

## 2011 All Workers Conference FAQ's

These are Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) about the upcoming 2011 Northwest District All Workers Conference, Walking Toward Oneness to be held October 18-21, 2011, at the Seaside Convention Center, Seaside, Oregon.

### What is the theme verse?

The conference theme, "Walking Toward Oneness" is based on Ephesians 4:11-13 -- "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

### How will housing be handled? Will I have to make my own reservations?

**YES!** Housing arrangement and payment is the responsibility of the congregation, school or attendee. A list of hotels used in the past along with the rates they are offering for the 2011 conference is included in the registration packet and available on the District website.

### Who will the main speakers be?

Dr. Jacob A. O. Preus, Executive Vice President for Mission Advancement—Bethesda Lutheran Communities will be the featured speaker Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning and will participate in the worship service Wednesday evening as well as the discussions Thursday morning. Friday morning's keynote speaker will be award-winning educator and author, Debbie Silver.



Dr. Jacob A. O. Preus, Executive Vice President for Mission Advancement—Bethesda Lutheran Communities, frequently speaks on the intersection of contemporary culture and faith. Conversant in Spanish and Portuguese, he has traveled, spoken and taught extensively throughout Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Southeast Asia.

Dr. Preus earned his Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Theology and Doctorate in Theology degrees from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO. He served as a parish pastor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA and Holy Sacraments Lutheran Church in St. Louis, MO before joining the faculty of Concordia Seminary in 1986. In 1998 Dr. Preus became the third president of Concordia University Irvine where he served until 2009. His presidency was guided by the belief that a Christian higher education equips students to serve both

God's word and God's world. Under his leadership, the university was blessed with growth of nearly 150 percent in student enrollment, together with new campus facilities and programs to meet that growth.

In 2009 Dr. Preus accepted the newly created position of Executive Vice President for Mission Advancement with Bethesda Lutheran Communities. He and his wife, Sherry, live in Watertown, WI and have three children and three grand-children.



*Debbie Silver* is truly a "teacher's teacher!" She is an award-winning educator with 30 years experience as a classroom teacher, staff development instructor, and university professor. Her numerous recognitions include being named the 1990 Louisiana State Teacher of the Year and the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus from the College of Education at Louisiana Tech University. Along the way *Debbie Silver* has taught almost every grade level and most every kind of student.

Dr. *Debbie Silver* has been an invited author for several educational journals and has given keynotes at state, national, and international conferences in 49 states, throughout Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. She has been a featured teacher for the PBS OnLine Teacher Chat and several online teacher courses.

*Debbie Silver* is the author of the bestselling book, **Drumming to the Beat of Different Marchers: Finding the Rhythm for Differentiated Learning**. She is co-author of **Because You Teach and Middle School Matters**. Songs *Debbie Silver* co-wrote with Monte Selby are featured on his latest cds.

*Debbie Silver* is one of the most popular keynoters and in-service presenters in the United States. Audiences everywhere respond to Debbie's use of humor and sensitivity to remind them of how important teachers are in the lives of children. Through research-based theory, poignant stories, and hilarious characterizations she connects with the souls of all who are involved in education.

### **When will registration information be available?**

We are hoping to send out registration information early-August 2011. Please read all materials carefully! The registration process will be online but payment needs to be made via check made payable to Northwest District LCMS and mailed to the District Office, 1700 NE Knott Street, Portland, OR 97211.

### **Why can't I pay online when I register?**

The District Office is working to refine the online registration process. We're hoping to be able to offer that service for the District Convention in June, 2012.

### **What is the registration fee and what does it cover?**

The regular registration rate is \$125.00 per attendee. The registration fee for emeritus professional church workers is \$75.00. All of the conference activities listed in the schedule, plus travel and meal reimbursements (to paid, registered participants) are covered by a combination of the registration fees received plus the individual congregation assessments.

### **How will "meals on our own" and travel related expenses be reimbursed?**

Reimbursement of round trip travel expenses shall be made to all professional church workers only if they have properly registered as a full or Emeritus participant and paid all registration and assessment fees. Guests will not have travel or meal expenses reimbursed.

We ask that you schedule your transportation with good stewardship in mind. Carpooling is encouraged whenever possible. Groups whose travel includes both air and rental car are asked to schedule their travel so that mileage to/parking at the airport and rental cars to get to Seaside are kept to a minimum. Mileage will be reimbursed at the rate of \$.14 per mile (IRS charitable rate). If you rent a car, your car rental fee and gas cost will be reimbursed, not your mileage.

Airfare will be reimbursed based on receipts provided to the District Office by the registered church worker. The airfare reimbursement may occur prior to the conference and need not wait until the conference is concluded.

If you would like to be reimbursed for advance purchased airfare, an expense reimbursement form is available on the Northwest District website. Otherwise, expense reimbursement forms will be available in the registration folder you receive at the Conference.

We are providing one meal for you during the conference (Thursday box lunch – please make sure you register for a lunch), “meals on your own” will be reimbursed for actual out-of-pocket costs not to exceed \$45 for the entire conference. This means **for PASTORS**: 3 meals – Tues dinner, Wed lunch and Wed dinner are covered by the \$45 allotment, and **for TEACHERS**: 3 meals – Wed dinner, Thurs dinner and lunch on Friday are covered by the \$45 allotment. Original receipts are mandatory for reimbursement. Many of the **hotels offer complimentary breakfast** and Seaside has many affordable restaurants within walking distance of the convention center. A listing of these will be provided in your registration folder at the conference.

### **Do I have to stay in one of the hotels on the list provided?**

No, you may make arrangements and pay to stay wherever you choose. Housing arrangements and payment are totally up to the congregation, school or attendee.

