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What Does a District President Do ... in Kansas?

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I don't know that anyone has ever asked this question as bluntly as the theme of this article might suggest, but the thought may be implicit in a host of other questions or observations addressed to me ... Some examples: "Don't see you much out here!" "I don't know that we've ever had a District President visit here before." "I don't know how you do everything you do." "Took you a long time to return my phone call" (or worse, "you never called me back.") "You must spend a lot of time in St. Louis."

Two months ago I offered a brief glimpse of what a DP does outside of Kansas in the larger church. This month as my duties move toward closure – the district handbook calls for a 60 day transition period after the election of a new president – I offer a series of snapshots of this ministry in Kansas. As we welcome a new District President, Presidium, and Board of Directors this may be a good time to review the ministry of these leaders and renew our commitment to them and their service to Christ and His Church.

Relationship - Similar to the basis for pastoral care in a congregation the priority for a DP is building and cultivating healthy relationships with professional ministers and congregational leaders. These relationships are developed in a variety of ways and often over a longer period of time e.g. professional conferences and meetings, during pastoral vacancies, circuit/staff visits, in times of congregational tensions, special congregational events, personal meetings and counseling. Again, as in congregational pastoral ministry, relationships precede and are foundational for leadership.

Stewardship – A primary task of a DP according to both the Synodical handbook and in daily practice is the care, support and protection of congregations and professional ministers. There are, tragically, times when each may need protection from the other; congregation leaders may exhibit a "hire/fire" mentality over against its called ministers; pastors may abuse both the pastoral office and the congregation by "Lording it over the flock". Both behaviors are forbidden by our Heavenly Father in the Scriptures, but in a sometimes all too human institution both are present in the institution church. On the very positive side, however, another primary task is to bring together, as much as is humanly possible, good pastors and good congregations through the calling process. Although the call is always a divine call yet the human element is always necessarily present. Within the range of this humanness decisions are made which - sanctified by prayer – seek to express sound management of the gifts of both people and pastor. The DP's stewardship of the call process is an extremely important, time consuming, and, sometimes, difficult process. Stewardship may also be an overriding goal of congregational visitations. The DP is privileged to attend, often as guest speaker/preacher/leader, anniversaries, dedications, installations, ordinations, mission festivals, retreats, officers workshops, and other special congregational events.

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Calls Accepted

- Donald Adolf, St. Paul, Haven to Trinity, Eden, Idaho
- Calvin Reinke, Lincoln Park, Mich. to Redeemer, Olathe
- John Ryding, Zion/Our Savior, Hillsboro/Marion to Christ, O'Neil, Neb.
- Frank Parris (Prin), Trinity, Atchison to Our Savior, Springfield, Ill.

Calls Declined

- Ken Kaufmann, St. Paul, Cheney to St. John, Hutchinson, Minn.
- Rhonda Beethe (Tchr) from First, Papillion, Neb. to King of Kings, Gardner
- David Kumm (Tchr) from Zion, Brighton/CO to St. Paul, Cheney

Calling Congregations

- *Zion, Argonia
 - *St. John, Easton
 - St. Paul, Haven
 - Grace, Larned
 - Trinity, Leavenworth (Sr Pastor)
 - Zion, Newton
 - St. John, Oberlin
 - *First, Plainville
 - Holy Cross, Scott City
 - Hope, Shawnee (Sr Pastor)
 - Prince of Peace, Topeka (Sr Pastor)
 - Christ, Wathena
 - Trinity, Atchison (Prin/Tchr)
 - St. Paul, Cheney (Tchr)
 - King of Kings, Gardner (Child Care Center Director)
 - Bethany, Overland Park (Tchr)
 - Holy Cross, Wichita (DCE)
- *not actively calling

Congregations Receiving Graduates

- St. Paul, Ellsworth - Philip Hoppe, St. Louis
- Our Redeemer, Herington - Troy Slater, St. Louis
- Immanuel, Hoxie - Adam Reichart, Ft. Wayne
- Our Redeemer/Zion, Kinsley/Offerle - Andrew Becker, Ft. Wayne
- Immanuel, Oakley - Tim Llewellyn, St. Louis
- St. John, Topeka - Christopher Stoltz, Ft. Wayne

