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Ministry in Mission Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

[Saturday, February 20, 2010](#) the Ministry in Mission Board will meet from 11:00am - Noon. At noon lunch will be served for those who register and at [1:00pm - 3:00pm](#) most of the work groups will meet.



All of these meetings and lunch will take place at the [Hanson Spirituality Center](#) (very close to the Synod Office) on the Campus of Bremwood Lutheran Home, a ministry of Lutheran Services of Iowa. Drive on Hwy#3, turn on 16th Street, turn left at the sign. It is the first building. [Map](#)

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Pastor Mark A. Anderson, at andersonm@neiasynod.org or on [facebook](#).

You may print and post this newsletter or you may also forward this newsletter to anyone who may be interested.

RSVP Your Meeting

Please!

[Yes, I'll attend](#)

Be sure to include your name, work group/board, and if you will join us for lunch

[No, I will not attend](#)

Be sure to include your name

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Next Meeting: February 20, Noon - 3:00pm
Agenda:

- Review Synod Website
- Newsletter Inserts
- Synod Assembly Workshops (with Rural Life)
- Lutheran Restoring Creation - Rhodes
- Bulletin Inserts for Earth Day(April 20) and Soil Stewardship (May)

Chairperson:

[Donna Rasmussen](#)

Global Mission Work Group

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Next Meeting: February 13, 2010 9:30 at the Synod Office Library

Chairperson: [Cecil Maureen Johnson](#)

[Home Life Work Group](#)

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Agenda:

Devotions/Prayer

-Updates on Swap Meets

- November and January meets

-Spring Training Event-Saturday March 27th @10:00 Wartburg College

- Keynote Speaker-Tammy Jones West Youth and Family Coordinator for the North Carolina Synod and Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies at Lenoir-Rhyne University.
- FYI-Lunch on your own
- Finalize break out session leaders
- Hospitality
- Schedule
- Budget-cost \$15

Quick Links

[Board of Ministry in Mission website](#)

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[ELCA Website](#)

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Upcoming Events

January 14, 2010
Swap Meet of
Lent/Easter ideas
St. John, Nashua

February 20, 2010
Board of Ministry in
Mission and Work
Groups meet.

March 13-14, 2010
LYO Assembly,
Dubuque

March 19-20, 2010
Mission Trip to
Guatemala

March 20, 2010
Synod Council Meets

March 27, 2010
Home Life Spring
Training Event,
Wartburg

April 8, 2010
Swap Meet for
VBS/Pentecost ideas
Bethlehem, Cedar

-Information Sharing via Website/newsletters

-Synod Assembly

- Workshop
- Display

-Budget for 2011

-Activities/Events for 2011

-Prayer

Chairperson: [Elayne Werges](#)

Falls

June 11-13, 2010
Synod Assembly,
Waverly

Hunger Work Group

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At the 2008 Synod Assembly we affirmed our support for the fight against hunger being made by the ELCA Hunger Appeal www.elca.org/hunger. The Northeastern Iowa Synod's Lutheran Youth Organization www.neiasynod.org/youth (LYO) would like to support this effort by offering it's annual Hunger Challenge to congregations and especially their youth.

The challenge is to raise as many funds as possible for the ELCA Hunger Appeal and/or for local food shelves between now and the LYO Assembly in Dubuque on March 13. This will include the traditional date of the "Souper Bowl Sunday" on Feb. 7 <http://souperbowl.org>. In addition, the LYO Board has many resources available on the web page www.neiasynod.org/youth/hunger.asp

All congregations who participate will receive a certificate and thank you letter from the LYO. The congregation which raises the most funds will be presented a trophy, an original ceramic artwork, created by a LYO Board member of a football in a Bowl with hearts

To help the board be efficient please send us an email to let us know you have accepted the

challenge. (Please be sure to include your congregation name and city.) [We Accept!](#)



Chairperson: Norbert Strasser

[Rural Life Task Force](#)

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Next Meeting: February 20, Noon - 3:00pm

Agenda:

- Newsletter Insert
- Synod Assembly Workshops (with Care of Creation)
- Video/DVD Packet
- Geographic Parish
- Networking for Rural Ministry
- Election of Workgroup Chairperson

Chairperson: [Pr. Dennis Hanson](#)

Multicultural Ministry Work Group

Contact: [Pr. Marshall Hahn](#)

[Work Group on Aging](#)

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Agenda:

Lynn Peters, Tomson Professor of Social Work at Wartburg College and consultant to the Ministry on Aging work group; Erin Suchy, one of Lynn's students who has been working on a special project for the work group & who put together the Family Caregiving power point presentation; and Pastor Barbara Wills, chair of the work group, will be giving a one-

hour presentation at The American Society on Aging annual conference on March 16. The presentation is entitled ***Partners in Spirit: Churches and Colleges Working Together to Support Older Adults***. This presentation highlights the collaboration between the Wartburg College Social Work Department and the N.E. IA Synod's Ministry on Aging Work Group; these two organizations have been working together for the past three years to assemble, develop, and disseminate educational materials and support to the churches in the Synod as they strive to better understand (and meet) the needs of their older members. Expenses for the presentation are being underwritten by a grant from Wartburg's ***Tomson Fund for the Support of Social Work Research, Training, and Consultation***.

The American Society on Aging has 6,000 members and serves to "enhance the knowledge and skills of those seeking to improve the quality of life of older adults and their families" in the U.S. Members come from a wide variety of professional backgrounds. The Annual Meeting, which is held each spring, is the largest gathering of gerontology professionals in the country.

Chair: [Pr. Barbara Wills](#)

Here, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might Deut 6:4-5

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