



The Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Dear Rostered Leaders of the Virginia Synod and Healthy Congregation Facilitators,

I want to make you aware of two very fine events offered to you May 3rd. They are for your gathering together as rostered leaders, for an ongoing opportunity to speak about leadership and healthy systems, for worship together, for a time to catch up with one another. The costs are very small but necessary in this day and time in order to try to break even as best we can. Here they are:

HEALTHY CONGREGATION FACILITATORS AND ALL ROSTERED LEADERS
May 3, 2010 10am-3:30pm Grace Lutheran Church, Waynesboro, Va.

I am delighted to invite you to a day seminar, "Healthy Leading in Anxious Times." Our presenter for this insightful day will be Dr. Mark Cooper, teaching professor at the Medical College of Virginia in Pastoral Care, who is a part of our new Ministerium Team and has a looonnnngggg history with us in Virginia! We will not only speak upon the basis of family systems but also will be exposed to several books around leadership in anxious times. This will be a stimulating day and a time of being together! The cost will be \$25 which will cover lunch, snacks, and an excellent presenter! You may register through the synod office, "Healthy Leading in Anxious Times." Let us know no later than April 29th that you are coming!

WOMEN'S RETREAT FOR ROSTERED LEADERS
MAY 3-4, 2010 4PM-4PM Grace Lutheran Church, Waynesboro, VA

I am also delighted to invite all our women rostered leaders to come to the morning event and then remain for a 24-hour retreat!

We will be led by The Rev. Andrea Degroot-Nesdahl, the current coordinator of the ELCA Malaria Initiative and the former Bishop of the South Dakota Synod. She will facilitate reflection and discussion around serving as a woman rostered leader in this time. She will be excellent, but the opportunity to gather for conversation and community may be truly quite helpful. There are unique issues that women face in ministry that need time for expressing and opportunity to consider ongoing conversation.

The costs are quite affordable.

Anyone desiring lodging will be at the Hampton Inn, Fishersville. For the Women's retreat – the registration fee for this extra event is \$25 payable to the Virginia Synod. The synod will provide double room accommodations with no additional charge if registered by March 31, 2010. After March 31st, there is an additional fee of \$30.

If someone wants a single room the charge will be \$47 by March 31st and \$77 after March 31st. Breakfast will be included at the hotel and other meals will be provided at Grace Lutheran, Waynesboro.

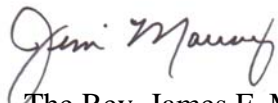
Please have them register through Lenae Osmondson – if online they can use credit card (synodeast@vasynod.org). If sending a check, send to Lenae Osmondson, 520 W. 21st St., Suite J, Norfolk, VA 23517. Checks should be made payable to the Virginia Synod.

Please be in touch with Pastor Jean Bozeman if you have any questions.

I and the synod staff will look forward to seeing you there for a day of worship, some new insights, some time together, and for good conversation and reflection as you travel home.

May the Spirit of our Lord continue to guide and inspire your preaching and teaching in this Lenten Season and in the coming days of Holy Week and Easter. May the Holy Spirit open all our hearts for the good news of our Lord's death and resurrection.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Mauney".

The Rev. James F. Mauney
Bishop