

Many Peoples, One God
Ethnic Ministries Symposium Registration Form
May 20-21, 2011

⁹ After this I looked, and there in front of me was a huge crowd of people. They stood in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb. There were so many that no one could count them. They came from every nation, tribe, people and language. They were wearing white robes. In their hands they were holding palm branches. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice,

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne. Salvation also belongs to the Lamb."

Revelation 7:9-10 (NIRV)

We prefer you register online at www.nowlcms.org. Please only use this form if you cannot access the online form. Thanks.

Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please complete one registration form for each person regardless of whether or not you will be attending with others from your congregation.

Congregation: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Fee: \$20 for individual, \$100 for 5 or more from your congregation. Make checks payable to NOW LCMS, noting EMTF Symposium in the memo line. Mail check and copy of your registration form to EMTF Symposium, NOW LCMS, 1700 NE Knott St., Portland, OR 97212.

Early Registration due date: April 11, 2011. Demographics profile will be provided to all who register by this date.

Preferred Registration due date: Saturday May 14, 2011. All who register by this date will be included in the count submitted to caterer for meals. Late registrations will be accepted, however we cannot guarantee meals for late registrations.

Accommodation: please check beside the option that suits you best.

Own arrangements

At hotel: see list provided on page 3.

At host family home through District Office by May 6, 2011 (pattim@nowlcms.org)

Limited travel assistance may be available based on need. To be considered, mail your request with an estimate of expenses to pattim@nowlcms.org.

Special food requirements: L=lactose intolerant; V=vegetarian; G=gluten free; NL=not eating meals _____

Volunteers Needed: If interested, please circle in which category you would be willing to help – 1) Host homes in the Portland area, 2) Transportation, 3) Registration at the event, 4) Assembling Symposium materials before the event, and 5) Photographers/Videographers. You may help in more than one area if desired.

Choice of Workshops: Indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd workshop choices for each session in the spaces next to workshop titles. Workshop descriptions are on pages 4-5 of this packet for more info. You may choose from different themes as you indicate your choices.

Ministry- red; Worship/Theology-black; Culture Issues-blue

Session One

- ___ “Models of Partnership in Ministry” (red)
- ___ “Biblical View of Immigration” (black)
- ___ “History of Lutheran Ministry among Immigrants” (blue)

Session Two

- ___ “Issues in Cross-Cultural Ministry” (red)
- ___ “Lutheran Distinctives” (black)
- ___ “Second Generation Issues-Rebirthing to 2nd/Next Generation ” (blue)

Session Three

- ___ “LCEF Resources for Ethnic Ministries” (red)
- ___ “How Worship and Evangelism are Done in Different Cultures” Panel (black)
- ___ “What Parts of Home Culture Does One Leave and What Keep” (blue)

Session Four

- ___ “Role of LAP in Training Ethnic Ministries” (red)
- ___ “Future of Ethnic Worship in a Multi-Ethnic Society” (black)
- ___ “School Ministry to Ethnic Populations” (blue)

Before submitting the online form copy pages 1-2 and send with your check to EMTE Symposium, NOW LCMS, 1700 NE Knott St., Portland, OR 97212. Questions? Contact either Herb Hoefler hhoefler@cu-portland.edu 503-493-6494 (off), 503-251-0070 (res) or Patti Maggiora pattm@nowlcms.org 888-693-5267 or 503-288-8383, x123.

**Ethnic Ministries Symposium Preferred Hotels List
May 20-21, 2011**

Clarion Hotel Portland Airport
11518 NE Glen Widing Dr.
Portland, OR 97220
1-502-252-2222
\$72/night plus tax



Airport shuttle, breakfast provided.
When making your reservation, mention
Northwest District Ethnic Ministries
Symposium. Reservations made by May 6, 2011 will guarantee the Clarion Hotel rate.

