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Ministry in Mission Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Yes! It is time for the Board and Work Groups to meet again. The Board will meet over lunch at Noon on September 25, 2010 at the Synod Office. The Hunger, Rural Life and Care of Creation Work Groups will meet at 9:30am at the Synod Office. The other Work Groups are meeting on different dates this month according to their schedules.



If at any time your Work Group wants to meet by conference call, please let me now and I'll be happy to set that up for you.

Keep in Touch,
Pr. Mark Anderson



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Upcoming Events

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

Sept 25, 2010 9:30am Work Groups

- Hunger
- Rural Life
- Care of Creation

12:00pm

[Care of Creation Work Group](#)

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

This work group will meet on the 25th. We will discuss follow up for the resolution that passed at the Synod Assembly, the winter newsletter, Iowa

Water and Land Legacy constitutional amendment, and the Lutherans Restoring Website, as well as updates for our page on the synod website.

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 by conference call on October 5

Chairperson: [Else Schardt](#)

[Home Life Work Group](#)

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

This work group's next meeting will follow the Youth Ministry Network Meeting at 2:00pm on October 5 in Mason City at Trinity Lutheran.

AGENDA

Swap Meets- firm up the plan. The webinar in January, Having "coaches" available to congregations to help get started/ideas with/for CYF ministries

Website-use, getting the word out, and what are people wanting and needing

Synod Assembly- Update on display and workshop, plan for next year

Creative uses of resources

Budget -

Home Life has started a page on Facebook! Come

- Board of Ministry in Mission

Oct. 5, 2010

Global Mission Work Group Conference Call

Oct 7, 2010

Home Life Work Group meets at 2:00 at Trinity, Mason City

Nov 5-6, 2010

Building Men for Christ Workshop, Nazareth, Cedar Falls [Details](#)

March 19, 2011

Board & Work Groups 11:00am & 12:30pm

**Building Men for Christ Workshop
November 5 & 6,
2010, 4 pm to 4 pm
Nazareth,
Cedar Falls, IA**

Share a Story

be a "friend."



Chairperson: [Elayne Werges](#)

Hunger Work Group

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

Meets September 25!

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](#)

Pakistan:

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- International Disaster Response (IDR) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has committed \$100,000 in response to widespread flooding in Pakistan.

More

<http://www.elca.org/News/Releases.asp?a=4600>

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

On Sept. 21, churches and communities throughout the world are committing to the International Day of Prayer for Peace (IDPP) through prayer, meditation and other forms of spiritual observance. See www.elca.org/nonviolence/

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Remember, you can always text "LWR" TO: 40579

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.

Haiti Still in Crisis, ELCA Members Continue Response

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- Haiti is still in crisis. According to a July 30 situation report from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) the Caribbean nation has yet to move into the recovery phase, following the Jan. 12 earthquake that left 1.5 million people displaced from their homes.

In response to some of Haiti's critical needs, "the ELCA has supported a multinational, multilateral response to the earthquake that includes the coordination of relief and development agencies through the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance," said Bradfield. The ELCA has been a member of the ACT Alliance since 1995.

To date members of the ELCA have contributed more than \$12.2 million in gifts to support disaster relief efforts in Haiti. "The response by the ELCA and its members has been heartening. So too has been the clear commitment of the

to donate \$10 to relief efforts on your cell phone bill



[LWR Web Site](#)

Ministry on Aging

Web page "Click" [Here](#)

Agenda for Sept 11, 2010

Devotions

- I. Report on American Society on Aging Conference presentation - Lynn
- II. Newsletter
 - a. Plans for fall newsletter insert - deadline?
 - b. Book review - Dorothy
 - c. Poem - Barbara (already sent to Peg)
 - d. Faith story -
 - e. Resource on aging -
- III. What information do we want to send via the Synod database? We didn't make a decision last month. Also, possibility of using copy-ready bulletin inserts in STAR to reach those who don't have Internet or e-mail
- IV. Any reports on using the Power Point presentation?
- V. Using the Five Wishes-Bill has plenty for us to use. How do we want to do that?
- VI. Future directions-our partnership with Wartburg College and how to use the resources we've developed (See attached information from Lynn.)
- VII. Other items of business
- VIII. Next meeting - March 19, 2011, 12:30 pm

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

Rural Life Work Group

church to stay through the challenges to bring help for the long term," said the Rev. Daniel Rift, director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal.

Rift said 100 percent of the "gifts given for response to the earthquake will be used for that purpose only, and we will stay with Haiti for as long as it takes."

"We have been attentive to support work in which we have confidence in its completion and for which resources from other organizations have not been available," said Rift.

"Frankly, we have been somewhat surprised by the challenges which are keeping many of the rebuilding efforts from moving forward. Still, we remain actively engaged in supporting temporary shelter, agriculture support, planning for new permanent homes and replacement of church related schools," said Rift.

"We owe it to the people of Haiti to continue through the challenges with fortitude of presence and readiness to support viable projects," he said.

Thus far the ELCA has provided \$2 million for its domestic and international partners to support their relief efforts in Haiti. The ELCA is developing a multiyear disaster recovery plan for Haiti, which will mobilize the financial gifts received.

"The long-term approach being planned (will be designed) for the restoration of livelihoods and the instilling of hope among Haitian nationals," said Bradfield, adding that in its plan the ELCA will continue to work closely with its companions.

The Rural Life Work Group will meet on the 25th.

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

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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