

# Eastern Synod of the ELCIC Newsletter



**October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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**EVENTS:**  
**Visit the Eastern Synod website for more information on all these events**

**Subway Scavenger Hunt in Toronto**

Date:  
October 19, 2013

**Emotional Intelligence (EQ) and Human Relations (HR) Workshop**

Date:  
October 21, 2013 -  
October 26, 2013

**New Visions Training with Peter Steinke**

Date:  
October 25, 2013 -  
October 26, 2013

**MESSY FIESTA - Wallaceburg**

Date:  
November 02, 2013

**REchurch "Rethinking Discipleship"**

Date:  
November 23, 2013

## **Emergency Sweater Drive for Syrian refugees**

**Donations of new and gently used sweaters urgently requested**

Do you have some extra sweaters taking up space in your closet? See that they get put to good use by donating them to a man, woman or child in need of warmth this winter.

As the devastation of the Syrian civil war continues to unfold, refugees living at the Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan are bracing themselves for another harsh winter. A housing shortage, lack of appropriate clothing and a demanding climate can make life extremely difficult for families that have fled the violence. At the request of our partner agencies, CLWR will be dispatching a second shipment to support Syrian refugees living in Jordan, and we need your help.

Our goal is to gather 10,000+ new or gently used sweaters this fall and dispatch them in time for winter. Sweaters of all sizes are needed, for men, women and children.

### **How to send us the sweaters**

All sweater donations need to be on their way to our Winnipeg warehouse no later than October 31.

Please drop your sweaters off at your local Lutheran church no later than October 27. Home Hardware stores across Canada, as well as some regional transport partners, generously provide free shipping to CLWR's Winnipeg warehouse. All sweaters should be boxed and delivered, with a CLWR shipping label attached, to your local Home Hardware store or regional carrier no later than October 31. Shipping labels can be downloaded online.

If you will be making other arrangements for delivery, please note that the CLWR warehouse address is 549 King Edward Street, Winnipeg, MB, R3H 0N9.

**Please contact Patrick with any questions at [patrick@clwr.mb.ca](mailto:patrick@clwr.mb.ca) or 1.800.661.2597 (locally at 204.694.5602).**

### Rev Douglas Reble

We are happy to announce that we welcomed Rev Douglas Reble to the Synod Office on September 16th as the new Assistant to the Bishop.

### New Visions Training with Peter Steinke

New Visions is a training program for raising awareness and action regarding mission by establishing a 'mission school' within the congregation. Using a curriculum built around Peter Steinke's 'A Door Set Open' and the DVD 'Make A Difference' attendees will be trained to establish and teach the school in their own settings (a training manual, DVD set, and hard copy of 'A Door Set Open' will be provided at the training to each participant or team).

Those who attend will learn to:

- See the many external changes taking place in today's world affecting congregations
- Give direction to mission awareness and vitality in the congregation
- Recognize that change requires leadership
- Use biblical concepts and themes as the foundation for mission awareness and action
- Make mission central to the life of the church
- Know that change is resisted less if connected to Mission

**When:** Friday October 25, 1–8 pm and Saturday October 26, 9 am–2:30 pm

**Where:** Runnymede Presbyterian Church, 680 Annette St. Toronto.

**Registration:** Register online at <https://newvisions.eventbrite.com>.

Please note the deadline for special rates (see below) is **Friday October 11** and the final registration deadline is **Tuesday October 22**. Registration payments must be received by October 22 (please contact us if special circumstances apply).

**Cost:** \$220 for the first twenty individual registrants (thereafter, \$275 per person), \$410 for the first ten teams of two (thereafter, \$515 per team).

**For more information contact:** Ali Hayes at Toronto United Church Council, (905) 771-5124 or [ali@tucc.ca](mailto:ali@tucc.ca)

### Jennifer Laura Wirt is getting ordained!

The Synod Ordination Service will be held at St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kitchener on Sunday, October 20th 2013 at 7:00pm. There will be a reception following the service.

Church Address: 544 Bridgeport Rd E, Kitchener Ontario

*Clergy are asked to vest*

*(Liturgical colour is red)*

Vesting Clergy are asked to RSVP by October 17, 2013 to

Cathy Caron, [ccaron@elcic.ca](mailto:ccaron@elcic.ca), (519)743-1461

### Ministry Changes

**Rev. Jennifer Wirt** began at St Paul's, Kitchener on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2013

**Rev. Heidi Wachowiak** finishes at St Peter's, Cambridge on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and transfers to Albera Synod (St. Paul's, Ellerslie)

### Prayers and Best Wishes

Our prayers are with Cathy Calvin, Director of Women's Ministries, and the whole family as her daughter, Chrystal Spino, passed away early Tuesday morning.

