



2021 PASTORS CONFERENCE

WALKING TOGETHER

IN A DIGITAL AGE



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Conference Schedule

Sunday, October 10

- Before conference Circuit Visitor Meeting
Before conference Unstructured Fellowship and Casuistry (hotel areas provided)

Monday, October 11

- 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Boxed Breakfast (for hotel guests only)
8:00 – 8:20 a.m. Opening Devotion (Matins)
8:20 – 8:30 a.m. Announcements
8:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Keynote 1**
10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Transition Period/Restroom Break
10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Presentation by Koinonia Task Force
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Koinonia Session A
12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Set-up for Divine Service
1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Divine Service – Hosted by Bethlehem, Greenleaf
2:45 – 3:15 p.m. Transition Period/Restroom Break
3:15 – 4:30 p.m. Koinonia Session B
4:30 – 4:45 p.m. Transition Period/Restroom Break
4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting & Closing Devotion (Litany)
5:30 p.m. Dinner on your own/Free evening

Tuesday, October 12

- 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Boxed Breakfast (for hotel guests only)
8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Opening Devotion (Prayer & Preaching)
8:30 – 8:40 a.m. Announcements
8:40 – 8:50 a.m. Church Worker Care Committee
8:50 – 9:00 a.m. Koinonia Task Force
9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Transition Period/Restroom Break
9:15 – 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Session C
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Koinonia Session D
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Awards Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Group Reports and Debrief
2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Koinonia Task Force Wrap Up
2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Closing Devotion (Responsive Prayer II)
Snacks available to go

Worship Offering Designation

The 2021 Pastors Conference offering has been designated for the District Church Worker Care Fund. All congregations and/or schools are highly encouraged to designate September's Sunday School/chapel offerings for additional funding of this fund. This District discretionary fund has historically assisted both pastors and educators, spouses, and their families in addressing a variety of unforeseen emergency worker needs. The goal for this special appeal is to invite each District school/congregation to raise a minimum of \$50. Please set aside the month of September for this challenge! NOTE: Designated offerings should be made payable to the LCMS Kansas District with "District Church Worker Care Fund" in the memo line and mailed to the District Office at 1000 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS, 66604. You can also donate your offerings online on the District website at <https://kslcms.org/business-office/donate/kansas-district-offerings/>. Please choose "Church Worker Care" from the fund drop-down menu.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

This conference is for all active and retired church workers and their spouses. **Online registration begins August 17 at <https://lcmskansasdistrict.regfox.com/pastors-conference-2021>**

Conference Fee

\$125 – Pastors

\$90 – Spouses; Vicars

\$0 – Emeritus Pastors, Committee Members

No registration fee for emeritus workers and committee members; attendees responsible for cost of lodging.

This is a required conference for all ordained pastors.

Cancellations or substitutions – Substitute when possible as cancellations after Oct. 8, 2021, may be subject to a \$60.00 per person cancellation fee to cover meal costs. Contact the District Office to make registration changes.

Up-to-the-minute conference registration details regarding schedule, speakers, online registration, and hotel registration can be accessed on the Kansas District website: <https://kslcms.org/pastors-conference/>

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Courtyard by Marriott

310 Hammons Dr.

Junction City, KS 66441

785-210-1500

Lodging Reservations

To make reservations, go to the hotel website [reservation page](#) or call the hotel at 785-210-1500 and ask for the group rate for "Pastors Conference." All reservations should be made by Friday, September 10, 2021. After this date, we will release the remainder of our room block. Additional reservation requests will be honored on a space- and rate-available basis. Please make sure your dates are correct before completing your transaction.

Hotel Information

\$89/night plus tax – King Bed Room

\$89/night plus tax – Double/Double Bed Room

Amenities

Free Wi-Fi, free parking, pool, lounge area, fitness center, business center

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy



Dean Nadasdy retired in 2018 as president of the Minnesota South District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is now president emeritus. His parish experience includes pastorates at Woodbury Lutheran Church, Woodbury, MN (2000-2012); Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina, MN (1981-1997); and Grace Lutheran Church, Eugene, OR (1973-1981).

Dean holds the following academic degrees: B.A. (English) Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne, IN; M.Div. (Theology), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO; M.A. (Political Science), University of Missouri—St. Louis; and D.Litt., Concordia University, Nebraska and Concordia University, St. Paul, MN.

In the 90s Dean served as associate professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, where he held the Gregg H. Benidt Memorial Chair in Homiletics and Literature. He currently teaches as an adjunct instructor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO and Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. He has lectured in homiletics at seminaries in Latvia and Hungary. He is a frequent presenter at pastoral conferences and has served as a periodic guest preacher on *The Lutheran Hour*.

Dean served as a vice-president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (2004-2010).

Dean has written curriculum (CPH and Augsburg) and is a contributor to *Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish*, *Concordia Pulpit Resources*, and *Preach the Word*. He also contributed study notes to the *Lutheran Study Bible* (CPH). Books include *Cross Views: Story Dramas That Teach the Faith* (CPH), *Gospel Dramas* (Augsburg); *Tough Days and Talks with God* (Augsburg); *Questions Teens are Asking Today* (CPH); and *Preaching is Worship* (CPH). He has written sermon series and devotional booklets for Creative Communications (*The Parables of Lent* [2017] and *The Sermon on the Mount in Lent* [2019]). Five of his choral lyrics have been published (Augsburg, MorningStar, and CPH). His book on the aesthetics of preaching, *The Beautiful Sermon*, is due out in the Fall of 2021 from Seminary Press.

Dean currently serves on the Boards of Directors of Feed My Starving Children, a global hunger relief agency, and KINDLE, a leadership training resource supporting second-chair ministers.

Dean is married to Susie, a retired Lutheran middle and high school English and speech teacher. They are blessed with three children, Kristin, Molly, and Philip, and five grandchildren, Luke, Greta, Micah, Emily, and Esther.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE FOCUS: The Koinonia Project

The Koinonia Project, one of our district priorities, aims to build harmony in our “Life Together” as the body of Christ. After a one-year delay in the project due to the pandemic, the Koinonia Task Force is eager for Kansas District pastors to have the opportunity at this conference to gain more practice with the Koinonia process (as introduced at the 2018 Pastors Conference) and strengthen relationships with brother pastors. The Koinonia topic for the conference addresses technology and its impact on the church’s worship and community—a timely subject in light of the increased digital presence of many congregations in response to the pandemic. In place of the usual sectionals, the conference format will feature two plenary sessions and several small group discussions led by trained Koinonia facilitators.

You are invited to join us on Sunday night for fellowship to start our program. We encourage all of you to take the time to refresh yourselves for Monday morning, have an evening to relax, and converse with one another about matters of casuistry that you have encountered over the past year. There is no set agenda for the evening; please feel free to use it as you see fit.