

JAN. 9-11, 2020 / ST. LOUIS, MO

➤ THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 a.m.

Daily Chapel at the International Center

10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Registration (*International Center Lobby*)

1:00–1:15 p.m.

Opening Prayer and Introduction –

Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry; director of LCMS Revitalization (*International Center Chapel*)

1:15–4:00 p.m.

“WHAT WE’VE LEARNED ABOUT ...”

(*International Center Chapel*)

“What I’ve Learned About as President” –

Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS president

“... Current Challenges and the Future of the LCMS Around the World” – Rev. Kevin Robson, LCMS chief mission officer

“... Foreign Missions” – Rev. Daniel McMiller, executive director of the LCMS Office of International Mission

“... the Domestic Mission of the LCMS” –

Rev. Robert Zagore, executive director of the LCMS Office of National Mission

4:15–4:30 p.m.

Closing prayer

➤ FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00–9:45 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A. “Making Disciples for Life” – Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS president (*Wyneken*)

B. “Loving Your Neighbor When Life Gets Tough” – Rev. Michael Meyer, director of LCMS Disaster Training (*Annex*)

TABLETOP DISCUSSIONS

C. “Effective Parish Websites” – Rudy Blank, director of LCMS Web Services and Dr. Kevin Armbrust, director of Editorial for LCMS Communications (330)

D. “School Governance” – Dr. Rebecca Schmidt, director of LCMS School Ministry (340)

E. “Church Planting” – Rev. Dr. Steven Schave, director of LCMS Urban & Inner-City Mission; director of LCMS Church Planting (350)

F. “Evangelism” – Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry; director of LCMS Revitalization (360)

10:00–10:30 a.m.

Chapel service (*International Center Chapel*)

10:45–11:30 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A. “Demographic Opportunities and Challenges” – Rev. Heath Curtis, coordinator of LCMS Stewardship Ministry (*Wyneken*)

B. “Seven Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry” – LCMS Youth Ministry staff (*Annex*)

TABLETOP DISCUSSIONS

C. “The LCMS” – Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS president (330)

D. “Ministry to the Armed Forces” – Rev. Craig Muehler, director of LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, and Rev. Dr. Steven Hokana, assistant director of LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces (340)

E. “LCMS Grant Opportunities” – Deaconess Maryann Hayter, manager of LCMS grants administration (350)

F. “Expanding Ministry with Recognized Service Organizations” – Deaconess Dorothy Krans, director of LCMS Recognized Service Organizations (360)

11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Lunch (*Group A*) and

Concordia Historical Institute Museum tour (*Group B*)

12:15–1:00 p.m.

Lunch (*Group B*) and

Concordia Historical Institute Museum tour (*Group A*)

1:15–2:00 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A. “Ministry Legal Matters” – Rusty Huseman, attorney (*Wyneken*)

B. “Campus Ministry” – Rev. Marcus Zill, director of LCMS Campus Ministry and LCMS U (*Annex*)

TABLETOP DISCUSSIONS

C. “The LCMS” – Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS president (330)

D. “Worship” – Rev. Robert Zagore, executive director of the LCMS Office of National Mission (340)

E. “Volunteer Recruitment and Management” – Deaconess Cara Patton, coordinator for LCMS Recognized Service Organizations and Maureen Lenz, manager of LCMS Volunteer Connection (350)

F. “Partnering with Lutheran Women in Mission” – Debbie Larson, LWML president (360)

INITIAL GATHERING SCHEDULE

2:00-2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45-3:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION

- A. **“Challenges in Domestic Mission”** – Rev. Robert Zagore, executive director of the LCMS Office of National Mission (*Wyneken*)
- B. **“LCMS Ethnic Ministries”** – Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray Jr., director of LCMS Black Ministry (*Annex*)

TABLETOP DISCUSSIONS

- C. **“Stewardship”** – Rev. Heath Curtis, coordinator of LCMS Stewardship Ministry (330)
- D. **“Social Media for the Parish”** – Peter Slayton, manager of social media for LCMS Communications (340)
- E. **“Missions in the LCMS”** – Rev. Kevin Robson, LCMS chief mission officer (350)
- F. **“Connecting Rural and Urban Congregations”** – Rev. Todd Kollbaum, director of LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission; pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison, Neb.; and Rev. Dr. Steven Schave, director of LCMS Urban & Inner-City Mission; director of LCMS Church Planting (360)

3:45-4:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION

- A. **“LCMS Mercy Work”** – Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response (*Wyneken*)
- B. **“Church Music”** – Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker, senior assistant to the LCMS president (*Annex*)

TABLETOP DISCUSSIONS

- C. **“Parish Communication Strategies”** – Deaconess Pamela Nielsen, associate executive director of LCMS Communications and Dr. Kevin Armbrust, director of Editorial for LCMS Communications (330)
- D. **“LCMS Ethnic Ministries”** – Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray Jr., director of LCMS Black Ministry (340)
- E. **“National Mission”** – Rev. Robert Zagore, executive director of the LCMS Office of National Mission (350)
- F. **“Rural & Small Town Mission”** – Rev. Todd Kollbaum, director of LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission; pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison, Neb. (360)

4:45-5:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- A. **“Congregational Revitalization”** – Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry; director of LCMS Revitalization (*Wyneken*)
- B. **“Pastoral Education”** – Rev. Dr. James Baneck, executive director of the LCMS Office of Pastoral Education (*Annex*)

TABLETOP DISCUSSIONS

- C. **“Disaster Response Training”** – Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response (330)
- D. **“Urban & Inner-City Mission”** – Rev. Dr. Steven Schave, director of LCMS Urban & Inner-City Mission; director of LCMS Church Planting (340)
- E. **“Worship”** – Rev. Robert Zagore, executive director of the LCMS Office of National Mission (350)
- F. **“Church Music”** – Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker, senior assistant to the LCMS president (360)

5:45-6:00 p.m.

