

Fund for Leaders Challenge reaches \$125,000

The Bishop and Ruth's challenge to match their gift of \$10,000 resulted in an amazing number of contributions to the synod's H. George Anderson Fund for Leaders, totaling \$125,000!

Contributions came in the form of checks, IRA distributions, and on-line gifts from individuals, families, congregations, and endowments. We are very grateful for each and every gift!



— Pastor Mark A. Anderson
Assistant to the Bishop

Encourage youth to explore their ministry gifts
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Div. program as freshmen, already knowing their goal is to be a parish minister. Beckstrom says students want to commit early to the program because of scholarship funds made available through generous gifts. Scholarships are also available for seminary students, who take online classes while working part-time for pay in a congregation with a pastor/mentor.

"Anytime you can, affirm when you see a young person display gifts of leadership," Beckstrom says. "It is part of our job to nurture the gifts of the baptized, to point out, lift up and encourage them. It makes a big difference. I know it did for me."

To learn more or to make a referral, visit www.wartburg.edu/ordained-ministry.

Registration is open for WIYLDE

June 14-17, 2020
Wartburg College, Waverly

Registration is now open for high school youth from ELCA congregations to attend the Wholly Iowa Youth Leadership Discipling Event June 14-17 at Wartburg College in Waverly.

This annual camp is designed to help high school youth learn how to become future leaders of the church. The event features guest teachers,

small group activities, large group Bible studies, games and more.

The cost to attend is \$300 per student. Scholarships of \$100 are available through the Northeastern Iowa Synod, along with a \$25 discount for students who recruit a friend who is new to WIYLDE.

Registration is due by Friday, May 1, 2019. Download the registration form at www.neiasynod.org/wiylde.



WIYLDE CLASS OF 2019

Rural Ministry Conference

March 1-3, 2020
Dubuque, Iowa

Registration for the Rural Ministry Conference is due Saturday, Feb. 22. Sponsored by Wartburg Theological Seminary, the conference is set for March 1 - 3 at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Dubuque.

This year's theme is "Ministry in Divisive Times." The event features plenary speakers, six workshops and Bible study.

To learn more or to register, visit www.wartburgseminary.edu.