

Questions and reservations

Questions may be directed to Catherine Fink in the synod office at 704-633-4861, extension 121, or by e-mail: cfink@nclutheran.org.

Reservations should be made as soon as possible to assure our ability to provide enough facilitators.

This program is being conducted through the work of the synod's Congregational Ministry Team.



Congregation Council Visioning 2012



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Visioning

As congregations plan for the future, Bishop Bolick, through the synod's Congregational Ministry Team, offers this opportunity for congregation councils to take stock of their assets and determine what God is calling them to be and to do.

Let's be about the mission of the church!

When Jesus fed the 5000—he asked the people “what do we have” and the answer was five loaves and two fish.

In the same way, your congregation council will be asked, “What do you have? What are your five loaves and two fish? How can your congregation use ‘five loaves and two fish’ with Jesus help to begin serving the kingdom of God?”

Let the NC Synod help your congregation work toward the future by providing facilitators for your council planning in early 2012.



Council Retreats

A team from the Synod has developed a one or two day retreat model that will help your congregation develop mission goals, focus on God with us, and plan for the spiritual growth of your membership.

This is a free service to your congregation.

Sample Outline—One-Day Retreat

- ◆ Gather
- ◆ Welcome and get acquainted activity
- ◆ Asset Mapping or Congregational Story Telling (The activity will be determined in consultation with the pastor and or council representatives. One of these activities will be used to generate a picture of your congregation and its capacity for mission and ministry. Once the activity is selected the facilitator will review the supply needs with you, so the day can be most productive)
- ◆ Prioritizing possibilities
- ◆ Lunch
- ◆ Setting 3-5 Achievable Goals
- ◆ Establishing a plan of action
- ◆ Closing prayer

The facilitator will follow up with your congregation for up to 6 months to assist you in this process.

With God all things are possible.



Facilitators and Training

Facilitators will be available in 2012 during the months of January, February and March.

Facilitators are volunteers who will help guide your congregation to meet its needs. They are not problem solvers who will help you fix anything. Facilitators will help your congregation to develop its own vision for the future and develop a plan of action to accomplish your goals.

Prayer is needed

Pray for your congregation, our synod and those who have volunteered their time to help us move forward in mission. It is God's work and our hands.