

WORKSHOPS

WELCOME! On the following pages, you will find a description of workshops offered. We hope these descriptions will help you to make the best choices for new learning, for your tasks in leading your congregation and for personal growth. Below are a few tips to make the most of your workshop choices.

- Two sessions of general interest workshops will be offered, one on Thursday and one on Friday. Both begin at 3:30 p.m.
- Read these descriptions and decide in advance which workshop you will attend.
- Budget and Resolution discussions will included in the business sessions this year.
- Workshop locations are listed on the following pages. Refer to the facility map on page viii to find the location of your workshop.
- Prepare a backup choice. If your first selection seems too crowded, another nearby workshop may have more space and be just as interesting and helpful.
- Some congregations make a point of encouraging each participant to attend a separate workshop, later sharing the information they have gathered. This plan will help all of us by allowing as many congregations as possible to be represented in each workshop.

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

<i>TITLE</i>	<i>Thursday, 3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Friday, 3:30 p.m.</i>
	<i>Location</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>ARE YOU READY TO AKALOO?</i>		<i>204</i>
<i>ATTRACTING FREE MONEY</i>	<i>Los Angeles</i>	<i>Los Angeles</i>
<i>BE A BONO, DON'T BE A BOZO</i>		<i>212</i>
<i>DOLLARS AND \$EN\$E</i>	<i>221</i>	
<i>ELCA REPRESENTATIVE Q & A</i>		<i>Berkeley</i>
<i>EVERYTHING'S COMING UP PALLMMS</i>	<i>218</i>	
<i>GLOBAL LEARNING</i>	<i>212</i>	
<i>HEALTHY LEADERS</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>211</i>
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<i>OUR CALLING IN EDUCATION</i>		<i>Newport Beach</i>
<i>PREPARE TO BE PREPARED</i>	<i>204</i>	
<i>PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS!</i>	<i>Newport Beach</i>	
<i>SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN</i>	<i>208</i>	<i>208</i>
<i>A SENIOR MOMENT</i>		<i>218</i>
<i>THE JONAH FACTOR®</i>	<i>219</i>	<i>219</i>
<i>TORTURE-OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSE</i>		<i>Anaheim</i>
<i>WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A SENDING CHURCH?</i>		<i>Irvine</i>

See descriptions on the following pages.

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<p><i>ARE YOU READY TO AKALOO?</i></p> <p>Akaloo is lifelong faith formation for the whole congregation. For children, youth, and adults. Akaloo is intentional discipleship that's open to God's surprises. Akaloo is following Jesus as body of Christ. Are you ready to Akaloo? Find out how your congregation can make lifelong disciples in new ways. Bring your ideas and experiences to this interactive workshop as we discuss the new faith formation resource, Akaloo. To learn even more, don't miss the half-day Akaloo Seminar this Saturday from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.</p>	<p>Tim Paulson</p> <p>204 Friday only</p>
<p><i>ATTRACTING FREE MONEY THROUGH ELCA GRANTS AND OTHER GRANTING SOURCES</i></p> <p>This workshop, presented by the Board of Outreach Ministry Team will help participants develop funding sources and resources through the ELCA and others. The workshop includes a CD that contains a comprehensive directory of funding and, most importantly, how to find and access grant proposals.</p>	<p>Taylor Avery</p> <p>Los Angeles Thursday/Friday</p>
<p><i>BE A BONO, DON'T BE A BOZO (How to become the lead singer for world hunger at your congregation)</i></p> <p>"Still haven't found what you're looking for?" In this workshop we'll explore some of the practical ideas that you and your congregation could do to be faithful in fighting hunger and poverty, both in the U.S. and in the world. Each participant will receive a CD full of resources to help you with your hunger justice ministries (including Bono's sermon at the National Prayer Breakfast). We'll also give away some books, CDs and DVDs on the hunger justice theme.</p>	<p>Steve Herder</p> <p>212 Friday only</p>

