

# Christian Outreach on the Move...

## North America



**Outreach Leadership Institute**  
**July 13-15, 2006**  
**Concordia University,**  
**St. Paul, Minnesota**

### **OLI registration begins:**

Thursday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m.  
First session begins at 12:30 p.m.

**OLI closes:** Saturday, July 15 at noon.

## What is OLI?

**Christian Outreach on the Move... North America Ablaze** is the theme for the sixth annual Outreach Leadership Institute (OLI). The institute is a training event for leaders who have a heart for evangelism and outreach, including lay ministers and volunteers, Directors of Christian Outreach, Directors of Christian Education, Lutheran school and early childhood teachers and administrators, deaconesses, and pastors. **Dormitory housing is available to the first 200 registrants.**

OLI is sponsored by a partnership among the Oswald Hoffmann School of Christian Outreach (OHSCO) at Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota, Lutheran Education Association and its Outreach Network (REACHnet), and LCMS World Mission.

OLI aims to better equip individuals involved in evangelism and outreach at the congregational level. OLI will help participants and their congregations rekindle their vision for sharing the Gospel and equip them with the requisite skills to work effectively in those areas. Module teachers are from congregations that have developed "cutting edge" outreach models and strategies.

**More information** is available  
at [www.foundbytes.com/local.htm](http://www.foundbytes.com/local.htm)

## What Will I Learn?

Each OLI participant selects two of 14 possible five-hour modules. The instructors not only provide in-depth insights into the chosen topic but also include practical ways for you to carry out these insights in your local congregation. In addition, Rev. Scott Snow, LCMS Director of Outreach, will address the entire group in the plenary sessions. On Thursday night participants will join with the community to hear Rev. Mark Joeckel, Director of LINC (Lutheran Inner City Network Coalition), the speaker chosen for this year's Oswald and Marcia Hoffmann Outreach Program.

## What Does It Cost?

The early registration cost of \$175 covers registration and meals. After May 30, 2006, the registration fee is \$190. LEA members receive a member discount. For those who wish to stay in campus housing, rooms are available for \$22 per night, double occupancy.

If you have questions about the program, lodging, or other accommodations, contact OHSCO at 651-641-8701, [OHSCO@CSP.edu](mailto:OHSCO@CSP.edu), or [www.CSP.edu/OHSCO](http://www.CSP.edu/OHSCO). This brochure and registration information are also available at [www.lea.org](http://www.lea.org).



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**Intensive Training Modules:**

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- Active church members



# Modules

## Thursday/Friday Modules

**Making and Multiplying Disciples and Congregations of Disciples.** *Gene Bunkowske*  
God's kingdom expands through planting God's Word for disciple making. This module features natural, spontaneous, and Spirit-filled disciple making. It takes us step-by-step through how it has been done and how you and I can do this kind of seed planting for Spirit-filled birthing and nurturing of disciples who birth and nurture more disciples into one Christian community/congregation after another.

**Discipling the Rural/Small Town Congregation for Outreach.** *Paul Biegner*  
This module will help you understand the challenges, experiences, and Great Commission opportunities that leaders have been involved in for many years in rural/small town ministry. Module components include: Why Rural Evangelism?; Characteristics of the Rural Setting; Rural Community Involvement; Equipping the Parish to Do It.

**Reaching Up, Reaching Out! Sharing Christ in Urban School Ministry.** *Sarah Wippich, Terri Bentz and the Trinity First School Ministry Team (only on Thurs/Fri)*  
Challenging the ideas of school mission success and moving forward with nothing but faith is a hard way to minister. Hear about the experiences of one inner-city school that should have closed its doors years ago but is defying the odds. Topics will include No Fear Faith Walk, Clearing Obstacles, Sorry this Pew is Taken!, Open Doors with Security?!, Judge Not Lest..., Better Together, and Don't Crush My Blueberries. Especially for Lutheran classroom teachers.

**Reaching and Teaching Kids to Reach and Teach Kids.** *Michele Pickel*  
Everywhere there are children, there is opportunity to set off an exciting chain reaction of outreach. Children love to share fun games, songs, and ideas with their friends, so why not put Jesus and His word in the middle of those things and nudge them to tell? In this module, we will explore and experience the joy of child's play with Christ in the center. The ideas can be blended into any activities involving kids, such as Sunday School, VBS, child care opportunities, and even worship.

**Outreach Professionals.** *Rachel Ehrhard and Jill Allen*  
You may have heard of or already read Reggie McNeal's book, *The Present Future*. In this book, the author explores six tough questions for the church. As outreach professionals, you are probably combating some of these same issues. In this module, we will take some time to discuss the book (come prepared!), share ideas regarding how to deal with these issues in your congregation and ministry, and finish by sharing other outreach resources and stories from your ministry experience. Don't miss this opportunity to share with people from across the country who are walking beside you in Outreach Ministry!

**Sharing Faith Naturally in Conversation I.** *Jim Found*  
We will remove the blockades so our urge to share Christ's love will come forth in a natural way, providing practical answers to such questions as how to get started, what to say, what if they reject, and what if they ask something I can't answer?

