

Report of the Adult Discipleship Committee

Changes

Dave Kehl, our director (administrator) for Adult Discipleship has begun his new position as Executive Director of Ministry Advancement at Atonement Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. That leaves the position of director vacant. The COP will decide how to proceed with filling the vacant director positions of CAD as well as CYD in the January meeting. The CAD executive team has asked Dave Kehl to join them on the commission temporarily until a new director is in place.

Main Focus of the Commission – Leading Adult Bible Studies

In view of the limited financial and personnel resources the Commission on Adult Discipleship will be focusing its energy on developing and providing training for teaching adults and involving them in Bible Study. These special Schools for Leading Adult Bible Studies will be available soon.

Available Resources

WELS Stewardship Re-Launch in 2010: God's Love – Our Calling.

Although plenty of resources for year one are already available on the new Connect Web pages under Adult Discipleship (www.wels.net/ourcalling), it was determined to re-launch this whole effort this year. Because of the intended roll out coming later in the year to match the roll out of the new synod logo and with all the focus on the synod convention decisions, we were not aware or have not been using the program yet. A team was assembled to develop year two and they recommended that we re-launch the use of year one in May to unite the synod congregations around this four-year effort. At district conventions, it will be emphasized as the theme for 2010. This team will review year one for enhancements and work on year two. The team includes Dave Kolander, Aaron Christie, Joel Heckendorf, and Ray Schumacher. Those who have already used the first set of materials will be given more options to build on that theme for 2010.

Road to Emmaus “Movie” Project

These movies are available at NPH for \$14.95. Individuals or churches should not be making their own copies of this copyrighted resource. We are still working on setting up a way that congregations can buy them in bulk. Available now is a talk sheet page on our Connect Web site. A Bible study version and ancillary studies are being developed for future use of this evangelism/spiritual growth resource. You will find more information on the home page of the Connect site at <https://connect.wels.net/AOM/ps/adultdiscipleship/emmaus/default.aspx> or visit the home site for the movie www.RoadtoEmmausMovie.com.

Heart in Focus – a Christian financial course

The full complement of resources is available at NPH (Facilitator's Kit, Participant's guide, PowerPoint/video). We are hearing great stories from those using the course. www.nph.net (type in "Heart in Focus" in the search box. One-day Train the Trainer workshops are available on request (requiring a minimum of 10 participants) to help those who will lead this effort in their congregation or community. Contact Carolyn for information. More information can also be found at www.wels.net/jump/faithfinance

Other CAD Projects

Schools of Stewardship and other Faith Focused Finance workshops

Scheduling and leadership of these workshops is still being discussed in view of the absence of a CAD director. A tighter partnership in planning these will be developed with Ministry of Christian Giving. Look online or below for scheduled workshops and resources at www.wels.net/jump/faithfinance

Women's Ministry

The National Women's Leadership Conference will be held July 16-18, 2010 at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary with the theme "Leading with a Christ-like Attitude." More information can be found at www.wels.net/women. The Women's Ministry Committee's expanded team is still collecting names of potential contacts in each district to help build a better network for resources and information. If you haven't offered some names for a district team, let Carolyn know and she'll help you with that. Also encourage your women to sign up on the Web site to receive updates and postcard mailings.

Pastors' Wives Retreat.

Two special Pastor's Wives Renewal Retreats are being planned. One is on January 30, 2010 in Milwaukee with the theme "Praiseworthy Women." Another one is on November 5-6, 2010 in Afton MN with the theme "Renewing Our Vow." Valerie Johnson is the contact person for these. Resources can be found at <http://www.pwrenewal.org/> or at www.wels.net/women.