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<p><i>DOLLARS AND \$EN\$E</i></p> <p>This seminar is for congregational treasurers, bookkeepers, administrators and anyone who is involved with finances within a congregation. Pastors are welcome, too! Seminar topics will include an overview of clergy and congregational tax issues, housing equity, salary reduction, non-profit status, money handling procedures, record keeping and income from rentals and other sources. A question and answer time with the ELCA Board of Pensions representative is also included.</p>	<p>Lyle Peterson, Ron Peace & Polly Bergerson</p> <p>221 Thursday only</p>
<p><i>ELCA REPRESENTATIVE Q & A</i></p> <p>This workshop is informal time with the ELCA representative to this assembly, the Rev. Lowell Almen, ELCA Secretary.</p>	<p>Lowell Almen</p> <p>Berkeley Friday only</p>
<p><i>EVERYTHING'S COMING UP PALLMMs (Preparing Adult Lay Leaders for Mission and Ministry) English and Español</i></p> <p>Come learn how you can be a lifelong learner and disciple with this informational time that will include information about new events, new concepts, reports from PALLMM affiliates and new opportunities for on-line and internet formats. Plus a sample of a course from select multimedia.</p>	<p>Marv Combs, Terri Robertson, & Esaul Salomon</p> <p>218 Thursday only</p>
<p><i>GLOBAL LEARNING - DISCIPLING THE NATIONS</i></p> <p>Come hear a variety of stories of how congregations have "caught the vision" of God's global mission and brought great enthusiasm to a congregation's ministry. Learn how pastors' and lay leaders' lives have been transformed in the call to "go make disciples of all nations." Participants will bring home lots of ideas, Bible studies, links and resources for being part of Christ's Great Commission. This is the first of two workshops from the synod's Global Mission Ministry team.</p>	<p>Steve Herder</p> <p>212 Thursday only</p>

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<p><i>HEALTHY LEADERS: THE 5 SMARTEST THINGS YOU COULD EVER DO</i></p> <p>What participants will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥What wellness is, and isn't ♥The importance of knowing & quantifying your health status. ♥The importance of paying attention to what you eat. ♥Why exercise is important to a healthy life. ♥Why sleep is important to your health. ♥The importance of quitting smoking to a long and healthy life. <p><i>Healthy Leaders Enhance Lives</i></p>	<p>Tammy Devine</p> <p>211 Thursday/Friday</p>
<p><i>HOW TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE</i></p> <p>Jesus said his sheep would hear his voice. Is this still possible? How can you tell if it's really Jesus? In this workshop we'll explore some of the ways people hear God speaking today and some of the things the Bible says about listening to God. The workshop will include time for prayer for people who want it.</p>	<p>Mark Dahle</p> <p>205 Friday only</p>
<p><i>HOW TO PRAY FOR HEALING</i></p> <p>Jesus taught his disciples to heal people -- often with spectacular results. Is healing something we can practice today? In this workshop, we'll look at one model for healing that Jesus taught his early followers and we'll explore some of the reasons we do and don't see results today. This workshop will include time for prayer for people who want it.</p>	<p>Mark Dahle</p> <p>205 Thursday only</p>

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<p><i>MISSION WITH INTEREST</i></p> <p>The Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA enables congregations, individuals and organizations to earn competitive interest rates on their financial blessings while furthering the mission and ministry of the church. Through your investments the MIF provides loans to congregations for the purchase of land and the construction of new church buildings, as well as for expansion, renovation and relocation projects. In this workshop, you will learn how the MIF works and how you can be a part of helping to make lifelong learners and disciples by building the church...how you can do mission, with interest.</p>	<p>Tom Dudley</p> <p>Irvine Thursday only</p>
<p><i>OUR CALLING IN EDUCATION: A First Draft of a Social Statement</i></p> <p>Last year the ELCA Task Force on Education presented "Our Calling in Education: A Lutheran Study." Responses to this study have led to a first draft of a social statement with responses requested by Oct. 15, 2006. This assembly session will introduce and explore the document's major sections, "Why Do We Care?" - "What Faith Will Our Children Have?" - "Will All Youth Have Access to Quality Education?" - "Will Our Church Have Schools and Colleges? Will Our Schools and Colleges Have a Church?" - "Will Public Higher Education Serve the Common Good?" We will also discuss the process for making responses. Copies of the 50-page booklet will be provided.</p>	<p>Alan Feddersen</p> <p>Newport Beach Friday only</p>

