

# Educational Services

## Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Representatives Needed

Calling all sophomores in high school...it is now time to prayerfully consider your service to the Kansas District as one of six Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) representatives. LYF is a resource of the Youth Ministry Office of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and promotes leadership skill development in teenagers. LYF is committed to empowering youth and adults to use their gifts and energies in service to God and His people as they celebrate their faith in Jesus Christ. All LYF representatives are asked to attend two District Youth Committee meetings and two of the six will receive a paid trip to the annual Council of LYF Representatives (CLYFR) in March, 2010, in St. Louis. Deadline to receive applications at the District Office is September 1. The new LYF representatives will be introduced at the District Youth Gathering in Wichita the weekend of November 20-22. Applicants must be a sophomore (2009-10) with leadership qualities. He/she must include the following information: name; date of application; home address/city/zip; home phone; age; 2009-10 grade in school; home congregation; details about yourself (hobbies, favorite classes, family, likes/dislikes, favorite activities, current and past participation in your youth group, etc.).

Applicants then must share a response to the following and enclose two letters of recommendation:

1. Please tell us why you would like to be an LYF District Representative for Kansas.
2. Please enclose a letter of recommendation from your Pastor.
3. Please enclose a letter of recommendation from your Youth Counselor.

Send documents to: District Youth Ministry Committee, 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604-1104.

## Singles Workshop

The Singles Summer Workshop is Sat., July 25, at the District Office in Topeka, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The theme is "Singles Serving Others," led by Jim Bradshaw. Together we will be beautifying the Ted Ensley Gardens at Lake Shawnee before returning to the District Office for a Bible Study. Please bring work gloves.

The cost of the workshop is \$10.00 which includes lunch. Registration deadline is July 17. Please contact your church; Jim Bradshaw, Education Services, 785-357-4441 or 1-800-357-4421 ext. 206; or Staci Timm, Singles Steering Committee Chairperson, 785-823-6727 (evenings) or stacitimm@juno.com. Hope to see you there!

## Teen Leadership Retreat

**When:** Aug. 14-16

**Where:** Camp Webster in Salina

**Theme:** Teen Focus Training - how God equips us, gives us gifts and teaches us how to use them in our everyday life.

**Cost:** \$75/person, includes meals & lodging

**Registration:** form is available online at [www.kslcms.org](http://www.kslcms.org)

**Deadline:** Aug. 6

**Bring:** Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, towel, wash cloth, toiletries, closed toe shoes, flashlight, board games, cards

**Questions:** Contact Karen Thurnau at 316-796-0152 or Joyce Tate at 785-357-4441 ext. 206

## Mark Your Calendars

◆ **Faith & the Home, Workshop 3 of 4:** – Saturday, October 24 @ Prince of Peace, Topeka; Theme: Passing on the Faith - a foundation for family ministry with the practical strategies for faith sharing in the home; Presenters: Dr. Marvin Bergman (Seward, NE) & Dr. Steve Christopher (LCMS District & Congregational Services). Cost - \$25 (includes lunch).

◆ **Kansas District Youth Gathering:** November 20-22 at Hyatt Hotel, Wichita – Theme: "Realize" – Speaker: DCE Jeffrey Mainz – Guest Musicians: Daniel's Window – Early Registration: \$89 (hotel registration is separate) – Online Registration: [www.regonline.com/kdyg](http://www.regonline.com/kdyg) – Contact: KDYG Chair DCE Henry Blickhahn (Our Redeemer, Hutchinson) at [dce@orlhutch.org](mailto:dce@orlhutch.org).

