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## Chuck Schiller Named LEA 2010 Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator

Chuck Schiller, principal of St. Paul Lutheran School in New Orleans, Louisiana, is the 2010 LEA Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator. He was selected to receive this award by LEA's Leadership Network leaders and other leaders in Lutheran education.

Mr. Schiller earned a B.S. in education, with a major in English literature and a minor in school administration, from Concordia University Nebraska. He is currently working on a Masters degree in counseling at Concordia University Wisconsin. Before serving at St. Paul in New Orleans, Mr. Schiller served Lutheran schools in Nebraska and Texas. Aside from school, Mr. Schiller has held many leadership positions in the Southern District teachers conferences and as chair of the LEA National Administrators Conference.

Mr. Schiller's nomination comes in part from his role in re-establishing St. Paul after Hurricane Katrina, when "the ministry team regrouped and reopened the school, building a new student body by accepting all students desiring a Christian education, even those unable to pay the tuition."

Commenting on Mr. Schiller, one colleague wrote, "Mr. Schiller is a man of many gifts. He is especially capable in the area of relational leadership." Another colleague wrote, "When Chuck became administrator of St. Paul...in 2006, after the death of our principal and his wife..., he had some very big shoes to fill. He has filled those shoes exceptionally well. He has not only continued the programs that Sue began but has put his own spin on them, making them his own. He has also put great effort in expanding technology...with the installation of Smartboards in all classrooms. He is not content with the status quo, but often thinks 'outside the box' for ways to improve our school and help it grow."

In describing his greatest joys in ministry, Mr. Schiller mentions "the ability to openly profess my faith in Jesus and the difference that the Lord has made in my life and to be able to share God's forgiveness and the good news of our redemption to students in my classroom and to their parents."

Award standards are available at <http://www.lea.org/forms/awards/nomelemadmin.pdf>.