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***Lay Pastors Ministry, Inc. presents
the 2010 International Conference***

CREATING A CARING COMMUNITY

APRIL 23-24, 2010

Our Mission:

*Mobilizing and equipping lay people to provide
consistent and loving care to congregations*

1 Peter 5:2

“Tend the flock of God among you.”

Hosted by:

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Lay Pastors Ministry, Inc.

Equipping Laypeople To Give Pastoral Care



Welcome to participating in the 2010 International Conference on Pastoral Care of the Congregation by Lay People. PARTICIPATE is the word! I'm borrowing it from 2 Peter 1:4...

- *Participate* in the divine nature...the Spirit of God is participating in the Conference already by drawing those of you together who have a passion for improvement.
- *Participate* in the divine nature...by interacting with God's people – experienced leaders, formally and your peers, informally – in the workshops, halls, sanctuary and at dinner.
- *Participate* in the divine nature...by being a part of God's special love for his people all over the world – an every-member ministry bigger than all of us together – the vigorous Lay Pastors Ministries springing up in Korea, Australia, most recently, India, and unexpected suffering countries like Uganda and Pakistan, and many more.

You will feel loved and lifted, first by God's participating Spirit, second by the participating people of the host church, and third by all the people registered and participating in the conference.

Dr. Melvin J. Steinbron,
Founder, Lay Pastors Ministry

Our Host Church Welcomes You!

Welcome to St. Louis, the Gateway to the West! Christ Memorial is pleased to host the 2010 International Conference of Lay Pastors Ministry, Inc. As a member of this lay pastoring movement since 1992, we have grown to deeply appreciate the multiplication of ministry that has been possible by mobilizing our people to care for fellow members.



I attended the LPMI International Conference in California in 1992. I had read Mel Steinbron's book, *Can the Pastor Do It Alone?*, and was curious to find out more. Our growing congregation was outstripping the resources of the full time pastors to provide ministry to every family beyond acute care needs. What I discovered was a model for ministry that was eminently biblical and potentially transformational. To be sure, it expands ministry far beyond the limited resources of a few. But more than that, it provides a ministry venue for many gifted lay people who have a caring heart and a prayerful disposition. Our "Shepherd Ministry" has become one of our largest ministries and has blessed our church in many many ways.

Perhaps St. Louis in 2010 will be for you the experience I had in 1992. Certainly the need for pastoral care continues and expands. And the challenge remains to equip God's people for works of service, so that "*the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work*" (2 Tim. 3:17). If you agree, I heartily encourage you to come to St. Louis and find out what good things God is doing through the lay pastoring movement. We will have the Arch polished and shiny, the baseball Cardinals will be back on the field after a very successful 2009, and special prayers will be offered for beautiful spring weather. *I look forward to seeing you then!*

Pastor Bill Simmons
Administrative Pastor, Christ Memorial Lutheran Church

Christ Memorial Lutheran Church is part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and is located in St. Louis, Missouri. Christ Memorial is a different type of church. Five years ago we purchased a mall anchored by a former Target store. After a two year design and renovation project, we relocated from our traditional building into the first phase of our new church home in September, 2005. We have for-profit business partners including a lease arrangement with Incredible Pizza Company which occupies 60,000 square feet of our building. Our new facility includes a Worship Center, Bible Class and Sunday School Rooms, Gymnasium, Fitness Center, Child Care Center and a large Commons area for fellowship. We are truly a Community Center, 21st Century Mission Center and 21st Century Discipleship Center. Our mission outreach also includes "Reliant Worship Service" held at St. Stephens Lutheran Church in St. Louis City. With over 2,200 members, the Shepherd Ministry has become instrumental in keeping up with the lives of our members as well as welcoming those new members and getting them familiar with all that Christ Memorial has to offer.

Keynote Speaker:



Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk

Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk is Founder and Executive Director of Stephen Ministries, which is headquartered in St. Louis. He received a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Washington University and a M.Div. from Concordia Seminary.

In 1975 Dr. Haugk began Stephen Ministries, which delivers the Stephen Series system of lay caring ministry and the Christ Care Series system of small group ministry. The Stephen Series has been implemented in over 10,000 congregations world wide, representing more than 100 Christian denominations.

Dr. Haugk is the author of numerous books and resources in the areas of caregiving, grief, assertiveness, church and business antagonism, inactive member ministry, spiritual gifts, and leadership. His newest works are *Journeying through Grief* – a set of four short books designed to be sent to grieving people at four crucial times during the first year after the loss of a loved one – and *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*, a book that teaches caregivers how they can best care for and relate to people who are suffering.

