

## **Helpful Symposium Information**

**May 20-21, 2011**

### ***Dates and Location***

- Dates: Friday, May 20 through Saturday, May 21, 2011.
- Location: Concordia Portland Campus in the Hagen Campus Center (some call this SEAC), 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 2811 NE Holman, Portland, OR 97211. The closest major airport is Portland International (PDX). It takes about 10-15 minutes to drive from the airport to Concordia University depending on time of day and traffic. We will be making arrangements for shuttle transportation for those without vehicles so you don't need to rent a car.

### ***About the Ethnic Ministries Symposium and the Northwest District***

- This year's theme is: Many Peoples, One God
- The LCMS (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) Northwest District (NOW) has 263 congregations throughout Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Hong Kong. Several congregations have an ethnic ministry, or have expressed an interest in developing one. To date we are aware of congregations serving these people groups – Latino (various Latin American countries), Oromo (Ethiopian), Vietnamese, Mekane Yesus (Ethiopian), Nuer (Southern Sudan and Western Ethiopia), Burmese, Russian, Korean, Indian, and First Nation (American Indian) peoples.
- This will be the first Ethnic Ministries Symposium.
- More information can be found at the LCMS Northwest District website at [www.nowlcms.org](http://www.nowlcms.org).

### ***Preparation for the Symposium***

- Register on or before April 11, 2011 if you wish to be included in the group which will receive a demographic profile of your community. Register by May 14 to guarantee meals at the symposium.
- If you want to stay with a family who has volunteered their home for accommodations, please contact Patti Maggiora on or before end of work day May 6, 2011 [pattim@nowlcms.org](mailto:pattim@nowlcms.org) 888-693-5267 or 503-288-8383 x 123.
- If you want to stay at the Clarion Hotel, to guarantee conference price shown on the hotel sheet, register on or before May 6. When making your reservation, be sure to mention the Northwest District Ethnic Ministries Symposium to get the rate shown. Clarion has shuttle service from the Portland airport for those travelling by airline. They also provide breakfast daily.

- If you wish to do so, please bring and wear native dress from your country of origin for the Celebration of Nations service on Friday evening. This includes any and all who want to participate in this colorful event.
- May weather in Portland is typically high of 69, low of 48 degrees F. About half of the days during May are rainy so pack and dress accordingly.
- Refer to the Campus Map at the link below for directions to the Hagen Campus Center (#3 on the map). Symposium will be held on the second floor.
- When you arrive at the Hagen Campus Center, be sure to check in to obtain your name tag and conference materials that have been prepared in advance for you.
- Questions? Contact Herb Hoefler [hhoefler@cu-portland.edu](mailto:hhoefler@cu-portland.edu) (503)493-6494 (off), (503)251-0070 (res) or Patti Maggiora at the LCMS Northwest District Office at 888-693-5267 or 503-288-8383 x 123 or at [pattim@nowlcms.org](mailto:pattim@nowlcms.org).

### ***About Concordia University***

- Concordia University is a private, Christian liberal arts university open to students of any faith with a mission to prepare leaders for the transformation of society. 2500 students are enrolled there and the Faculty to Student ratio is 17:1.
- You may park freely in the lots, located at 27<sup>th</sup> & Holman and behind the library.
- Below is a map showing the location of the University in relation to the airport and major roads in the area.



- For directions please click this [link](#).
- For the campus map click [here](#).
- For more information about Concordia Portland, click [here](#).