Congregations Assigned Vicars

- Redeemer, Arkansas City - James Dehne, Ft. Wayne
- Trinity, Atchison - Randall Rozelle, St. Louis
- Beautiful Savior, Olathe - Jon Dunbar, St. Louis
- Bethany, Overland Park - Mark Rouland, St. Louis
- Calvary, Topeka - Robert Tiner, St. Louis
- St. John, Topeka - John Bestul, Ft. Wayne
- Ascension, Wichita - Nathan Burgell, St. Louis

District Calendar

May

- 1-3 Kansas District Convention, Topeka
- 8 Deaf Task Force Meeting
- 19-20 Timothy Gathering
- 23 Seminary Commencement Day, St. Louis and Fort Wayne
- 23-25 Lay Ministry Training Weekend
- 25 Lay Ministry Training Graduation

June

- 3 Professional Workers Golf Event - Vassar

Prayers

- Nina Meyer, wife of Rev. Arno Meyer, Prince of Peace, Topeka, recovery from a stroke.
- Charlie Glanzer, Director of Finance at the District Office, as he prepares for a bone marrow transplant.
- Cheri Kersten, wife of Rev. Tim Kersten, Faith, Abilene, recovery from surgery.

Area Chaplains

Wichita - Contact Reverend Rocky Mease. Home: 316-788-9627 Cell: 316-993-0746 Email: chaprm@aol.com.

Topeka - For hospital visits in Topeka, contact Reverend George Bruening at 785-273-5769.

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As a case in point the following are some of the “stewardship” statistics from the past three years of congregational, pastoral, and district visitation:

- * Congregational Visits and Meetings 399
- * Pastoral Care for Professional Worker 292
- * Preaching, Workshops, Seminars, Retreats 287
- * District Meetings 280
- * Synod Meetings 299

Leadership – Although a “given” for anyone serving as a District President, leadership is not always understood in some of its quieter and sometimes critical dimensions. Leadership certainly has to do with the administration and management of many aspects of District life - conferences, conventions, presidium, board, committee, and staff meetings. However the leadership of a DP is perhaps quietest and most critical in what is seldom noticed ... A District Staff that grows spiritually and serves with competence, confidence, and a servant heart; district finances that are managed wisely and responsibly; pastors and other church workers who are supported and encouraged in times of personal and professional challenge; and perhaps as important as any leadership responsibility, the creation together with other district leaders of a vision for the district’s ministry which is faithful to the Great Commandment, and a vision of the district’s mission which is faithful to the Great Commission.

Discipleship – The District President is called (and elected) to serve as a Teacher in the Church. This responsibility is carried out informally in a variety of settings and with many small groups, but also in Kansas formally through the vehicles of: the annual Pre-Lent Conference which the DP develops and which also serves as a vehicle for his teaching office; the Timothy Gatherings for new seminary graduates; the Circuit/Staff meetings with congregational lay and professional leaders; the Kansas District Lay Ministry program which the DP supports, guides, and in which he teaches.

Worship – This may be a somewhat unusual heading for the last and perhaps most important answer to the question, “What does a District President Do ... in Kansas?” St. Paul writes, Romans 12:1-2, “*I urge you, in view*

of God’s mercy to offer yourselves as living sacrifices ... your spiritual act of worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to discern God’s will; His good, pleasing, and perfect will”. Our Lutheran Confessions teach that “... *the chief act of worship is the proclamation of the Gospel.*” The fundamental charge given by the church to a District President is Doctrinal Oversight ... Worship. Doctrinal Oversight is primarily an act of the church’s worship that assures both the quality content of sound doctrine, and the churchly context for dynamic proclamation; that is both robustly confessional and vigorously evangelical; that proclaims both truth and grace. Nine years as District President have reinforced in me the conviction that the public doctrine of our pastors and congregations in Kansas is sound. However, my term of office leaves me uneasy with respect to the heart for the lost exhibited by some congregations and a few pastors. The faddish term “confessional” with all of the elitist baggage it has come to represent dare never become among us a substitute for our simple, genuine, common identity, **LUTHERAN**.

