



MISSIONS IN MOVEMENT, MINISTRY IN NEW PLACES

Grace Chinese Church

Mike Wang, a synodically authorized minister, introduced Grace Chinese Church to the Assembly this morning. The congregation is currently worshipping at St. Matthew's in Renton. Pastor Wang gave thanks to Pastor Kirby Unti and his congregation for their welcoming spirit and vision of what the church can be! With Bible study, worship, and outreach already happening, Grace Chinese is an example of true outreach in an ever-changing Synod.



St. James Place In White Center

When the congregation of St. James Lutheran Church closed its doors, it wasn't long before the community in partnership with the NW WA Synod, reopened them. Now known as St. James Place, the building has been transformed



into a multi-cultural center for the community. St. James Place hosts a variety of ministries including youth events, media and arts, ESL classes, AA meetings, and cultural resources. Pastor Steve Grumm noted

that this is a ministry for gathering, celebrating and raising up the leaders of tomorrow.



Luther's Table

Pastor Gretchen Mertes, along with her many colleagues from South King Cluster have taken Lutheran Redevelopment to the streets. "Luther's Table" will be a "third place" for people from all walks of life to gather for conversation, honesty, faith development, job training and much more. This new grace-based outreach ministry of St. Matthews and Friends is calling us to open the door of the church and follow Jesus outside. Coffee and bakery by day, bar and grill by night – check out Luther's Table in Renton and watch the church grow!



El Camino de Emaus

The Hispanic community in the Burlington area is thriving. Pastor Eduardo Cabrera reported that the staff of El Camino de Emaus is providing preaching, teaching and worship opportunities to this growing NW Washington population. "We are living in a Kairos Moment —living in solidarity in this moment", Pastor Cabrera noted. "What do we bring to the church? We bring Pentecost!" Thanks were given to the Synod for their faithfulness in helping them carry out mission in the Skagit Cluster.

CONFLICTS & COMMUNITY: A PRACTICAL WORKSHOP FOR CHURCH STAFFS

The second **Making Team Work** event will carry on the conversation and work started at last year's conference. Church staffs, both paid and volunteer, will have the opportunity to discuss practical steps for addressing workplace conflict within congregational communities. The keynote speakers, Rev. John Beck and Rev. Valinda Morse, will provide opportunities for co-workers to build stronger tools for interpersonal communication and working well together with the ultimate goal that church mission and ministries will flourish and grow. The conference includes informational and book displays, refreshments and door prizes! Registration materials will be mailed to congregations in early June. **Conflicts & Community** is sponsored by the *Northwest Washington Synod Leadership Support Committee*. Information can be found on the Synod web site and questions can be directed to Anita Proudfoot, Leadership Support Committee Chair (206-682-3620 or aproudfoot@urbanfaith.org).

A Making Team Work Event
Thursday, August 30, 2007
8:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
Lynnwood Conference Center

Keynote Speakers:
The Rev. Dr. John Beck, Shalom Ministries
The Rev. Valinda Morse, Healthy Congregations

CAMPUS MINISTRY — WHO IS YOUR CAMPUS PASTOR?



“We are your campus pastors, invite us to your congregation. We are your resource, we preach, we teach, we are your college student’s pastor away from home,” proclaimed Pastors Chris Berry, of Western Washington University and Scott Postlewait of University of Washington. Celebrating 100 years of Lutheran Campus Ministry, these two pastors help congregations carry out the baptismal promises made to our youth. Connections with the campus pastor provides students with a sense of community, pastoral care, Word and Sacrament, and leadership development in addition to continuing their Christian education and faith building. Reminding the Assembly that we are partners with them in ministry, we are to challenged see Lutheran Campus Ministry as a direct extension of our congregations, to yearly provide referral information of

students heading off to college, and to support these ministries in our prayers and offerings. In addition, we are further challenged to help provide Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals for the UW and WWU ministry sites. “Happy Birthday! It’s the 100th Anniversary of Lutheran Campus Ministry. We are YOUR Lutheran Campus Pastors!”

ASSEMBLY OFFERINGS

The offerings received are split equally between Western Washington Lutheran Campus Ministry and University of Washington Lutheran Campus Ministry.

The Assembly participants generously contributed \$3,173 to these ministries at the opening worship.

Final numbers will be posted on the Synod website
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ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION AND AMENDMENTS SCORE CARD

	Description	Pass	Fail	Other
A	In Support of the ELCA Youth Ministry	X		
B	A Memorial to Respond to the Decisions of the Discipline Hearing Committee			
C	A Memorial to Endorse Restraint			
D	A Memorial to Refrain from Discipline			
E	Pacific Lutheran University Corporate Delegates	X		
Amendment 55	Persons Nominated for the offices of Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer	X		
Amendment 56	Youth Voting Member as amended	X		
G	Honoring the 100 years of Lutheran Campus Ministry	X		

Go to the Synod website for results of Saturday afternoon's voting on other resolutions: www.lutheransnw.org

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ELECTION RESULTS

328 ballots cast 165 required to be elected

Consultation Committee:

<u>Clergy 3 to be elected</u>			<u>Lay Female 1 to be elected</u>		
Debra Benson	317	elected	Astrid Martin	309	elected
Susan Birchfield	314	elected			
Jane Prestby	312	elected			

Lay Male 1 to be elected

Dan Daniels	173	elected
Marcus Lang	117	

Discipline Committee:

<u>Clergy 3 to be elected</u>			<u>Lay Male 3 to be elected</u>		
Julie Blum	244	elected	Don Benson	230	elected
Susan Kirlin-Hackett	220	elected	John Bittenger	245	elected
Jim Kruse	266	elected	John Natterstad	197	
Gretchen Mertes	191		Daniel Squires	205	elected

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



Yvonne
Deacon,
President of the
Northwest
Washington
Synod
Women's
Organization,
invited Synod
women to three

important events: the Annual Bible Study Event at Mt. View Lutheran in Edgewood (Puyallup) August 18, 2007 which will feature Dr. Martha E. Stortz from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary; the 2007 Synod Women's Organization Convention, "Act Boldly-With Joy" will feature keynote speaker Stacy Kitahata, Region 1 Multicultural Coordinator. The convention will take place October 5 and 6 at Bethlehem Lutheran in Marysville; and the third event is the Triennial Convention and Gathering, July 2008 at the Salt Lake Palace in Salt Lake City.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION



Lutheran Men in Mission is the men's ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Ron Sailer, Northwest Washington Synod Council Member & Chair of Volunteer Men's Task Force, addressed the assembly. He emphasized the need for local churches to offer opportunities to meet for fellowship and to share ideas. Ron is willing to help. Please contact him at sailer@lutheransnw.org or 360-658-0461 (206-529-4569). The Third Men's Gathering scheduled for Saturday, October 13th at Lutherwood.