

Mission project targets seminarian housing

The Northeastern Iowa Synod, in partnership with the “Nazareth Builders” of Nazareth Lutheran of Cedar Falls, will undertake a synod-wide service project that will greatly benefit Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

Wartburg Seminary has provided family student housing for decades, and some of the family homes are in great need of repair. This project will include the rehabilitation of 10 Blair Court Houses, which are single family homes on campus. Improvements will include installation of energy efficient windows, exterior siding, insulation, and vented soffits. The improved energy efficiency will give financial relief to seminary students and their families for years to come.

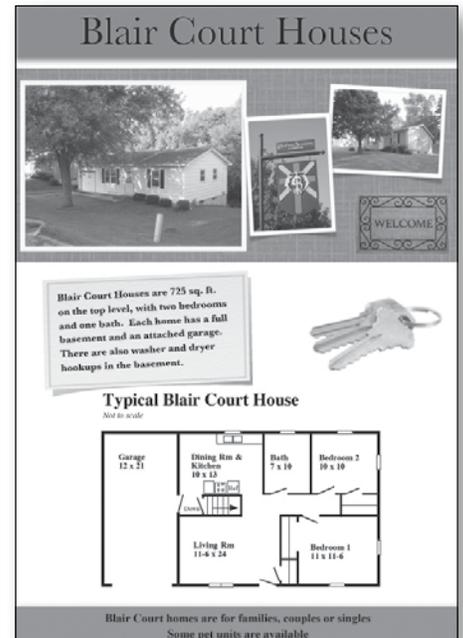
Funding

The cost of the project will be approximately \$3,500 per home. The Nazareth Endowment Fund has already committed to the cost of five homes, leaving five homes yet to be funded. Individuals or congregations can donate to this project via the Northeastern Iowa Synod.

Construction

The Nazareth Builders will coordinate several four- to five-day work trips to Dubuque. Wartburg Seminary will provide housing and some meals for the teams. Youth as young as 12 years old can join a team.

To learn more about how to support this mission project, contact Pastor Mark Anderson, assistant to the



Bishop, 319-352-1414 or email andersonm@neiasynod.org.

Outline for hosting a Pre-Assembly Orientation

PLANNING

Pre-assembly materials will be sent to voting members on May 13, 2014. Hold the orientation after the receipt of pre-assembly information. Invite voting members. Ask a knowledgeable individual who has attended a number of assemblies to review the pre-assembly information and lead the discussion.

AGENDA

1. Devotions
2. Introductions
3. Review information contained in the pre-assembly information:
 - a. Agenda - location for worship and plenary sessions
 - b. General Assembly Information
 - c. Forums, Seminars, Ministry Exhibits
 - d. Reports
4. Resolutions
 - a. Who May Submit
 - b. Deadline for Submission
 - c. How to Read a Resolution
 - i. Title
 - ii. RESOLVED's
 - iii. Source of the resolution (bottom of the page)
 - iv. Resolution Committee's recommendation (bottom of the page)
 - v. WHEREAS's for more information
 - d. Discussion of Resolutions
 - i. Describe microphone setup
 - ii. Chair will recognize speaker; always state name, congregation, city
 - iii. Encourage people to speak
- e. Memo from College
 - i. Directions
 - ii. Location for registration and housing check-in
- f. Memo from Assembly Manager
- e. Voting on Resolutions
 - i. Describe green card, red card, yellow card process
- f. Voting pads
5. Elections—deadline for nominations, elections ballot. Review the Assembly Schedule, *Calling a Bishop*, and Assembly Rules, RCR.10 Election of a Bishop.
6. Parliamentary Procedure—in pre-assembly materials
7. Issues—describe the main points of both sides of the issue; encourage people to learn more about them before the assembly.
8. General Question/Answer Time