Friendship - This is not a description of what a District President does, but a thanksgiving to God and to the Kansas District for what this DP has received. In the vast scheme of eternal salvation and an infinite universe, and in the context of this world’s billions of people and thousands of years of church history, a district president is no big deal. This truth has been impressed upon me often and always to my advantage. However to serve with God’s saints for almost sixteen years in the Kansas District and to know that in partnership with you thousands of persons have been held, healed, helped, and made whole by the Almighty God in His Son Jesus Christ is a “deal” bigger than I can even begin to imagine. And further to know you not merely as partners, but in Christ as *friends* is a blessing and privilege beyond measure. So “What Does a District President Do ... in Kansas?” He along with his wife say, “in Christ who calls us friends, **Thank You!**”

Congratulations

Rev. John Ryding, Zion/Our Savior, Hillsboro/Marion, has received the Kansas Emergency Medical Technician Association’s Outstanding Attendant Award for 2002. Nominations are received from all EMS departments in the state. John has been an EMT since 1990, and Captain for Hillsboro since 1996.

Charlie Glanzer Update

KU Med Center has found a matching donor for Charlie’s bone marrow transplant. If all goes well, Charlie will be admitted into the KU Med Center the end of May or the first part of June for the transplant. Please keep Charlie and the donor in your prayers.

Mission & Stewardship
Reverend Gary D. Rueter, Executive

Is This a Way to Live?

The picture and title caught me as I glanced at the latest edition of *Christian Century* [Apr. 19]. Philip Bess, the author, is a professor of architecture at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI and the principal of Thursday Architects in Chicago.

He is an advocate for new urbanism, a philosophy of building and remodeling that seeks to enhance cities. He relates his views to his Christianity, for the city is a central metaphor and theme in Christianity. The Bible depicts the end of the human pilgrimage as a heavenly city, the New Jerusalem; and the relationship between this world and the next was outlined by St. Augustine's classic *The City of God*.

The Congress for New Urbanism has identified a set of interconnected problems related to the physical characteristics of suburban sprawl. Suburban sprawl fosters disinvestment in historic city centers; excessive separation of people by age, race and income; extreme inequality of educational opportunity; pollution and the loss of agricultural lands and wilderness; record rates of obesity; and sheer ugliness.

By contrast new urbanists see the best urban neighborhood as being like a slice of pizza. A neighborhood is to the larger city what a slice is to the whole pizza: the part contains within itself the essential qualities and elements of the whole. Thus, a neighborhood contains within walkable proximity to one another places to live, work, play, learn and worship. Civic, commercial, residential and recreational buildings and uses are located within pedestrian proximity of one another—typically a five-to-ten-minute (one-quarter-to-one-half-mile) walk.

The traditional city is a complex institution designed to address and transform the unpleasant aspects of human life by means of community, culture and civil society. To live in a civitas is to be civilized. To live in a polis one must learn to be polite, perhaps even to acquire some polish. Urbanites sometimes become urbane.

The church often unthinkingly complies with the cultural presuppositions of suburban sprawl. That's evident in new church buildings located in the midst of large surface parking lots; in the frequent attempts by older neighborhood churches to tear down adjacent buildings to provide parking for a suburban constituency; and in well-meaning but misconceived programs that create housing for the elderly or low-income persons as concentrated en-



claves rather than components of walkable mixed-use neighborhoods.

What can churches do? First, rethink the size of new churches. The new megachurches are so big as to be intrinsically antiurban. Second, rethink how churches use land. A new church complex typically occupies six to 15 acres for the church building, perhaps an associated school and surface

parking—and that's it!

Bess shows how a ten-acre parcel can contain a 700-seat church and a 400-student elementary school (with a gym), a plaza, a square, 41 private development parcels (allowing up to 70 dwelling units and four ground-floor shops; off-street parking for 82 cars; on-street and plaza public parking for 216 cars; and additional Sunday parking available for up to 90 more cars on the perimeter lanes of the property.

