

August 26, 2009

Brothers in Christ,

The time is here for our Fall Pastor's Conference. Send in the registration information at the bottom to the District Office, and make your own hotel arrangements. Conference dates are Oct. 5-7. The motel is The Hampton Inn. The number is 605-348-1911. The room rate is \$89.00 per night. That includes a really great breakfast. Do it before September 21.

The conference theme is Casuistry. We will be having discussions on several topics, moderated by various circuits. They may give a short presentation, but the time is expected to be LARGE group discussion, if you have something to say on the various topics, be ready to discuss it. As we do this, there will be various disagreements to be sure, but when we are done, we will remember we are still brothers in Christ, and we will know better some of the areas we wish to study further in the Scriptures. Note this will not be small groups, but one large group discussion as brothers in Christ.

I think this conference will work directly toward the purpose of the conferences as set forth in the Synodical handbook.

Official conferences shall be conducted for the spiritual and professional growth of their members. Matters pertaining to Christian doctrine and practice, to professional problems, to proper conduct in office, to private study, to the welfare of the respective congregations and schools, to the work of the Synod, including the District, or to any other professional matter should at all times receive due and sympathetic attention. The members of the conferences are to aim to cultivate positive relationships, to be mutually helpful in every way possible, and to encourage, instruct, and admonish one another in a spirit of sincerity and Christian love. Professional conferences have no Synodical administrative functions. (Synodical Handbook, 1998, 5.63)

The purpose is to give opportunity to share with the brothers not only our knowledge, but also our concerns and thoughts on the various topics. This will be more than just furthering our theological knowledge. As we discuss these topics we will have a better understanding of them, and hopefully grow. "And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you." (Phil. 2:15b) Note that the last session will be an opportunity for you to present any casuistry you may have.

Note the business meeting will be held on Tuesday.

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Wives session will be held on Tuesday. The topic for the wives is Casuistry. They will discuss the practical things they have questions about.

Sign up for babysitting on Tuesday evening, and for the wives session.

In Christ,

Rev. Andrew Utecht, Conf. Pres.
Rev. Ray Greenseth Conf. Secretary

FALL 2009 PASTORS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Pastor Name: _____

Congregation(s): _____

Registration fee for the 2009 Fall Pastors' Conference is \$45. Please send this registration form and your check for \$45 made payable to: The SD District LCMS. Please earmark it for the 2009 Fall Pastor's Conference. An envelope is provided for your convenience. If you are unable to attend the conference, please note that a proper excuse should be sent to the Secretary of the Conference, Reverend Ray Greenseth.

Babysitting needed? (Please circle one) YES NO

Childs Name: _____ Age _____

Childs Name: _____ Age _____

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WIVES' REGISTRATION:

To be better prepared, please let us know if your wife is planning to attend the Wive's Session on Tuesday.

My wife will attend: (Please circle one) YES NO

If yes, please give us your wife's name as she would like to have it appear on a name badge.

Wife's Name: _____

Deadline for Registration is September 21. Please register ASAP so that planning may continue in a timely manner.

Thank you!