

RUNNING WITH ENDURANCE: EYES FIXED ON JESUS



LCMS NATIONAL RURAL & SMALL TOWN MISSION CONFERENCE | NOV. 14-16, 2019

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Conference registrations must be completed by **Sept. 1, 2019!** All late registrations will be assessed a \$10 fee per person.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL BLOOMINGTON-MINNEAPOLIS SOUTH
7800 Normandale Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55439

Hotel reservations must be made separately. The deadline for reserving rooms is **Sept. 28, 2019**. Call 800-HILTONS or 952-835-7800 and ask for in-house reservations and inform the reservation agent that you are attending the LCMS 2019 National Rural & Small Town Mission Conference. Our negotiated rate is \$100 for a single or a double, plus applicable taxes. This rate includes one breakfast buffet per day per occupant, complimentary self-parking and complimentary airport and Mall of America transportation on request.

Building on the theme **“RUNNING WITH ENDURANCE: EYES FIXED ON JESUS,”** the conference will feature the Rev. Todd Kollbaum, director, LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission, and the Rev. Dr. Harold L. Senkbeil, executive director for Spiritual Care, DOXOLOGY, as plenary speakers. The Rev. Robert Zagore, executive director of the LCMS Office of National Mission, will lead the Bible study on the conference theme.

Participants will be able to choose from breakout topics such as dealing with addictions, mental health, bi-vocational pastors, stewardship, community engagement, partnering with LCMS Disaster Response and many other topics of interest.

The special track on youth ministry led by youth peer leaders returns this year. *This option will have a limited number of seats and requires attendance in all six sessions.*

The National RSTM Conference is geared for anyone from a rural and small-town setting. Participants will be encouraged as they see new opportunities for engaging their communities. Fellowship with others serving 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 and spend some special time together. Enjoy the Mall of America and take advantage of the special family rates that include access to all the Conference activities!

Order your RSTM apparel to help “Reach Rural America for Christ.” Order by Oct. 15 for pick up at the Conference.

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee includes all plenary and breakout sessions, materials, dinner Thursday, both lunch and dinner Friday — and more!

- Adult Registration \$225
- Student Registration \$175
(seminary/undergraduate/graduate)
- Youth/Child Registration.....\$150
(under 18)
- Couple Registration.....\$420
(For a husband and wife attending the conference together)
- Family Registration.....\$700
(For a husband and wife, plus two children, attending together. Add additional children for \$150 each.)
- Registration (Meals ONLY)\$175
(For a person attending for meals only)

TOTAL: \$ _____

Fill out information on back for each person attending!

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Check
- Visa MC Discover AmEx

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Please return completed form to:

LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission
205 S. Main Street
PO Box 719
Concordia, MO 64020



Rural & Small Town Mission

PERSONAL INFORMATION

(This information must be filled out for each attendee.)

First name _____

Last name _____

Title (optional) _____

Organization (optional) _____

**** The above is how your name will appear on your name badge. ****

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

Congregation name _____

Congregation city _____ State _____

Emergency contact _____

Emergency contact phone number _____

List any food allergies or limitations _____

Check meals: Thurs. Fri. lunch Fri. dinner banquet

Special requests (such as arrangements for persons with disabilities) _____

BREAKOUT SESSION CHOICES

Please circle ONE title of your choice from each session.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14

Session 1 – 2:45 p.m. (circle one)

Speaking the Truth in Love:

Youth (Part 1) – Angie Kollbaum, youth director at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia, Mo., and youth peer leaders (Please sign up for all six parts!)

Dealing with Addictions in RST Settings – Rev. Gary Griffin, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lockwood, Mo.

Active Stewardship in the Rural Parish – Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, assistant coordinator of LCMS Stewardship Ministry and senior pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Wis.

Inheriting in Harmony – Keeping the Farm in the Family – Joan Bartz, Certified Kingdom Advisor, ChFC®, CLTC®, RICP®, financial consultant, Thrivent

Online Education – Jocelyn Benson, head teacher at Wittenberg Academy

Session 2 – 4 p.m. (circle one)

Speaking the Truth in Love: Youth (Part 2) – Angie Kollbaum, youth director at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia, Mo., and youth peer leaders (Please sign up for all six parts!)

