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Missional Leadership Cohort Scholarships

The Eastern Synod is making 10 full scholarships available to lay persons who will be accompanying a rostered leader from their congregation in the upcoming 2019-2020 Missional Leadership Cohort.

Scholarships will be offered on a first come, first served basis, for up to two lay participants per congregation whose pastor or deacon is also registered for the programme.

The 2018-2019 cohort included several Eastern Synod participants and we are hoping to encourage five or more new congregational teams to come to life in 2019-2020.

Please see poster on page 2.

To register or to learn more about Fresh Expressions and the Missional Leadership Cohort go to <http://www.freshexpressions.ca/mlc/>

Scholarship applications are available through your congregation or at <https://www.easternsynod.org/resource/missional-leadership-cohort-scholarship-application>

Joy in the Journey– Women’s Retreat 2019

A great time was had by all at the bi-annual Women’s Retreat held in Niagara Falls in May.

Watch for more stories and pictures in an upcoming edition of Canada Lutheran.



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IMMERSIONS

OVERVIEW

An affordable non-residential training that enables leaders to study while remaining in the context of their current ministry. The six-month training program involves three, weekend immersions exploring: The Call Of Missional Leaders, Introduction To The New Contextual Church, The Mission Of God, Understanding Context & Discerning Need, Developing & Multiplying Disciples, and Engaging The Un-Churched & De-Churched.

- 1. Explore**
November 15-17
- 2. Integrate**
February 7-9
- 3. Engage**
April 24-26

Location

Immersion 1: Urban Toronto
Immersion 2 + 3:
Ecology Retreat Centre
308046 Hockley Rd,
Mono, Ontario

Food & Stay

Overnight stay and meals for all 3 immersions are included.

Cost

\$990 includes tuition materials, food and accommodations for all 3 immersions.

DISCOVER YOUR MISSION FIELD

Do you have the heart for Jesus-centred, Kingdom-inspired communities-in-mission? Do you want to imagine and explore new forms of Christian community, to help an existing congregation experiment with fresh expressions of church, or to plant a new missional/worshiping community?

If so, this program is designed for you!

Learn More
www.freshexpressions.ca/mlc

THE MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP COHORT



Report of the Treasurer

(To May 31st, 2019)

Although benevolence offerings rebounded somewhat in May, we are still running almost 8% below remittances for the comparable period in 2018. Offerings designated for Canadian Lutheran World Relief also improved significantly in May and are now almost 6% ahead of those received as of the end of May in 2018. For details refer to [Report of the Treasurer](#) or go to <http://www.easternsynod.org/> and click the orange Treasurers/Financial Info button.

The 2018 audit is now complete. The audited financial reports can be viewed by clicking on the following link: [2018 Eastern Synod Audited Financial Statements](#).



Want to know more about what Lutherans are doing across the country?

Contact Barb
bwiebe@elcic.ca

We want to hear your news. We want to share what's going on in your congregation. Please send us your ministry stories directly or through links to other publications or invite me to visit to see for myself and to learn what is happening in your congregation.



[Pastor Riitta](#)

Transitions

Rev Dawn Leger finished at First, Toronto

The congregation of Trinity, Commanda disbanded

Interims

Rev Jim Koellner began at St. James, New Dundee

Mutual Ministry Guide

A new Mutual Ministry Guide has been prepared by the ELCIC. The purpose of this guide is:

- To help congregations and leaders to nurture good and healthy mutual relationships.
- To provide guidelines to facilitate intentional and regular evaluations of congregational ministries, the staff and rostered ministers.
- To seek together opportunities for growth and renewal.

For more information, please click [here](#).



Our beloved brother and colleague, The Rev. Eric Weber, passed away on May 20, 2019. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends as they mourn his loss.

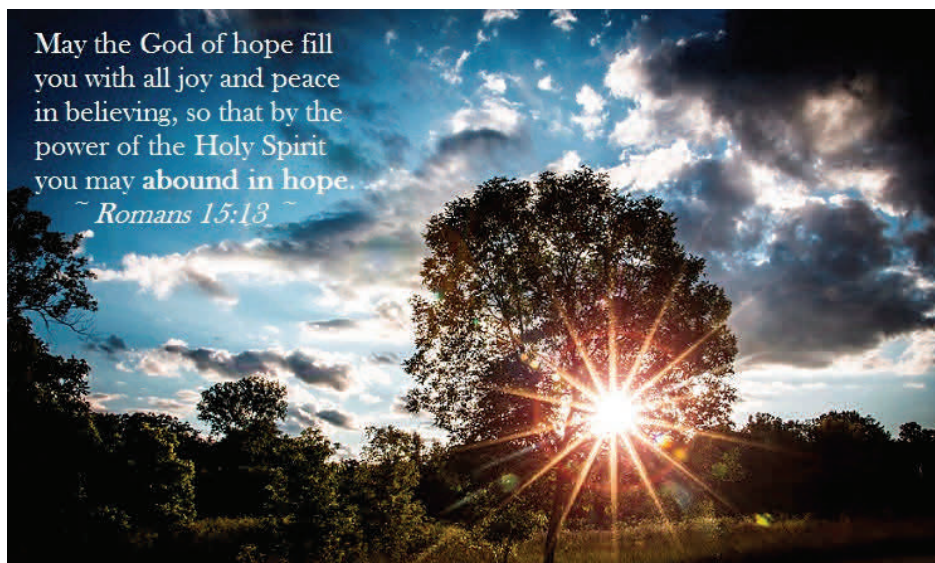
Upcoming Events

Katie Ditschun in Concert
June 22, 2019

International Youth Day
August 12, 2019

Respect Justice Camp
August 13– 19, 2019

For more information and to see further events click [here](#).



