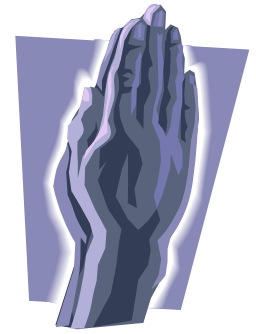




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Date: May 1, 2009
To: Michigan District – LCMS School Principals
From: The Principal's Conference Planning Committee
Re: **2009 Higgins Lake Principals' Conference**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a privilege to send you this invitation to attend the 2009 Michigan District – LCMS Principals' Conference. The conference is set for Wednesday through Friday, August 5 – 7th, 2009 at the MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon (Higgins Lake), MI. You will find directions to the conference center online with your registration material. It is always a blessing to come together as leaders in ministry to be strengthened and renewed for the critical work that we share. I pray you'll plan to be part of our time together.

Our keynote speaker is **Mike Buell** from Traverse City. Mike will be leading us throughout the conference on the topic of **supervision and evaluation**. I will also ask him to take a look out there into the future to tell us what he believes we will be doing as leaders in Christian schools. **Pastor Carl Gnewuch** will be our chaplain for the three days.

Other speakers will include our MI District President, Dr. Ahlersmeyer from Concordia, Ann Arbor, and Brian Broderick from the MANS office. We will have time to hear about our Detroit urban Lutheran schools, and also we will have a discussion about our Higgins Lake scheduling for future years.

The registration you need to complete is online at www.michigandistrict.org/higgins09.html. Please download the forms, fill them out, and mail them in to the address provided on them. The forms provide all of the important information. **Registrations are due by Friday, June 12, 2009.** It is critical you register right away because we need to provide housing numbers to the conference center. Once again, money is available to help defray the cost of the conference if you can not pay the full registration fee. To apply for financial assistance, please download, complete and return the Grant-In-Aid form with your conference registration form.

As you register, please:

1. Indicate someone you'd like to room with or be open to an assignment (however, single rooms are still an option if desired).
2. Indicate whether you are staying for lunch on Friday. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

Renewal time will be as in the past. The yearly Golf outing will occur. We have several fun things you can participate in, or you can just use the time personally in whatever way you desire. The opportunity for fellowship with your colleagues is certainly a goal! Please indicate your area of interest on the registration form.

Once again, we will be giving away technology this year. This time around it will be three "wireless slates." The drawing will take place immediately following closing worship. You must be present to win.

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please feel free to contact me at the number above, or e-mail me at twrege@trinityutica.com. The planning committee and I look forward to coming together with you at the 2009 Higgins Lake Conference.

Following His Lead,

Thomas W. Wrege, Chair

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