

Missional Ministry Conference:

From Dry Bones to Life-Giving Breath!

April 23-24, 2008

The prophet looked over the valley of dry bones and the Lord asked, "Can these bones live?" You might have asked the same question as you work to put flesh on the missional conversation.

This conference is intended to help. It will give you a chance to explore with others what God up to in your context. It will encourage individuals and congregational teams to develop action plans that demonstrate God's mission to save and redeem the world. Having had considerable discussion in the Central States Synod about the missional church, this conference will give you the opportunity to translate talk into action.

The conference is sponsored by the Central States Synod, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and a grant from the ELCA. Our Parish Ministry Associate Program (PMA) has also made generous contributions. The event will supplement all that Bishop Mansholt has done to encourage our partnership in the missional church.

Clergy, PMAs and teams of lay people from congregations are invited to attend. Fees for the conference: Individuals \$100; Congregational Teams \$190 for the first two participants, \$40 for each additional participant. The 2008 PMA Convocation will immediately follow this conference — a separate PMA registration form for the Event and Convo is being mailed out.

Presenters include: Dr. Terri Martinson Elton; Professor Gary Simpson; and Pr. Dave Berg. Worship will be led by Heatherlyn Halmilton-Chronis of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Burnsville, Minn.

We are very excited about this conference and hope that you will attend and bring people from your congregation. Upon registering you will be given material that will help you prepare for the conference.

There will be a fellowship event on Tuesday evening and the conference sessions will held Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday evening will include an entertaining music and missional education presentation at a banquet.

The prophet Ezekiel was told, "*I, the sovereign Lord, am saying to them 'I am going to put breath into you and bring you back to life.'*" You are invited to come as we make that vision come true.

Registration materials are included and may be found on the synod web site, css-elca.org. The direct address for the conference is css-elca.org/MissionalAction.html. Please check this site regularly for new and updated information as well as a link to register online.

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