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<p><i>PREPARE TO BE PREPARED</i></p> <p>When the next fire, flood or earthquake hits Southern California will you and your congregation be prepared? You will be better prepared if you attend this workshop presented by Lutheran Social Ministry of the Southwest, our Lutheran Disaster Response agency. Learn what you need to know to take care of your family until help arrives. Learn what your congregation needs to know to be prepared to assist the community. Find out how our synod is involved with the Inter-Lutheran Emergency Response Team (I-LERT) and how to help.</p>	<p>I-LERT Team</p> <p>204 Thursday only</p>
<p><i>PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS!</i></p> <p>Have you heard? A new hymnal is a-comin'! Come and sing through some of the new hymns and liturgies that will join other more familiar worship forms in the new red book <i>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</i> available this fall. This workshop is intended to whet your appetite. Popcorn provided! (BYO soda, lemonade, etc.)</p>	<p>Worship Team</p> <p>Newport Beach Thursday only</p>
<p><i>SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN FOR TEACHERS, YOUTH LEADERS, PARENTS AND CONGREGATIONS</i></p> <p>Part 1. This session will provide an understanding of the dynamics of child sexual abuse, how to recognize signs that a child may have been abused, and what to do if you have concerns about a person's behavior toward a child or youth, or if you suspect that a child or youth has been molested. This is excellent training for any adult concerned about children and youth. You will end up encouraged in your ministry!</p>	<p>Nancy Bond-O'Neal</p> <p>208 Thursday/Friday</p>

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<p><i>A SENIOR MOMENT</i></p> <p>PALLMM (Preparing Adult Lay Leaders for Mission and Ministry) commitment to health and wellness invites you to come find out how to discern the needs of seniors, develop an Elder Care program, and what resources are available for seniors including Care Connections and Walnut Manor.</p>	<p>218 Friday only</p>
<p><i>THE JONAH FACTOR®: HOW CONGREGATIONS CAN HELP MEMBERS FIND THE JOB OF A LIFETIME</i></p> <p>Sadly, most Americans dislike their jobs. Workplace dissatisfaction is at an epidemic. Studies show that one in four of us works merely to earn a paycheck. Stay-at-home parents, students, retirees who volunteer and even clergy are frustrated that the work they do isn't fulfilling. Yet, the church is often unsure of how to align members' talents and passions with the vocation God has created them for. Luther called it "vocare," the vocation for which each person has been created. But how do we find it? Join Ed Klodt, author of a new book, <i>The Jonah Factor®: 13 Spiritual Steps to Finding the Job of a Lifetime</i>, to learn about a unique, biblically based, system in which congregations can partner with their members to help them finally find the job of a lifetime.</p>	<p>Ed Klodt</p> <p>219 Thursday/Friday</p>
<p><i>TORTURE - OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSE</i></p> <p>When we think of torture, we may think of the Dark Ages, but we can no longer hide the fact that it is present in today's world and that we as a nation participate in its use. Kathi Anderson, executive director of Survivors of Torture, International and Pastor Bill Radatz will guide a discussion of our Christian response to torture and on strategies for healing the wounds of torture. This workshop is sponsored by the Immigration/Border Concerns Ministry Team of our Synod.</p>	<p>Kathi Anderson & Bill Radatz</p> <p>Anaheim Friday only</p>

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<p><i>WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A SENDING CHURCH?</i></p> <p>Being a "missionary sending church" is not <u>optional</u>, but it is an <u>imperative</u>. Someone has said, <i>"The missionary enterprise dare not be the churches after thought because it has always been God's first thought."</i> God is a missionary God and the closer we come to love Him the more mission minded we will become, both as individuals and as a congregation. This workshop will give many practical suggestions and helps on how a church can be an effective and dynamic sending congregation. Karen serves on the <i>Global Missions Ministry Team</i> for the Pacifica Synod.</p>	<p>Karen Merkel</p> <p>Irvine Friday only</p>