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may **abound in hope.**
~ Romans 15:13 ~



LUTHER

June 2019



Class of 2019

Blessings and best wishes to all of our students who graduated on June 14! View convocation photos on [Facebook](#) and [Flickr](#).



Dubrick Summer Institute

First-call pastors were among more than 30 participants in this year's Dubrick leadership development program. View albums on [Facebook](#) and [Flickr](#).

Vol. 2 Issue 6 Luther is a collection of news from Martin Luther University College in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Website: luther.wlu.ca Events: Dorinda Kruger dkrugerallen@luther.wlu.ca Stories: Mirko Petricevic, mpetricevic@luther.wlu.ca

Stay Connected!

Luther launched Stay Connected: The school's program for staying connected with alumni, donors, and friends throughout the community. "The school has formed so many warm relationships with people throughout the years," says Mark Harris, Luther's principal-dean. "Stay Connected is our way of making it easier to stay in touch with our alumni and donors; our friends and colleagues at Wilfrid Laurier University; and friends throughout the church community and broader region."

The initiative includes:

- a [new web page](#); the new quarterly [Luther Alumni News](#) (pictured at right);
- [Luther Donor Update](#), an occasional bulletin scheduled for early summer;
- and the email address stayconnected@luther.wlu.ca

To subscribe to our any of our newsletters, send us a note indicating whether you would like to receive our monthly [Luther](#), the alumni newsletter, or be added to our upcoming events email list. Contact us at stayconnected@luther.wlu.ca



Welcome!
Hasn't been too long since you graduated from our school... whether it was recently or many years ago. We know you are busy, so we present to you a new initiative to help you stay connected with Luther throughout the year... including public lectures and workshops, seminars, and the Free Lunch & Learn series organized by our Career Centre. "Staying connected is mutually beneficial for both the school and our alumni to grow and thrive." We're also happy to support the Exchange Fund with its professional development programs for its graduates and by the Outdoor Adventure Institute. View photos on Facebook and Flickr for full contact information (US, Canada, and more) [here](#) (US, Canada, and more) [here](#).

So, where are they now?
Rick Pyper (2017), 1980 MEd, 2009 is pastor of four congregations in the Waterloo, N.S. area. **Annabel MacDonald** (2017 2007) has been named as chaplain at St. Mary's High School in Rochester, since 2017. **David Hain** (2017 2008, MA 2014) is a spiritual care coordinator at the Hospital for Sick Children, WWU, and the Centre for Health Equity Promotion at Wilfrid Laurier University. **Barbara Collins** (2017) is an author and speaker at the S.J. Ayer Center for Intellectual Property Studies. **Spencer Marshall** (BA 2017) is the first graduate of our Christian Studies and Global Citizenship program. She has been working with the Ontario Christian Leadership Institute. View photos on Facebook and Flickr for full contact information (US, Canada, and more) [here](#) (US, Canada, and more) [here](#).

Professional Development
Alumni are welcome to attend many of the events hosted by Luther throughout the year... including public lectures and workshops, seminars, and the Free Lunch & Learn series organized by our Career Centre. "Staying connected is mutually beneficial for both the school and our alumni to grow and thrive." We're also happy to support the Exchange Fund with its professional development programs for its graduates and by the Outdoor Adventure Institute. View photos on Facebook and Flickr for full contact information (US, Canada, and more) [here](#) (US, Canada, and more) [here](#).

Centres and Outreach
We had many very successful projects at Luther. Here's how they're grouped:
Centre for Public Ethics, directed by **John Miller**, focuses on ethics and governance, incorporates awards-winning faith and public life, research, dialogue, and more.
Centre for Global and Social Justice, directed by **David L. L. L. L.**, is a platform for the intersection of faith and public life, research, dialogue, and more.
Centre for Christian Leadership, founded by **David L. L. L.** in 2018, is a platform for the intersection of faith and public life, research, dialogue, and more.
Centre for the Study of the Christian Church, is the premier research and teaching centre for the study of the church and the broader community. [View photos on Facebook and Flickr for full contact information \(US, Canada, and more\) \[here\]\(#\) \(US, Canada, and more\) \[here\]\(#\).](#)

LITURGY CANADA

a Rediscovering Liturgy conference

Real Presence: GOD SENDS US IN MISSION

FIFTH OF FIVE CONFERENCES

ON RENEWING EUCHARISTIC WORSHIP, FROM *GATHERING* TO *SENDING*

Saturday, September 28, 2019, 9:00 to 4:00

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

210 Silvercreek Parkway North, Guelph, Ontario



A Rediscovering Liturgy conference designed for parish worship teams — for all who serve in the liturgy.

To register and pay, visit <http://realpresence5.eventbrite.ca> and submit name(s) and the name of the parish. Cost: \$35 per person, or \$125 for a parish team (up to 5; \$25 for each person beyond the first 5); \$25 for students. Lunch is included.

For the list of workshops and directions to All Saints Church, visit us at www.liturgy.ca. Sign-in, coffee, & workshop registration at 9 am.