Bess argues that good cities [and towns] are “an essential component of the good life for human beings ... and that urbanism ... is a privileged symbol in the Christian imagination. Post-World War II suburban sprawl is the antithesis of good urbanism. To the extent that we Christians simply accept the premises of suburban culture, we compromise both the substance of our faith and the effectiveness of our evangelical efforts.”

This is only a brief summary of the points in the article. I encourage you to locate a copy of the full article and consider what he has to say.

I'm impressed and intrigued by Bess' arguments and hope to explore the implications of new urbanism for church planting and remodeling in the cities, towns, and villages of Kansas.

Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, the Guinea Partnership Task Force is again asking you to give special emphasis to the partnership with LCMS World Mission and the mission field in Guinea, West Africa. Our support of the witness of our missionaries in Africa is needed now more than ever. Many of you have signed on as Together in Mission (TIM) supporters, but all members should have the opportunity to participate in this emphasis. Congregations may pick up the new color brochures at the District Convention.

Business Office
Debbie Crites, Business Manager

Are designated gifts deductible?

Designated contributions are contributions made to a church or organization for a specified purpose. In most cases, a donor either designates a specific project (such as the building fund or mission fund) or a specific individual (such as a missionary, student, minister, or needy person). If the designated purpose is an approved project or program of the church, the designation ordinarily will not affect the deductibility of the contribution.

However, the tax code specifies that only contributions made to a "qualified charitable organizations" are deduct-

ible by donors. Gifts made directly to individuals are not deductible. If the gift is given to the church or organization and the donor stipulates that the contribution is to be spent on a designated individual, no deduction is allowed *unless* the church exercises full administrative control over the designated funds to ensure that they are being spent for the church's exempt purposes.

If you have questions about designated gifts contact Debbie Crites in the Business office at 785-357-4441 ext. 204 or by email to debbie@kslscms.org.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund
Larry Crume, Vice President

StewardAccount

StewardAccount is an LCEF savings ministry offering easier access to the invested funds of both individuals and congregations. The **StewardAccount** is an easy access investment account, paying competitive money market rates. It offers free check writing with monthly statements, as well as a VISA check card option and an Electronic Funds Transfer option. In addition, check card transactions which are made without entering a pin generate additional funds for LCEF world ministries!

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Steward account rates:

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Demand 2.250%

Steward Account 2.750%

Individual Accounts

Less than \$1,000 1.500%

\$1,000 - less than \$5,000 1.750%

\$5,000 - less than \$10,000 2.000%

\$10,000 and over 2.500%

Concordia Seminary offers summer workshops

Concordia seminary, St. Louis, faculty will offer various workshops designed for pastors, church workers and interested lay persons this summer throughout the United States. The cost of each workshop is \$100. Payment is due 24 days prior to the beginning of the course, and courses have a minimum required enrollment. Housing and meal information will be available through the host pastor. The following courses are in our general area:

- "Proverbs and Beyond: Biblical Wisdom for Faith and Ministry," July 7-9, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, Ind., by Dr. Henry Rowold;
- "Playing God: Redesigning Life from the Cradle to

the Grave," July 21-23, Holy Crss Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kan., By Robert Weise;

- "The Old Testament: Why Bother?" July 7-9, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colo., by Dr. Paul Raabe;
- "Christianity and Culture (Theology, Culture, History)," aug. 4-6, Faith Community Lutheran Church, LasVegas, Nev., by Dr. Robert Rosin.

To register or receive further information, contact Dr. Bruce Hartung, Office of Continuing Education and Parish Services, Concordia Seminary, 801 DeMun Ave., St. Louis, MO 63105; (314)505-7123; ce@csl.edu.

Remember Our Military Men and Women

Many of our men and women, of all military components, now suddenly find themselves in unfamiliar locations in the U.S. and in many foreign countries. They are often thousands of miles from the support of their families, churches and communities. The following are ways we can remember the spiritual and emotional needs of those men and women who have been called to active duty by our nation.