Moving Beyond Survival: DOXOLOGY and Your Church's Future – Rev. Dr. Harold L. Senkbeil, executive director of Spiritual Care, DOXOLOGY

Rural Ministry Resources – Rev. Todd Kollbaum, director, and Amy Gerdt, project coordinator, LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission

Inheriting in Harmony – Keeping the Farm in the Family – Joan Bartz, Certified Kingdom Advisor, ChFC®, CLTC®, RICP®, financial consultant, Thrivent

Raising Young Leaders and the Lutheran Young Adult Corps – DCE Julianna Shults, program manager of the Lutheran Young Adult Corps (part of LCMS Youth Ministry)

Optional Evening Session – 7:30 p.m. (circle one)

Bi-vocational Roundtable – Rev. Troy Neujahr, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio, and Rev. Dr. Keith Schweitzer, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenfield, Iowa

Youth Roundtable – Angie Kollbaum, youth director at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia, Mo., and youth peer leaders

Mental Health/Drug Addiction Roundtable – Rev. Gary Griffin, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lockwood, Mo., and Rev. Dr. Harold L. Senkbeil, executive director of Spiritual Care, DOXOLOGY

Education Roundtable – Dr. Rebecca Schmidt, director, and Matthew Bergholt, manager, LCMS School Ministry

FRIDAY, NOV. 15

Session 3 – 9:30 a.m. (circle one)

Speaking the Truth in Love: Youth (Part 3) – Angie Kollbaum, youth director at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia, Mo., and youth peer leaders (Please sign up for all six parts!)

Transitioning to a Worker-Priest Model – Rev. Troy Neujahr, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio

LCMS Rural and Small-Town Church Dynamics – Rev. Todd Kollbaum, director, and Amy Gerdt, project coordinator, LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission

Outreach Through Lutheran Braille Workers – Daniel Jenkins, vice-president of Ministry Advancement, Lutheran Braille Workers

Church Reflections – Rev. Ben Meyer, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, Sunbury, Ohio

Session 4 – 1:30 p.m. (circle one)

Speaking the Truth in Love: Youth (Part 4) – Angie Kollbaum, youth director at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia, Mo., and youth peer leaders (Please sign up for all six parts!)

Moving Beyond Survival: DOXOLOGY and Your Church's Future – Rev. Dr. Harold L. Senkbeil, executive director of Spiritual Care, DOXOLOGY

Partnering with LERT – Rev. Dr. Keith Schweitzer, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenfield, Iowa

Dealing with Addictions in RST Settings – Rev. Gary Griffin, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lockwood, Mo.

Church Reflections – Rev. Ben Meyer, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Sunbury, Ohio

Session 5 – 2:45 p.m. (circle one)

Speaking the Truth in Love: Youth (Part 5) – Angie Kollbaum, youth director at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia, Mo., and youth peer leaders (Please sign up for all six parts!)

The No-Casserole Illness and How the Church Can Respond – Rev. Dr. Dennis Goff, director of Ministry Programs, The Lutheran Foundation, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Community Engagement – Rev. Dr. Keith Schweitzer, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenfield, Iowa

Raising Young Leaders and the Lutheran Young Adult Corps – DCE Julianna Shults, program manager of the Lutheran Young Adult Corps (part of LCMS Youth Ministry)

Transitioning to a Worker-Priest Model – Rev. Troy Neujahr, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

Session 6 – 9:30 a.m. (circle one)

Speaking the Truth in Love: Youth (Part 6) – Angie Kollbaum, youth director at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia, Mo., and youth peer leaders (Please sign up for all six parts!)

Community Engagement – Rev. Dr. Keith Schweitzer, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenfield, Iowa

Reaching Young Women: LWML – Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

Engaging Through Service and Servant Events – DCE Julianna Shults, program manager of the Lutheran Young Adult Corps (part of LCMS Youth Ministry)

The No-Casserole Illness and How the Church Can Respond – Rev. Dr. Dennis Goff, director of Ministry Programs, The Lutheran Foundation, Fort Wayne, Ind.