COMING THIS FALL! Please Join Us!

WHAT The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod 2019 National Rural & Small Town Mission Conference

WHEN Nov. 14–16, 2019

WHERE DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bloomington-Minneapolis South, Minneapolis (near the Mall of America)

WHO LCMS congregational leaders in rural and small-town settings

WHY The LCMS 2019 National Rural & Small Town Mission Conference will address the blessings and challenges facing rural and small-town congregations today as well as encourage those congregations and their leaders in cultivating healthy churches that are eager to bear witness to Christ, show mercy to those in need in their communities and develop a robust life together with their fellow members.

Participants will be encouraged as they see new opportunities for engaging their communities and are filled with hope for the future. Fellowship with others who serve in this unique mission field will be invaluable. In addition, continuing education credits are available through Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Bring your whole family, spend some special time together and take advantage of all that the RSTM Conference has to offer!

TO REGISTER
Please go to lcms.org/rstm/conference or call Amy Gerdts at 888-463-5127.

REGISTRATION FEE: $225 per person. Rates are available for families, couples, students, meal-only and groups.

REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPT. 1.
(After Sept. 1, late fees of $10 per person will be assessed.)

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE SEPARATELY from conference registration. To reserve accommodations, please contact the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at 952-835-7800, ask for in-house reservations and request the LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission Conference special rate. A limited number of lodging grants are available for first-time attendees on a first-come first-serve basis. Contact the RSTM office for details.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

QUESTIONS? Please contact Amy Gerdts at rstm@lcms.org or 888-463-5127. Visit us online: lcms.org/rstm | lcmsrstm
REV. TODD KOLLMBAUM  
Director, LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission

As director of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s Rural & Small Town Mission (RSTM), the Rev. Todd E. Kollbaum oversees the development of resources, leadership training and ministerial support programs to equip congregations in rural and small towns for local and regional outreach and engagement. Along with his duties as director of RSTM, Kollbaum has accepted a call to serve as the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, Neb.

Before accepting the call to RSTM in 2013, Kollbaum served as senior pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cole Camp, Mo., a call he accepted in 2004. He also has served as chairman of the LCMS Missouri District’s Rural Small Town Ministry Task Force and as president of the Sedalia, Mo., Circuit Pastor’s Conference.

REV. DR. HAROLD L. SENKBEIL  
Executive Director for Spiritual Care, DOXOLOGY

Rev. Dr. Harold L. Senkbeil has served faithfully in the parish for more than 31 years. His parish experience includes small-town/rural, campus, suburban, central city and mission planting settings. He served as Associate Professor in the Pastoral Ministry and Missions Department of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., from 2002–2008. In July 2008, he accepted the call to serve DOXOLOGY, a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), as Executive Director for Spiritual Care.

Senkbeil served as an elected member of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of the LCMS (1998–2002) and an elected member of the Board of Regents of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2010–2018). In 2001 that institution awarded him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa. He is the author of a number of books, plus contributions to many other books and professional theological and pastoral journals. His book on pastoral work, *The Care of Souls: Cultivating a Pastor’s Heart*, is slated for publication by Lexham Press in 2019.

Senkbeil is a frequently invited guest speaker at LCMS district pastoral conferences and other foreign and domestic settings, including twice presenting at the annual Reformation Lectures of Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary (ELS), Mankato, Minn. He is known as a pastor to pastors, providing colleagues with theological resources, enrichment, encouragement and personal pastoral care.

REV. ROBERT ZAGORE  
Executive Director, LCMS Office of National Mission

The Rev. Robert Zagore serves as executive director of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s Office of National Mission, where he oversees the implementation of the policies that direct the domestic ministries serving the congregations, schools and districts of the Synod. He began serving in this position in May 2018.

To this role, Zagore brings 27 years of experience as a parish pastor in both urban and rural congregations. He spent 17 of those years as senior administrative pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Traverse City, Mich. Prior to that, he was pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church (1997–2001) in Niles, Mich., and Hope Lutheran Church (1991–97) in Stanton, Mich. He also has served as a pastoral delegate at three LCMS conventions, as a circuit counselor in the LCMS Michigan District, and as a vicarage and seminary field work supervisor.

Zagore received his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (1990), and he later completed additional coursework toward a Master of Sacred Theology degree. He also holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind. (1983).

Before becoming a pastor, Zagore worked as an accounting consultant for Cleveland Business Consulting Services.

Zagore and his wife, Gwen, have four adult children: Christopher (married to Leah), Katie, Elise and Faith.