**Using Small Groups for Outreach I.** *Jim Anderson*  
Small group ministries have continually proved themselves as an excellent model for outreach. Participants in this module will discover the dynamics of small group ministry, from participation to leadership. It will give participants hands-on training on how to implement small group ministry in the congregation and includes a complete training manual.

## Friday/Saturday Modules

### **Networking Churches for an Urban, Metropolitan Church Planting Movement.**

*Mark Joeckel and team*

This module will describe and lay out an organic process of reproducing disciples and churches as lived out through LINC Dallas-Fort Worth and LINC Houston. The multi-ethnic movement of church planting in the city will be described by LINC team members. Strategies for funding and leadership development will be highlighted. Over 40 new missions and ministries have been started in the city over the last six years. What has not worked in the process will also be a discussion starter.

### **The Ministry to One: Reaching out and Impacting Youth in the Tension of Their Culture.**

*Derek Broten and team*

What does it mean to have a Ministry to One? In this module, participants will 1) explore the youth culture and situational tension, 2) struggle with the tension between standing up for what is right and loving the individual, 3) creating an atmosphere of safety to deal with that tension, and 4) train students to impact and minister to one.

### **Outreach Vision — Developing Ministry Beyond our Membership.**

*Phil Johnson*

A key factor in effective congregational outreach is the decision to be in ministry beyond the current membership. Let's explore the phases of effective congregational outreach and develop a strategy that will make that decision a working reality. You will walk away from our time together with a plan for moving your congregation's outreach efforts forward.

### **Assimilating Newcomers to Your Church and its Mission.**

*Sue Von Fange*

This module will teach participants to better understand the questions and needs people bring to the church and how they do or do not become connected within the church's fellowship and ministry, and to develop a workable plan to see more of the church's newcomers become growing disciples and responsible members of Christ's church.

### **Reaching Out to Invisible People Groups: What you need to know to give them form, shape, personhood and tangibility.**

*Rev. Dave Andrus, LCMS Blind Mission*

*Diane Mueller and Jeanne Dicke,  
Bethesda Lutheran Homes & Services, Inc.*

There are 49.7 million people in the U.S. affected by a long lasting disability, yet for many reasons they are often "invisible" to the church. This module will focus on outreach to disability groups in general and two groups in particular: Individuals who are visually impaired and individuals who are developmentally disabled. Come and learn what congregations are doing to reach these individuals with the Gospel. Learn what resources are available from our synod and other organizations.

### **Sharing Faith Naturally in Conversation II.**

*Jim Found*

For those who have already taken part I, this module goes deeper into these areas: overcoming fear of objections, reaching out to those who have dropped away from the faith, and speaking to those of other religions.

### **Using Small Groups for Outreach II.**

*Jim Anderson*

This module is geared toward small group leaders and coordinators who have had training and experience in leading small groups in their church setting. Learnings from small group experiences, ideas, resources, and various small models will be shared in a presentation with dialogue.

# Outreach Leadership Institute Registration Form

Each participant must complete a registration form. Register on or before May 30 for an early bird discount.

Please consider fast and easy online registration by credit card at [www.regonline.com/89260](http://www.regonline.com/89260).

## Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last First (Name on tag) Middle initial

Spouse's Name (if registering)

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Last First (Name on tag) Middle initial

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail will be used to confirm registration

**Congregation/School** \_\_\_\_\_

Church/School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church/School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

## This is my:

1st  2nd  3rd  4th  5th  6th Outreach Leadership Institute.

## I am:

Administrator  Lay minister  Pastor  
 DCE  Volunteer lay worker  Harvester for Christ  
 DCO  Teacher  Deaconess  
 DPM  Other \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive **two college credits**. (Additional fee and requirements are involved. Contact Concordia-St. Paul Continuing Education, (651) 603-6268, [ce@csp.edu](mailto:ce@csp.edu))

## Fees

Fees include program, meals, activities and materials

\$175 After May 30—\$190.

\$165 for LEA members. After May 30—\$180.

\$260 non-member of LEA with 1-year LEA membership. After May 30—\$275.

## Campus Housing

Roommate choice \_\_\_\_\_ I am: Male Female

A roommate will be assigned if one is not chosen.

## I would like campus housing:

Thursday night  Single (\$35)  Double (\$22)

Friday night  Single (\$35)  Double (\$22)

## Payment

Registration + housing: **Total Fees:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment must accompany registration.

Make checks payable to LEA or indicate credit card information below.

Name (as it appears on credit card) \_\_\_\_\_

Visa  MasterCard

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. authorized: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration refund policy:** Through May 30, a full refund minus \$50.  
After May 30 and before June 30, a 50% refund. No refunds after June 30.

## Module Selection

Please choose a first and second Module choice for each time slot.

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## Mail registration to:

**LEA Outreach Leadership Institute**  
7400 Augusta Street  
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Deadline is June 30, 2006.