Congregations:

- ★ Pray during worship services for those serving in the military. Remember the chaplains who serve.
- ★ List their names and branch of service in the weekly church bulletin and monthly newsletter.
- ★ Send church bulletins and newsletters to those serving.
- ★ Send a "Care Package" – telephone calling cards, small New Testaments, spiritual pamphlets, wrapped candies that don't easily melt. Contact family members for useful items.
- ★ Display pictures of these men and women on a church bulletin board.
- ★ Babysit for congregational military family members with

small children.

- ★ Sunday School classes may send letters and pictures.

LCMS:

★ Ministry by Mail is a special ministry of the LCMS provided for those serving in the military. This specialized ministry provides spiritual support, devotional materials, Portals of Prayer, The Lutheran Witness, Lutheran dog tags, rosters of LCMS chaplains and a list of LCMS worship services held worldwide by the LCMS chaplains and clergy. Ministry by Mail must have the names and addresses of service men and women in order to enter them in the Ministry by Mail program. Pastors, family members or the individual serving in the military may provide names and addresses by email, telephone or letter. Email is the quickest means to enter the Ministry by Mail program.

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Flowering Your Faith

Faith Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas, is hosting the first ever Synod sponsored Visual Arts Christian Outreach event July 19-27.

The main project will be painting three large murals, designed by three art students from Concordia Seward, to be displayed in very public places. Each mural will depict one of the parts of the Trinity.

For more specific details about the event, contact:

Website: www.faithlutherantopeka.com click on

FLOWERING YOUR FAITH link

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Timothy Gathering
May 19-20
"Pastor as Chief Steward"
District Office

Planned Giving *Garry Niehoff, Counselor*

Wills – With and Without

Did you know that 7 out of 10 people do not have a will? I heard a person speaking the other day and he claimed that of the ones that did have a will he discovered that 7 out of 10 do not like their plan.

I find people every day who have a will, and sometimes are not even sure what it says. The document to them includes a lot of legal "mumbo-jumbo" and they are not sure exactly what the plan does.

If you cannot understand what your plan does, sit

down and visit with your attorney or find a new attorney who can explain the plan to you. It is essential that the plan meet your objectives. You have to understand what it is that you want accomplished, and at least know the basic ways those objectives are going to be met by your documents.

For more information on planning your will, please call the Planned Giving Office at 1-800-357-4421.

Educational Services *Al Gunderman, Executive*

Master DCE Award

Jim Bradshaw from Faith Lutheran Church, Topeka received the Master DCE Award at the National DCE Conference, "In Plain Sight," which took place March 30-April 2 at the Westin-Crown Center (KC/MO).

Since 1988, members of LEA DCEnet have honored nine Directors of Christian education for their exemplary service and lifestyles with the "Master DCE" award. A master DCE is a certified DCE who exemplifies excellence in parish DCE ministry; is highly respected by his/her teammates, parishioners, and DCE peers; and has had a profound effect upon the parishes served, the DCE ministry, and the Church at large. A Master DCE provides a model of effective ministry by a DCE, a balanced personal life, and a maturing faith.

Congratulations, Jim!

Early Childhood Conference

Wednesday, June 18, Concordia University/Seward, NE will be hosting an Early Childhood Conference, "Developmentally Appropriate Practice in 2003." Keynote speaker is Diane Trister Dodge (nationally known Early Childhood Education speaker), and luncheon speaker is Lori Aadsen (Asst. Director of Congregational Services, Child Ministry).

This is a great opportunity for those interested in ALL areas of early childhood education – pastors, DCE's, child ministry directors, EC directors, teachers and aides involved with education of students from birth to age 8, child care providers and school board members.

Cost is \$35/person for conference and \$8 for luncheon. Sectionals include the following: English Language Learners in your Classroom, Digital Cameras in the ECE Classroom, Music for Young Children, The Message Behind the Behavior, Projects in Preschool, Art and Chapel Talks, Movement Activities for Young Children, Parenting with Love and Logic, Toddlin' to Jesus and Appropriate Math for Young Children.