Conference Schedule:

Friday, April 23, 2010

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| 12:30 – 1:00 | Registration |
| 1:00 – 1:30 | Welcome and Worship |
| 1:30 – 2:30 | Workshop Session #1 |
| 2:30 – 2:45 | Break/Refreshments |
| 2:45 – 3:30 | Keynote – Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk |
| 3:30 – 3:45 | Break (no refreshments) |
| 3:45 – 4:45 | Workshop Session #2 |
| 5:00 – 6:30 | Celebration Dinner |

Saturday, April 24, 2010

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| 8:30 – 9:15 | Praise Worship and Announcements |
| 9:15 – 9:30 | Break (no refreshments) |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Workshop Session #3 |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Break/Refreshments |
| 10:45 – 11:45 | Workshop Session #4 |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | Workshop Session #5 |
| 2:00 – 2:15 | Break (no refreshments) |
| 2:15 – 3:00 | Panel Discussion |
| 3:00 – 3:15 | Send Off |



workshops: descriptions and leaders

1 Introduction to Lay Pastors Ministry – Part 1

Leader: Rev. Tom Corbell, President, LPMI, Statesville, NC

Description: This topic is divided into two parts. Part 1 will explain the basic theological foundation for a lay pastors ministry in a church.

2 Introduction to Lay Pastors Ministry – Part 2

Leader: Rev. Tom Corbell, President, LPMI, Statesville, NC

Description: Part 2 of this introduction to a lay pastors ministry will present practical examples of what a lay pastor does including discussion of PACE. There will be a time of reflection on the new direction that healthy churches take when they empower lay people for ministry. A discussion of the “Call to Ministry” will also be interwoven into the fabric of this workshop.

3 “What Do You Mean I Have to Pray with the Patient?” and other Preconceived Notions about Hospital Visitation –

Leader: Rev. Marcia M. Cham, Author, On Call Chaplain Watauga Medical Center, United Church of Christ Pastor – Retired, Blowing Rock, NC

Description: Cham will demonstrate several types of visits: the pious visit, the “oh good, she’s sleeping” visit, the “foot n’ mouth” visitation, and finally “the gift of being present.” And at the same time Cham will share practical ideas for visitation that can apply to hospital and home visits. Expect to be invited to share your experiences of “sweating out hospital visits.”

4 The “Walking on Water” Syndrome – Addressing the Burnout It Causes

Leader: Rev. David Clements, Canadian Consultant for LPMI, West Lorne, Ontario

Description: Down through the ages servants of God have felt overworked and even overwhelmed. Many noted Christians have experienced this phenomenon, from Luther to Spurgeon. Only Jesus could walk on water, unless its frozen, of course. Yet we still keep trying. This seminar will address what we might call the “walking on water” syndrome, which leads to burnout, and how to address the problems associated with it.

Workshop Selections continued

5 Next Generation

Leader: Rev. Jeff Cloeter, Associate Pastor, Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO

Description: Younger generations are critical to the church in every age. The 21st century is no different, as new generations are emerging in the United States. What do they really believe? What do they think about the church? How can the church best engage them? Hear from Pastor Jeff Cloeter and his personal experiences in ministry to younger generations, along with current survey data and some suggestions for ministry among this demographic.

6 Ready, Set, Go

Leader: Marianne Wiegman, LPMI Board Member, LPMI Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, and Lay Ministry Coordinator for St. John's Lutheran Church, Statesville, NC.

Description: How to start and maintain a Lay Pastors Ministry- from vision to reality.

7 How Do You Respond When They Don't Respond?

Leader: Rev. Mike Walker, LPMI Vice President, Senior Pastor, First UMC, Clover, SC

Description: What do you do when you have been assigned a family/individual and you cannot seem to make a connection? How do you stay positive and continue to be "love with skin on it"? In answering these and other questions, I hope to help you keep a healthy perspective regarding your flock relationships and the practice of PACE.

8 Jesus – Our Lay Pastor Teacher Extraordinaire

Leader: Sandy Sisson, Retreat Designer and Facilitator, United Methodist Lay Speaker, Blowing Rock, NC

Description: This workshop will be an inter-active experience as we sit down at the Lay Pastor's table. We will set the table, prepare the meal, and break bread together – all the while – sharing and hearing how Jesus "PACED" the flock he was given...(a pretty big one!) The Good Shepherd provides the relevant insights as we care for our congregations and personal flocks. Meet you at the table.

9 Mining the Golden Years

Leader: Rev. Ed Dubberke, Pastor of Intercession, Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO

Description: Engaging the aging in the active ministries of the church is the challenge of profitable (for the Lord and His people) mining the precious talents and experience of older adult believers. Discussion and valuable handouts.

