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Ministry in Mission Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

I love Synod Assembly! I especially love seeing all of our Ministry in Mission Work Groups offering their written reports, displays and workshops. It helps all the voting members and visitors to see that the ministry of the Synod is alive and well with much to offer each congregation. I am thankful for all of you and all you did to make the Assembly go well.



Speaking of the Assembly...Welcome to **Carolyn Loftaas** who was elected by the Synod in Assembly to serve on the Ministry in Mission Board!

Keep in Touch,
Pr. Mark Anderson



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Upcoming Events

August 12, 2010
Global Mission Work Group Meets at the Synod Office at 12:30pm.

August 13, 2010
Home Life Work Group Swap Meet Holy Trinity, Dubuque at Noon

Sept 11, 2010 Work Group on Aging Meeting at 9:30 at

Care of Creation Work Group

Web page: "click" [Here](#)

This work group is seeking experts to volunteer to evaluate church buildings for energy efficiency. Contact Donna if you are interested.

Chairperson:
[Donna Rasmussen](#)

Global Mission Work Group

Web Page: "Click" [Here](#)

This work group is looking for people interested in exploring a relationship with the Lutheran Church in Hungary. Contact Else if you want to learn more.

This group will meet again at the Synod Office on August 12 at 9:30am

Chairperson: [Else Schardt](#)

[Home Life Work Group](#)

Web page: "click" [Here](#)

Home Life has started a page on Facebook! Come be a "friend."



This group is also hosting a Youth & Family Ministry Idea Swap Meet at Holy Trinity in Dubuque on August 13 at Noon.

Chairperson: [Elayne Werges](#)

[Hunger Work Group](#)

Web Page: "click" [Here](#)

Come and join the Hunger Work Group's Facebook group. You can see pictures from the Assembly and a report of last year's giving!



Chairperson: Norbert Strasser

Synod Office

Sept 25, 2010
Board and Work
Groups 9:30am

March 19, 2011
Board & Work
Groups 11:00am &
12:30pm

Could Your Next Potluck End World Hunger?

More than a billion people around the world are hungry. Many struggle to live on less than \$1 per day. What if we could join together to make a difference in the fight against hunger? What if it started at your next potluck?

A Month of Potlucks is a movement started by two Lutheran pastors. The idea is simple. Host a potluck, include a talk or activity about hunger and take a collection for ELCA World Hunger. Thirty congregations are already onboard. Will yours be the next to join them?

In Fight Against Malaria LWR Will...

+Reach 5000,000 people in Mali using radio, video, and community meetings to educate communities about the signs and symptoms and develop community managed health insurance.

+Reach 40,000 people in Burkina working with WHO to pilot community based bed net distribution & education.

+Reach 100,000 people in Uganda educating people about the signs & symptoms and distributing nets.

+Reach 125,000 people in Kenya by training 250 pastors and volunteers to educate their congregations.

+Reach 1.6 million people in Tanzania by training 600 volunteer educators, training 250 hospital staff in treatment and improving medical supplies.

Your youth group or congregation can raise money to buy \$10.00 bed nets. Register your team at Start A Team

Remember, you can always text "LWR" TO: 40579 to donate \$10 to relief efforts on your cell phone bill



[LWR Web Site](#)

Ministry on Aging

Web page "Click" [Here](#)

The Ministry on Aging Work Group welcomes another new member, **Ms. Carolyn Martin**,

Register your potluck and find great resources at

www.amonthofpotlucks.org.

Share a Story

Have you ever wondered how your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are making a difference? Read [real stories](#) of people whose lives have been impacted by your gifts and share them in your Sunday bulletins, church newsletters and other communications.

The Caribbean has the second highest rate of HIV infection in the world after sub-Saharan Africa, according to a report from Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Global Mission. In an effort to examine the HIV and AIDS epidemic in the Caribbean and Latin America, ELCA Global Mission will host a consultation June 28-July 2 in Lima, Peru.

Rodriguez said a primary purpose of the consultation is to learn more about the work and ministries of Lutheran churches in Latin America and the Caribbean regarding HIV and AIDS, and "how the ELCA can accompany its companions" there, particularly in how the church can shape societal response, develop actions for ministry, engage in biblical and theological reflection, support advocacy and education, and more.

An estimated 2.1 million people are living with HIV in Latin America and the Caribbean, according to the ELCA Global Mission report. "The face of HIV and AIDS is changing in Latin America and the Caribbean. It's younger, poorer and feminine," it said.

Rodriguez said the impact of HIV and AIDS in Latin America and the Caribbean is much greater than

Community Life Ministries at St. John American Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls

This group will meet next on **September 11** at the Synod Office at 9:30am.

Chair Person: [Pr. Barbara Wills](#)

Rural Life Work Group

The Rural Life Work Group has a Facebook group. Don't you want to be their friend?

[Find us on Facebook](#) 

The summer issue of the Synod's publication [Making A Difference](#) is about Geographic Parishes. Be sure to read your copy.

statistics show. Under-diagnosis and underreporting are recognized problems in these regions, as well as access to medication and the capacity of health care systems to respond.

"The HIV and AIDS epidemic is theological, biblical and pastoral," said Rodriguez. She said the gifts that Lutheran churches in Latin America and the Caribbean bring to address the pandemic is the ability to "reread the Bible from the perspective of HIV and AIDS, to engage in theological reflection around the meaning of the epidemic for the mission of the church, and develop new understandings of pastoral ministry."

Participants of the consultation include members of the ELCA and partner Lutheran churches in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Peru and elsewhere.

In March 2009 the ELCA Church Council adopted a strategy to address HIV and AIDS. The 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly approved a three-year, \$10 million fundraising proposal to support the strategy.

The ELCA Strategy on HIV and AIDS is at <http://www.ELCA.org/aids> on the ELCA Web site

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