For more information, contact Dr. Roberta Nelson at 1-800-535-5494 x 7474 or rnelson@cune.edu.

Pastors and Educators

Joint Professional Church Workers Conference

DATE: October 20-21

PLACE: Holy Cross, Wichita

THEME: "Response"able Living - *Freed by the Gospel for Spiritual, Physical, Emotional and Relational Wellness (John 8:36)*

Listed in the Lutheran Annual?

Check to see if your school (elementary, preschool or early childhood center) is listed in the current Lutheran Annual. Many times, grant money (such as Thrivent) is awarded only if a school is listed in the Lutheran Annual thereby showing that it is a valid Federally income tax exempt organization within the LCMS. The other reason is the Synod needs you to fill out the Statistical Form each fall which is helpful for trends and future planning of Synodical programs.

IF YOUR SCHOOL IS NOT LISTED in the Annual, contact Educational Services (1-800-357-4421 Ext. 206) as soon as possible.

Upcoming events

- ✓ SW Kansas DCEs will meet in Emporia on May 20th from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. All DCEs are invited.
- ✓ Singles Summer Workshop, August 2, District Office.
- ✓ Principals Conference, September 11-12, District Office.
- ✓ A Child In Our Hands workshop, Sept. 25-26, (Prince of Peace/Topeka)
- ✓ Family Life Academy, September 26- 28 (Prince of Peace/Topeka)

Lutheran Deaconess Association

Do You Know a Student with a Passion for Christ and a Heart to Serve People in Need? The Lutheran Deaconess Association (LDA) helps students explore and enter Christian vocations in ministry to others. The deaconate bridges society and church by embodying Christ's activity of service to those in need. You might be aware of students who want to serve, but haven't found the right program to match their skills. Why not point them to the deaconate? Go to www.valpo.edu/lda for more information.

Come to Garden City

Leland Jackson, Trinity, Garden City has requested servants to come to Garden City sometime between June 5th and 20th to help prep some buildings for the National Servant Event which begins on June 21st. This would make a great weekend project. Housing provided. Contact Leland at 620-276-3110 for details. The cost is \$20 per person.

Guinea Prayers

- † Please continue to pray for the Heineys as they try to see where the Lord is leading them.
 - † Please keep the leaders and the church in Guinea in your prayers while the Heineys are away.
 - † Pray that God uses this as a learning and growing time for them.
 - † Pray for the discernment in selecting a region to focus the ministry to the Maninka in Guinea. Pray specifically that the Maninka in Kouroussa and Siguiri may “see Jesus.” Please pray for the missionary laborers that will be called to form a larger team to assist the Oettings and the Nortons with the outreach work to the Maninka.
 - † The Guinea field is currently without an administrator and this is quite a hardship. Pray for an administrator to be called to provide some very important support work on the mission field.
 - † Pray for Ishmael, a Mandingo believer, who reported at the beginning of March that his house in the refugee camp was ransacked and most of his clothes and other valuables were taken when he was out on an evangelism trip to a Kuranko village.
 - † Pray for the Oettings’ preparations for home leave this summer. They are scheduled to leave for the States in two months. They are also looking for a new house to rent in Kankan that they can move into after they return to Guinea in September. Ask God to help them find the “right” home.
 - † Pray for all the war torn areas of West Africa including Liberia and Cote d’Ivoire. Pray for the people serving there that they may be safe, that church work may continue as God leads it to go, and that the nationals who must stay and live in the war conditions may feel God’s presence and protection in their lives.
 - † Prayers of thanksgiving for a new volunteer French medical clinic apprenticeship Dr. Schmaltz has found in Burkina. This is an opportunity to learn from French and Burkinabe nurses and doctors. She can even help treat the malnourished as a part of this experience.
 - † Prayers of thanksgiving on behalf of Dr. Schmaltz for progress on French learning in school and with language helpers.
 - † Pray for safe travel and blessings for Gary Schultie (LCMS business coordinator) and Tim Heiney traveling in April to West Africa.
 - † Pray for God’s peace in Christ for all of us who believe and trust in Him.
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