. No guilt, no fear, no angst. Just a beautiful invitation to share in the joy of Jesus as you share His love, joy and peace with the

people in your everyday life. Come and discuss witnessing as Jesus meant it to be and learn how to bring “Every One His Witness” to your congregation, circuit or region at little to no cost for participants.

TITLE: *re:Vitality Lutheran Revitalization Program Overview*

DESCRIPTION: re:Vitality is based on the understanding that revitalization is 1) amplifying the life of a living Church; 2) being the Church we are in new ways; and 3) doing what we do because we are the Church, not because we are a church in decline. This program includes objective, consistent congregational self-assessment; action-oriented training modules; and equipping God’s people for out-reach-integrated witnessing. Learn more about these new resources available to your congregation at little to no cost.

REV. MARCUS ZILL

DIRECTOR, LCMS CAMPUS MINISTRY & LCMS U

TITLE: *Campus Ministry 101: Caring for College Students and Starting Campus Outreach from Scratch*

DESCRIPTION: Do you have a college or university near you? Would you like to learn how to begin a campus ministry outreach from scratch at any local college of any size, and maybe even with limited funds? Come and get some practical tips to help you get started. Learn what the most important building blocks are and what pitfalls to avoid, as well as hear some best practices for caring for students while they are away from home and reaching out to those who are at colleges and universities near you.

REV. DR. DARRELL ZIMMERMAN

GRACE PLACE WELLNESS

TITLE: *Keeping the JOY in Ministry*

DESCRIPTION: The JOY of serving in God’s kingdom is a sign of a healthy, balanced, Spirit-led life. Discover some simple practices to avoid burnout and the dangers of over-functioning for a life in ministry filled with the Spirit’s gift of JOY!