Embassy Suites Portland Airport
7900 NE 82nd Ave
Portland, OR 97220
1-503-460-3000
\$119/night plus tax

Holiday Inn Portland Airport
8439 NE Columbia Blvd
Portland OR 97220
503-460-3000

Ethnic Ministries Symposium Schedule

More detail will be provided at the Symposium
All events will be held in the Hagen Campus Center, 2nd Floor
Student Events & Activities Center (SEAC)
For the campus map click [here](#)

Friday, May 20, 2011

11:00 Registration
11:30 Lunch
12:30 Opening Devotion
1:15 Break
1:45 Workshop 1
3:00 Break
3:15 Workshop 2
4:30 Break
5:00 Supper
6:30 Celebration of Nations Worship

Saturday, May 21, 2011

8:00 Breakfast
8:30 Opening Devotion
9:30 Break
9:45 Workshop 3
11:00 Break
11:15 Workshop 4
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Closing Celebration Worship
3:00 Departure

**Proposed Workshop Titles for Ethnic Ministries Symposium
May 20-21, 2011**

Session One – Friday, May 20, 2011 – 1:45 pm

“Models of Partnership in Ministry” (Ministry-red)

Most new ethnic ministries require a partnership with an established congregation. What are the requirements for this relationship to work? What are the commitments needed on both sides?

“Biblical View of Immigration” (Worship/Theology-black)

The topic of immigration has been controversial throughout our American history. We are a country of immigrants. The Bible also is a history of immigrants. How does the Biblical story inform our story? What principles from Scripture might we derive for application to our contemporary situation?

“History of Lutheran Ministry among Immigrants” (Culture Issues-blue)

Receiving and aiding immigrants has a long history among American Lutherans, beginning with the Germans and Scandinavians. This is a ministry we are experienced and good at. It is a role in society that we should focus on.

Session Two – Friday, May 20, 2011 – 3:15 pm

“Issues in Cross-Cultural Ministry” (Ministry-red)

Often people feel awkward and uncertain when dealing with people of a different culture. If we are to be in ministry cross-culturally, how should we approach it? How do we avoid misjudging people and offending them?

“Lutheran Distinctives” (Worship/Theology-black)

Many immigrants have never been exposed to the Lutheran church and wonder what is special and significant about the Lutheran tradition. What are features of the Lutheran tradition that should be highlighted as we introduce our church to them?

“Second Generation Issues-Rebirthing to 2nd/Next Generation” (Culture Issues-blue)

A major issue among immigrants is the acculturation of young people. They have grown up in the USA and have absorbed many of the lifestyles. These manners can raise tensions with the

older generation. The young people want to embrace their heritage, but they also want to adapt and prosper.

Session Three – Saturday, May 21, 2011 – 9:45 am

“LCEF Resources for Ethnic Ministries” (Ministry-red)

LCEF can provide congregations with an analytic picture of the population surrounding their church. Their demographic studies help to understand what the lifestyles and needs of the neighbors are. With that information, a congregation can plan a relevant ministry.

“How Worship and Evangelism are Done in Different Cultures” (panel/Worship/Theology-black)

We need to learn from each other. We need to learn how different people respond to different ministries. What common American practices do immigrants find confusing and uncomfortable?

“What Parts of Home Culture Does One Leave and What Keep?” (Culture Issues-blue)

The above question is one all immigrants struggle with. What guidelines are there for thinking through this complicated topic? What can congregations do to help immigrants in this matter? What understanding and patience should we show?

Session Four – Saturday, May 21, 2011 – 11:15 am

“Role of LAP in Training Ethnic Ministries” (Ministry-red)

We have a well-developed and successful program of training congregation leaders in our Leadership Advancement Program. This program provides Lutheran training for leaders and future workers at a very economical cost. What are its special advantages for training ethnic leaders?

“Future of Lutheran Worship in a Multi-Ethnic Society” (Worship/Theology-black)

Lutheran liturgical worship has a long, rich tradition. However, it is rooted in Western history and personality. What are the proper norms and characteristics of authentically Lutheran worship when expressed through other cultures?

“School Ministry to Ethnic Populations” (Culture Issues-blue)

We have children of many different ethnicities in our district pre-schools and schools. What are the special opportunities and difficulties that this aspect of our ministry brings? How can we integrate these people into our congregations’ ministry?

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), 2nd 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.

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 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 (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.

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 27th & 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](#).