10 P.R.A.Y - Will You Pray For Me?

Leader: Deborah Wolf, Speaker, Author, Co-Founder of Prayer Ministries International, Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO

Description: Scripture tells us to "pray without ceasing." Join Deb Wolf to find out how to make prayer a part of who we are, not just something we do. Hear about miracles, struggles and blessings, and discover how you can enhance your own prayer life and the prayer ministry within your congregation.

11 Out of the Ashes: Finding Pathways to God-honoring Resolution

Leader: Rev. Craig Smith, President Exit 7 Coaching, District Executive, Atlantic Northeast District – Church of the Brethren, Elizabethtown, PA

Description: Lay Pastors may find their ministry leads them to become enmeshed in congregational or relational controversies, power struggles, and/or open conflict. Frequently these dynamics cause us to encounter persons who are fired up, burnt, hurt, or emotionally toasted! This workshop offers some time-tested and biblically-sound pathways for Lay Pastors to foster hope, healing, and health within the flock.

12 What Can I Say? What Can I Do?

Leader: Marie Parma, LPMI Board Member and LPMI Southeastern Regional Director, Montgomery, AL

Description: People need to hear and experience the love of God through words of encouragement and acts of kindness. This workshop will open your eyes to the many ways God is at work as we share our faith in words and deeds.



Workshop Selections continued

13 Joy is More Than My Daughter's Name

Leader: Rev. Chuck Spomer, Pastor, Ascension Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO

Description: The difference between happiness and joy is not just in the spelling. Discover JOY and HUMOR in life and learn how not to be deprived of JOY when circumstances go bad.

14 Creative Connections

Leader: Dr. Melanie Wilson, Psychologist, Writer, Speaker, Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO

Description: You can be part of the cure for one of the most painful ailments that plague our people: Loneliness. Elderly shut-ins are not the only people who feel isolated from others. You will be given unique, simple, time-saving "treatments" that come straight from scripture...yet are still effective today.

15 Equipping Your Lay Pastors for Service

Leader: Jim King, Director of Care Shepherds Ministry, Trinity Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, Big Rapids, MI

Description: We will discuss methods and tools to equip God's people for works of service, for the building up of the body of Christ to maturity, as prescribed in Ephesians 4:11-16. We will focus on the initial recruiting, training, and mentoring of new lay pastors and then creative ideas for ongoing equipping of your team.

16 Building Relationships for Christ

Leader: Rev. David J. Vaughn, Pastoral Associate Small Group Mission at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO

Description: The discussion will focus on how to build relationships that promote trust and reduce conflict. Included is an assessment of each participant's individual "relationship profile" and an introduction to a model that can equip participants with the tools needed to develop strong relationships with people different from themselves.

17 Reality Check: Bumps in the Road

Leader: Mary Beth Ludt, LPMI Board Member and Regional Director of Ohio Valley, Centenary United Methodist Church, Lexington, KY

Description: Stepping out in faith to serve the Lord will certainly irritate the enemy. Therefore, it is important to consider an offensive and defensive strategy to serving the Lord. During this workshop we will look at some tactics that the enemy uses to distract you or discourage you in ministry and ways to persevere.



18 Beyond Predictable

Leader: Kathy Stine, Shepherd Ministry Coordinator, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, PA

Description: Taking the "blah" out of monthly contacts. We'll give you practical help for using creative methods to take your contacts beyond ordinary to extraordinary.

19 Dealing With Difficult People

Leader: Dr. Don Hill, Director, Counseling Center, Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, Montgomery, AL

Description: People may be hard to reach because of defensive behavior. This workshop addresses why people are difficult and how barriers can be broken.

20 Ears to Hear: Listening to God, Each Other, and Our Inner Selves

Leader: Rev. Angela C. Palacios, Anglican Hospital Chaplain and Assistant priest at St. Margaret's Church, Nassau Bahamas.

Description: Listening at its best is listening to thoughts, words, feelings, silence and most of all to the still small voice of God. Come and "practice the presence of God" even as we become more present to one another and to our own hearts.

21 God is Bigger Than Your Grief

Leader: Karen Tripp, Author, Speaker, Marriage and Family Therapist, St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO

Description: Struggling with grief can be overwhelming... yet everyone will at some time be touched by it. Simply telling people about hope and healing through Christ is not enough to heal the pain. You will be taught to say things that people want and need to hear in a way that they will listen.

22 Don't Be Anxious About Anything

Leader: Dr. Don Hill, Director, Counseling Center, Frazer Memorial UMC, Montgomery, AL

Description: This workshop will address how believers help themselves and others overcome anxieties in an anxious-filled world.