William Pugh, husband of our sister and colleague, Rev Elizabeth "Bette" Pugh (nee Harper), entered into eternal life on September 29, 2013, at St Mary's Hospital, in Kitchener, Ontario, at the age of 86. Our prayers are with Rev Elizabeth at this time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rev Dr Allen Jorgenson and his family as they gather to celebrate the life of his mother who passed away peacefully on October 2nd at 8am.

Shirley Minke (née Meyer), wife of our brother and colleague, Rev Wilmer Minke, entered into eternal life on October 3, 2013, at Sunnyside Home in Kitchener.

### Pastoral Opportunities

The following Congregations are seeking a pastor. For more information, please contact [Rev Riitta Hepomaki](mailto:Rev.Riitta.Hepomaki), Assistant to the Bishop (1-877-373-5242)

#### Northern Conference

Trinity, Sudbury

#### Toronto Conference

St. Paul's, Richmond Hill  
Christ the King, Whitby  
Emmanuel, Toronto

#### Kitchener/Waterloo Conference

Mount Zion, Waterloo  
St. Stephen's, Kitchener

#### Georgian Bay Conference

South Grey Bruce Parish

#### Atlantic Conference

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lunenburg, NS

#### London Conference

Zion, Stratford

# Emotional Intelligence (EQ) and Human Relations (HR) Workshop

October 21, 2013 - October 26, 2013

Location: Five Oaks Retreat Center, Paris, ON Canada

## EQ-HR 5 day Workshop Registration

- EQ HR Workshop Tuition is \$595; The EQ 360 assessment is \$185
- Food/Lodging: single room is \$546; double is \$420; Commuter rate is \$250
- Because this workshop begins at 11:00 on Monday for those wishing to arrive on Sunday evening, Pre-workshop lodging is available, single occupancy room & breakfast at \$136.50 and double occupancy room and breakfast at \$105.

Information on workshops for 2014 is available on our website at

<http://www.eqhrcenter.org/category/2014-eq-human-relations-workshops/>

## EQ-HR 5 day Schedule and Registration

- Most workshops begin at 2 PM on Monday and ends after lunch on Friday.
- The 4-day workshop in Delray Beach begins on Tuesday.

There are two ways to register for these workshops:

- Register online at [www.eqhrcenter.org](http://www.eqhrcenter.org) or
- Send a check to the Center for EQ HR Skills, 19806 Mill Point Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713, Attn: Barbara Holder. For general information, please contact Barbara Holder at [eq-hrctr@myactv.net](mailto:eq-hrctr@myactv.net), or call 301-432-8933.

## What happens at an EQ-HR Workshop?

This core EQ HR Center workshop is an intensive 5-day session designed to enable participants to learn about, build and practice emotional intelligence skills in a small group setting. Skilled facilitators provide tools and feedback to enable participants to learn about themselves and to immediately practice emerging skills. As group life unfolds, participants give and receive feedback regarding the impact they have on others in the group. Participants will learn both inter-personal and intra-group communication skills. The content of the workshop revolves around the five areas of emotional intelligence as keys to improving leadership effectiveness for faith-based leaders.

## What is the EQ 360 Assessment?

As part of this core event, workshop participants complete a comprehensive self-assessment of their emotional intelligence. They also identify up to 20 people who know them well and are willing to complete the same assessment in order to provide valuable feedback. What results is a detailed report of one's Emotional Intelligence strengths and development needs. This will be for the participant's eyes only and will provide possible personal items to be explored in one's small group.

## What are the expected outcomes of the EQ-HR 5-day Workshop?

- Improved awareness of the concepts of emotional intelligence and the impact of emotional intelligence on the participant and all with whom he or she interacts
- Enhanced ability to identify, articulate, and reflect on various aspects of working and living in a faith community
- Strengthened understanding of how one is impacted by others in a group and one's own impact on a group
- Increased skills in pastoral leadership for lay and clergy
- Heightened awareness of the importance of constructive behavioral information about self and others as leaders
- Enhanced awareness of the presence of God's Spirit in group life and ability to identify and reflect on that presence

## About the Center for Emotional Intelligence and Human Relations Skills -

Our mission is to equip leaders within faith-based organizations with skills that enhance their leadership abilities by developing emotional intelligence competence, building human relations skills and providing coaching support. Our trainers and coaches come from diverse faith traditions and professional backgrounds. Many have worked or continue to work as clergy or lay leaders. Others are teachers, coaches, organizational consultants and facilitators. They share a common passion for strengthening the individual leaders and organizations that support us all in the spiritual aspects of our lives.

We recommend this to our lay and ordained leaders!