Closing devotions (*International Center Chapel*)

➤ SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00-9:45 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION

- A. **“Toxic Charity in International Mission”** – Rev. Daniel McMiller, executive director of the LCMS Office of International Mission (*Wyneken*)
- B. **“Recruitment and Marketing for Schools”** – Katrina Schmitt, director of admissions for Lutheran High School South, St. Louis, Mo. (*Annex*)

TABLETOP DISCUSSIONS

- C. **“Funding the Mission”** – Mark Hofman, executive director of LCMS Mission Advancement (330)
- D. **“Pastoral Education”** – Rev. Dr. James Baneck, executive director of the LCMS Office of Pastoral Education (340)
- E. **“Missions in the LCMS”** – Rev. Kevin Robson, LCMS chief mission officer (350)
- F. **“Evangelism”** – Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry; director of LCMS Revitalization (360)

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Chapel service (*International Center Chapel*)

10:45-11:30 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- A. **“LCMS Secretarial Report”** – Rev. Dr. John Sias, Synod secretary (*Wyneken*)
- B. **“LCMS International Mission”** – Rev. Daniel McMiller, executive director of the LCMS Office of International Mission (*Annex*)

TABLETOP DISCUSSIONS

- C. **“Youth Ministry”** – Rev. Mark Kiessling, director of LCMS Youth Ministry (330)
- D. **“Recruitment and Marketing for Schools”** – Katrina Schmitt, director of admissions for Lutheran High School South, St. Louis, Mo. (340)
- E. **“Campus Ministry”** – Rev. Marcus Zill, director of LCMS Campus Ministry and LCMS U (350)

INITIAL GATHERING SCHEDULE

F. “Congregational Revitalization” – Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry; director of LCMS Revitalization (360)

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Lunch

1:15–2:00 p.m.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- A. “Partnering With Recognized Service Organizations”** – Deaconess Dorothy Krans, director of LCMS Recognized Service Organizations (*Wyneken*)
- B. “Podcasting and Digital Media”** – Andy Bates, DCE, director of programming for KFUE Radio and Sarah Gulseth, digital media specialist, KFUE Radio (*Annex*)

TABLETOP DISCUSSIONS

- C. “Office of the Secretary”** – Rev. Dr. John Sias, Synod Secretary (330)
- D. “Schools as Outreach”** – Dr. Rebecca Schmidt, director of LCMS School Ministry (340)
- E. “Ministry Legal Matters”** – Rusty Huseman, attorney (350)
- F. “Making Disciples for Life Resource Center”** – Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry; director of LCMS Revitalization (360)

2:00–2:45 p.m.
Break

2:45–3:30 p.m.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- A. “Church Worker Wellness”** – Rev. Robert Zagore, executive director of the LCMS Office of National Mission (*Wyneken*)
- B. “Pastoral Education”** – Rev. Dr. James Baneck, executive director of the LCMS Office of Pastoral Education (*Annex*)

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- C. “Stewardship”** – Rev. Heath Curtis, coordinator of LCMS Stewardship Ministry (330)
- D. “Volunteer Recruitment and Management”** – Deaconess Cara Patton, coordinator for LCMS Recognized Service Organizations and Maureen Lenz, manager of LCMS Volunteer Connection (340)
- E. “Campus Ministry”** – Rev. Marcus Zill, director of LCMS Campus Ministry and LCMS U (350)

F. “Church Planting” – Rev. Dr. Steve Schave, director of LCMS Urban & Inner-City Mission; director of LCMS Church Planting (360)

3:45–4:30 p.m.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- A. “Church Worker Health Care”** – James Sanft, president and chief executive officer of Concordia Plan Services (*Wyneken*)
- B. “Domestic Violence Response”** – Deaconess Kim Schave, executive director, Humanitri (*Annex*)

TABLETOP DISCUSSIONS

- C. “Disaster Response”** – Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response (330)
- D. “Deaconess Ministry”** – Deaconess Dorothy Krans, director of LCMS Recognized Service Organizations (340)
- E. “Youth Ministry”** – Rev. Mark Kiessling, director of LCMS Youth Ministry (350)
- F. “Revitalizing Schools — National Lutheran School Accreditation”** – Dr. Rebecca Schmidt, director of LCMS School Ministry (360)

4:45–5:30 p.m.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- A. “LCMS Young Adult Research”** – Rev. Mark Kiessling, director of LCMS Youth Ministry and Julianna Shults, DCE, program manager for Lutheran Young Adult Corps (*Wyneken*)
- B. “Urban & Inner-City Mission”** – Rev. Dr. Steven Schave, director of LCMS Urban & Inner-City Mission; director of LCMS Church Planting (*Annex*)

TABLETOP DISCUSSIONS

- C. “International Mission”** – Rev. Daniel McMiller, executive director of the LCMS Office of International Mission (330)
- D. “Worship”** – Rev. Robert Zagore, executive director of the LCMS Office of National Mission (340)
- E. “Specialized Pastoral Ministry”** – Rev. David Ficken, Disaster Response coordinator with LCMS Specialized Pastoral Ministry (350)
- F. “Volunteer Recruitment and Management”** – Deaconess Cara Patton, coordinator for LCMS Recognized Service Organizations and Maureen Lenz, manager of LCMS Volunteer Connection (360)

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Closing devotion (*International Center Chapel*)