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Dear Colleague in Ministry:

On this cold, winter morning, it seem as though the warm days of May they are a long way off. Nonetheless, plans are already underway for this year's **Dubrick Summer Institute for Ministry**, which will be held from Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in Waterloo.

For a number of years, the **Dubrick Summer Institute** has been a three-day, intensive course that provided the opportunity for newly ordained pastors to concentrate upon the further development of leadership skills to better equip them for ministry in these challenging times. This year, **Dubrick** is taking a slightly different turn.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, we are inviting interested pastors and lay people, from the Eastern Synod, to join with our First Call pastors in a two-day event entitled, ***Risk and Resurrection: Leadership in Liminal Times***. Over these two days, participants will be led in a series of guided conversations that will allow us to wrestle with such topics as:

- ***Re-envisioning Church and Leadership***
- ***Finding Our Way back to Resilience***
- ***Re-discovering Our Essence: Being Public Theologians***, and
- ***Where Do We Go from Here?***

None of the leaders of this event, who are pastors and lay people within our synod, would claim to have “answers” to the challenges that face us as church in a changing context. However, all of them are convinced that there is sufficient wisdom to be found in the knowledge and experience of our community, that we can find answers together, that we could never discover on our own. Consequently, ***Risk and Resurrection*** is an invitation to join in the conversation, as we grapple together with what it means to be church in our various contexts.

The **Dubrick Summer Institute** is a registered, continuing education opportunity. This assures that participants are eligible to apply for ELCIC Continuing Education funding, meets the continuing education criteria of the CRA, and enables us to offer the program at a very reasonable cost.

*The details for this year's Summer Institute are as follows:*

- Location:** Martin Luther University College  
(formerly Waterloo Lutheran Seminary)  
75 University Avenue West  
Waterloo, Ont.
- Who:** *“Risk and Resurrection: Leadership in Liminal Times”* is meant for pastors, lay leaders, and interested congregational members who are struggling to understand and embody what it means to be the church in a changing context.
- Dates:** *“Risk and Resurrection”* will begin at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and conclude at 3 PM on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Cost:** \$50.00
- To register:** Just go to <[bit.ly/Dubrick2019](http://bit.ly/Dubrick2019)> to register for both **First Call** and **Risk and Resurrection**.
- Registration Deadline:** May 1, 2019
- Housing:** Those needing accommodation are encouraged to check with Hotel Laurier at <https://www.wlu.ca/information-for/community-members/hotel-laurier/index.html> for options. There are also other motels and B&B's in the area.

Attached to this letter is a draft of the agenda for the two days, as well as a publicity poster.

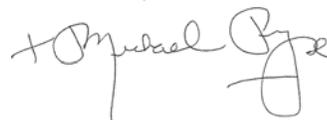
I do hope that you can join us in May.

Blessings to you and your congregation journey through this Lenten season.

Sincerely,



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Principal-Dean  
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Bishop  
Eastern Synod