

# Heeding the Call



**God's Work.  
Our Hands... Our Hearts.**

## **Professional Leaders' Conference**

**October 20-23, 2008**

**Embassy Suites,**

**Palm Desert, Calif.**

### **AGENDA**

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 20**

2-5 p.m. Event Check-in  
6:30 p.m. Dinner  
8:00 p.m. Worship Service

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:00 a.m. Session I  
10:15 a.m. Session II  
Afternoon Golf/Recreation/Free Time

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:00 a.m. Session III  
10:15 a.m. Session IV  
11:30 p.m. Lunch with Bishop & Staff  
1:00 p.m. Workshops  
7:00 p.m. Banquet

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23**

8:30 a.m. Session V  
9:45 a.m. Session VI  
11:00 a.m. Closing Worship

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## **REGISTRATION FORM**

Use one form for each pastor/intern/lay staff and send each form with payment to:  
Pacifica Synod, 1801 Park Court Place, Bldg C  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

OR

**Registration is now available ONLINE.**

Go to [www.pacificasynod.org](http://www.pacificasynod.org)  
to register and make your payment today!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Synod: \_\_\_\_\_

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State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*confirmation and directions will be sent by e-mail

### **Enclose payment for the following:**

Please check all that apply.

Photocopy this form if you need additional copies.

\*Program Fee—Pastors/Lay Staff \$200

\*Program Fee—Retired Pastors/Interns \$135

\*Program Fee—Spouse \$99

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Tournament \$68

**Early Pastor/Retired Pastor/Lay staff  
Registration Discount** - \$25  
**if you register before October 10**

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Includes two dinners and one lunch

### **Other Recreational Interests:**

Basketball

Tram Ride

Massage

Tennis

### **Hotel Registration:**

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Embassy Suites Hotel by September 19 to ensure you receive the conference rate of \$125 per night single or double occupancy (for a king or two double beds). For hotel reservations go to [www.pacificasynod.org/ProfLeaders.htm](http://www.pacificasynod.org/ProfLeaders.htm) and click on the hotel link or call the hotel directly at:

Embassy Suites,  
74-700 Highway 111, Palm Desert CA 92260  
(760) 340-6600 Fax: (760) 340-9519



*...they devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship, the breaking of the bread, prayers, those in need, and generosity. Acts 2:42-47*

Our Professional Leaders' Conference 2008 will emphasize the biblical call to the leaders of the church. The words of Jesus, the evangelists, and the apostles... words that call the baptized into every corner of the world including those on the margins... those words will be the basis of the six presentations of the two guest theologians and the five times of worship and devotions. Attendees will be encouraged in our ministries to not only hear and heed, but to be hands-on in the callings that invite us into the saving and gracious work of God.

## Our Keynote Speakers

### **Called to the World:**

### **Mission and Discipleship shaped by the Book of Faith**

#### **Keynote Presenter:**

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Paul Bouman

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Paul Bouman was called to the position of Executive Director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission unit in February, 2008. He previously served as bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod for almost twelve years.

Pastor Bouman was born in Melrose Park, Illinois on April 14, 1947. He is a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary/Seminex, and holds the Doctor of Ministry degree from New York Theological Seminary.

He began his pastoral ministry in 1973 at St. Jacobus Lutheran Church, Woodside, Queens. He then pastored Atonement Lutheran Church, Jackson Heights, from 1974 until 1981; and Trinity Lutheran Church, Bogota, New Jersey from 1982 through 1992. He is founder of the *Diakonia* ministry education program, which trains lay people for ministry in local congregations. His parish ministry also included building strong multicultural outreach, the launching of two parochial schools, and a variety of ministries of assistance and advocacy among the poor. He also served as Chair of the ELCA Board of The Division for Higher Education and Schools.

Pastor Bouman is a published author of a number of scholarly articles, books, curricula and devotionals. His most recent book, published in 2007, is entitled *Grace All Around Us: Embracing God's Promise in Tragedy and Loss*. He is married to the former Janet Luce, and they have three grown children.

### **"Can you hear me now?":**

### **The voice of Jesus from the Margins**

#### **Keynote Presenter:**

The Rev. Adele Stiles Resmer

The Rev. Adele Stiles Resmer, Ph.D most recently served as Assistant to the Bishop for Mobility and Leadership in the Grand Canyon Synod. Previously, she was a tenured associate professor of Practical Theology at the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, her alma mater. She developed and directed The Center for Ethics out of the Division for Church in Society of the ELCA; and served as Associate Pastor of Our Saviour's Atonement Lutheran Church in Washington Heights, NYC. She received her Ph.D. in Ethics and Society from Emory University, is the author of numerous articles on ethics and preaching ; and has several sermons published in collections on preaching. She is a transplant from northern Ontario in Canada via the northeast to the desert of Arizona where she lives with her spouse, Pastor Larry Stiles.