## Professional Church Workers Joint Conference

**When:** October 11-13

**Where:** Bethany, Overland Park

**Theme:** Come to Rest – Leave Refreshed (Mark 6:30-34)

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Bryan Salminen

**Lodging:** Drury Inn for \$85, Pear Tree Inn for \$65 (I-435 & Metcalf)

**Registration:** Opens July 1 – [www.kslcms.org/pswc](http://www.kslcms.org/pswc)

**Cost:** Early Bird, July 1 to August 31, \$85

Regular, September 1-30, \$90

Late, October 1-13, \$95

## Optional Post-Conference

**When:** October 13, 12:30–3:30 p.m.

**Title:** "Responding to Sexual Temptation in a High-Tech Society"

**Speaker:** Dr. Ted Kober

**Cost:** \$30, includes lunch

# Report from the 2009 Kansas District Convention

## Summary

Under the theme, "Encourage, Raise Up, and Motivate One Another in Christ," from the Acts of the Apostles, delegates voted to:

- ◆ Commend congregations participating in Synod's *Ablaze!* and *Fan into Flame* initiatives, encourage those congregations not yet involved to participate, encourage all congregations to look in their communities for new opportunities for mission and ministry to reach unchurched people in Kansas.
- ◆ Extend the District's partnership with LCMS World Mission to support missionaries and mission work in Guinea, West Africa through July 1, 2012. That partnership began at the district's 1997 convention.
- ◆ Support family ministry, youth discipleship and LCMS youth ministry.
- ◆ Authorize the District to form a task force to evaluate its work with the Nebraska and Oklahoma Districts and to consider "where we might increase our collaboration and partnership in ministry" so that the districts "make the best use of God-given resources and cooperative work where it best serves each district and the work of our Lord together."
- ◆ Reduce the number of members of the District Board of Directors from 20 to 17 – taking away one ordained minister, one commissioned minister and one lay person
- ◆ Add another term for the office of District President, extending term limits from three (nine years) to four (12 years)
- ◆ Ask the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance to complete its final report to LCMS congregations by Oct. 15 so that congregations will have time to consider the recommendations prior to the 2010 Synod convention.
- ◆ Commend to the 2010 Synodical Convention that commissioned ministers be eligible to be chosen as voting delegates to the convention of the Synod and its districts.

## Election Results

**President:** Rev. Keith E. Kohlmeier

**1st Vice President:** Rev. Edward Trost, Region 1

**2nd Vice President:** Rev. David Meier, Region 3

**3rd Vice President:** Rev. Randall Jahnke, Region 4

**4th Vice President:** Rev. David Gruoner, Region 2

**District Secretary:** Rev. Robert Grimm

### Board of Directors

#### Commissioned Ministers:

Joyce Duitsman

Dennis Hintz

Mark Schotte

#### Laity by Region:

Steve Hanschu, Region 1

Timothy Ohlde, Region 2

Kenneth Jorns, Region 3

Betty Kruse, Region 4

#### Laity at Large:

Ivan Grimm

Barbara Teske

Douglas Wolters

#### Circuit Counselor Representative

Rev. Rodney Fritz

#### Circuit Counselors

Circuit 1: Rev. Timmothy Heath

Circuit 2: Rev. Edward Mease

Circuit 3N: Rev. Lee Hovel

Circuit 3S: Rev. Thomas Krause

Circuit 4: Rev. Mark Eichler

Circuit 5: Rev. Theodore Cook

Circuit 6: Rev. Robert Leiste

Circuit 7: Rev. Rodney Fritz

Circuit 8: Rev. James Mayes

Circuit 9: Rev. Alan Stahlecker

Circuit 10: Rev. Dean Von Stroh

Circuit 11: Rev. Mark Boxman

Circuit 12: Rev. Charles Adams

Circuit 13: Rev. Philip Hoppe

Circuit 14: Rev. Mark Lovett

Circuit 15: Rev. Joel Hiesterman

Circuit 16: Rev. Andrew Wehling

#### 2012 Convention Nominating Committee

##### Clergy:

Rev. Timmothy Heath, Region 1

Rev. Kenneth Kaufmann, Region 3

Rev. Joel Hiesterman, Region 4

##### Commissioned Ministers:

Jane Limback

##### Laity:

Dr. Arthur Vogel, Region 1

David Meisinger, Region 2

John Schlickau, Region 3

Terry Adams, Region 4

*Thanks to all of you!*

The final total of the Convention offering to support Guinea missionaries

Jack & Cathy Carlos was **\$33,180.38.**

*Praise be to God!*