Workshops Selections continued

23 We Care Because God Cares

Leader: Mary Beth Ludd, LPMI Board Member and Regional Director of Ohio Valley, Centenary United Methodist Church, Lexington, KY

Description: How do you allow God to become involved in the ordinary relationships of life? Perhaps you feel like you are a good neighbor, coworker or friend but you would like to bring God into those ordinary relationships of life. In this session, we will characterize "Christian care".

24 The Ministry of Presence and the End of Life

Leader: Rev. Tom Corbell, President, LPMI, and Hospice Chaplain, Statesville, NC

Description: When one faces death, there are many emotions and needs. We will examine some of the processes of death and the immense importance of being present with those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

25 Meant To Be You – Exploring How God Has Uniquely Gifted You and Those Around You

Leader: Victoria J. Smith, Executive Director – Meant To Be Ministries, Elizabethtown, PA

Description: Why can't more people be like me? Can I be an effective Lay Pastor if I don't have the gift of Mercy, or Service, or Leadership and so on? Who would want me to be their Lay Pastor when we are so different? Is different bad? Is different good? This workshop will take a look at our giftedness from Romans 12 to better understand ourselves and those to whom we minister.

Resources

Stop by our resource table at the conference and pick up some of the many tools needed for a healthy caring ministry in your church.



about registration

Registration Fees

Fees listed on the registration form include participation in Praise and Worship, Keynote Speaker, 5 Workshops, Friday Evening Celebration Dinner, Saturday Lunch and Refreshment Breaks.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Requests for cancellation must be received in writing by March 31, 2010, for a refund.

Lodging

Special rates have been arranged for this conference at the hotels listed below:

Hampton Inn
1580 S Kirkwood Rd
St Louis, MO 63127
314-984-8181

(Cut off date for special rates is March 23; group code: CML; confirmation number is 87055791)

Best Western Kirkwood Inn
1200 S Kirkwood Rd
Kirkwood, MO 63122
314-821-3950
(Cut off date for special rates April 1)

Oak Grove Inn
6602 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63123
314- 894-9449
(Cut off date for special rates March 21)

Call hotels directly for the Lay Pastors Ministry rate and to make your reservation. Be sure to mention the Lay Pastors Ministry to get the special rates. Hotel information will also be sent with your reservation confirmation.

For local information, you may leave a message for our site coordinator, Joan Dubberke. Phone: 314-416-0880
Email: revedjoan@sbcglobal.net.

You can register for the conference by going to our website, laypastors.com, and visiting our online store.

Information about Christ Memorial Lutheran Church
www.christmemorialstl.org

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Ways to register...

Fill out this form, then send it along with your payment:
by phone: 609-261-0904 **by fax:** 601-261-0976
by mail: LPMI, P.O. Box 368, Lumberton, NJ 08048-0368
by email: LPMI@comcast.net
by website: www.laypastors.com

STEP 1

Fill out information. PLEASE PRINT. (This form may be reproduced.)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip, Country _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

Church _____

Payment Method: Check Visa Master Card

Check enclosed for \$ _____ Check # _____

Credit Card Information:

Number: _____ Exp: ___/___/___

Billing Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

STEP 2

Choose the appropriate registration fee (USD).

Early Registration \$95.00 (by March 31, 2010)

Late Registration \$115.00 (after March 31, 2010)

Group Rate \$75.00 per person (5 or more from same church)

Seminary Student \$50.00

*Payable to: Lay Pastor Ministry, Inc. Send full payment with
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 609-261-0904, fax: 609-261-0976, or in the onlinestore
 on our website: laypastors.com

STEP 3

Circle your preferred workshops (see right panel).

Circle one workshop for each of the five sessions listed:

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| Session 1: | 1 | 5 | 11 | 23 | 25 |
| Session 2: | 2 | 10 | 13 | 20 | 22 |
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Workshop Session #4 – Saturday, 10:45 – 11:45 AM

- WS Title/Presenter
- 7 How Do You Respond When They Don’t – Rev. Mike Walker
- 14 Creative Connections – Dr. Melanie Wilson
- 17 Reality Check: Bumps in the Road – Mary Beth Ludt
- 18 Beyond Predictable – Kathy Stine
- 24 The Ministry of Presence – Rev. Tom Corbell

Workshop Session #5 – Saturday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM

- WS Title/Presenter
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Keynote Speaker

25 Workshops

Special Music

and more

Brief History

Since 1978, laypeople from all over the world have been equipped through Lay Pastors Ministry to offer pastoral care in the local church. Founded by Dr. Melvin J. Steinbron, hundreds of churches have adopted this model of ministry in the United States, Canada, Australia, Korea, the Bahamas and other countries.

See inside for details

For conference information via the internet,
log on to www.laypastors.com

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