### **I would like for my spouse to go to Seaside with me but he/she will not be registered for the conference otherwise. Is this possible? Can he/she also attend the social hour on Wednesday evening?**

Guests are encouraged to attend the Wednesday evening worship service. Those who wish to attend the large group sessions and the social hour after the worship service on Wednesday may register at the special guest rate. Nametags will be provided for these individuals. This guest rate does not include attending the Tuesday evening small group sessions, nor the workshops on Wednesday and Thursday. Please note that nametags will be treated as the guest ticket for admission into the social hour as well as the Thursday box lunch if you make a selection on the registration form and pay the guest registration fee.

### **What if I would like to stay for the entire conference? Would I have to pay more?**

All professional church workers are invited to attend the entire week or any part of the week that sparks your interest. If you plan to attend the entire conference, be sure to make arrangements and pay for all of the hotel nights you plan to stay. Also remember that the total reimbursement for “meals on your own” for the entire conference is \$45 so if you stay longer, you’ll have more out of pocket meal expenses.

## What is the schedule?

A tentative schedule for the conference is as follows:

### Tuesday, October 18, 2011

|                           |   | LOCATION            |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <b>10:00 AM – 1:00 PM</b> | <b>CONFERENCE CHECK-IN</b><br>(Pastors, DCEs, Lay Ministers, Licensed Deacons, Deaconesses) | Lobby               |
| 1:00 PM – 1:15 PM         | Welcome & Announcements   | Pacific Room        |
| 1:15 PM – 2:00 PM         | Opening prayer & Bible study  | Pacific Room        |
| 2:00 PM – 3:15 PM         | Session with Rev. Jack Preus  | Pacific Room        |
| 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM         | Coffee Break  |                     |
| 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM         | Session with Rev. Jack Preus  | Pacific Room        |
| 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM         | Dinner on your own  | See restaurant list |
| 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM         | Small Group Breakout sessions   | TBD                 |
| 8:00 PM – 8:30 PM         | Evening Taize Prayer  | TBD                 |
| 8:30 PM                   | LCEF Hospitality  | Rivertide Suites    |

### Wednesday, October 19, 2011

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|--------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 8:00 AM – 8:15 AM        | Announcements   | Pacific Room        |
| 8:15 AM – 9:00 AM        | Bible Study   | Pacific Room        |
| 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM        | Early Childhood Leadership Workshop   | Necanicum Room      |
| 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM        | Coffee Break  |                     |
| 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM       | Session with Jack Preus   | Pacific Room        |
| 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM      | Coffee Break  |                     |
| 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM      | Round table discussion  |                     |
| 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM       | Lunch on your own   | See Restaurant List |
| <b>1:30 PM – 6:30 PM</b> | <b>CONFERENCE CHECK-IN</b><br>(Administrators, Teachers, Early Childhood Educators) | Lobby               |
| 1:30 PM – 2:25 PM        | Workshop  | See back of nametag |
| 2:25 PM – 2:40 PM        | Coffee Break  |                     |
| 2:40 PM – 3:30 PM        | Workshop  | See back of nametag |
| 3:30 PM – 7:00 PM        | Free Time and Dinner on your own  | See Restaurant List |
| 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM        | Worship Service   | Pacific Room        |
| 8:30 PM                  | Social Hour   | Necanicum Room      |

### Thursday, October 20, 2011

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|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| 8:15 AM – 8:30 AM   | Bible Study/Devotions                       | Pacific Room        |
| 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM  | Case Studies 1-2                            | Pacific Room        |
| 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Coffee Break                                |                     |
| 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Case Studies 3-4                            | Pacific Room        |
| 12:00 PM – 12:05 PM | Announcements                               | Pacific Room        |
| 12:05 PM – 1:00 PM  | Box Lunch (by request on registration form) | Necanicum Room      |
| 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM   | Education Workshop 1                        | See back of nametag |
| 2:15 PM – 2:30 PM   | Coffee Break                                |                     |
| 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM   | Education Workshop 2                        | See back of nametag |
| 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM   | Coffee Break                                |                     |
| 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM   | Education Workshop 3                        | See back of nametag |
| 5:15 PM – 8:00 PM   | Free time and Dinner on your own            |                     |
| 8:00 PM – 8:30 PM   | Evening Taize Prayer                        | TBD                 |
| 8:30 PM             | LCEF Hospitality                            | Rivertide Suites    |

### Friday, October 21, 2011

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM  
9:15 AM – 11:00 AM  
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Singing and Devotions (Mt. Rainier Lutheran High School)  
Debbie Silver: Education Keynote Speaker  
Ending Comments

Pacific Room

### **Who can I contact with further questions?**

For questions regarding content of the Tuesday/Wednesday/ Thursday am portion of the conference, please contact the President's Office at the Northwest District Office ([jennym@nowlcms.org](mailto:jennym@nowlcms.org) or 888-693-5267).

For questions regarding registration, assessment, and other questions, please contact Marilyn Allen at the Northwest District Office ([marilyna@nowlcms.org](mailto:marilyna@nowlcms.org) or 888-693-5267).

For questions regarding content of the Thursday pm/Friday am portion of the conference, as well as the Early Childhood Directors Leadership Seminar on Wednesday please contact Laurie Bredehoft at the Northwest District Office ([laurieb@nowlcms.org](mailto:laurieb@nowlcms.org) or 888-693-5267).

For technical help with online registration please contact Vicki Knutsen at the Northwest District Office ([vickik@nowlcms.org](mailto:vickik@nowlcms.org)) or 888-693-5267)