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Hope on the Prairie

From behind the scenes...

In the last NDCC Newsletter I mentioned that in discussions by the Board on how to make NDCC more relevant to clergy and congregations of North Dakota the Board focused on offering continuing education opportunities in our State.

Part of this is to take up a little of the slack happening by the discontinuation of the Charis program by Concordia College. Charis's continuing education offerings were always on the cutting edge of theology and ecclesiology and blessed many of us throughout its years. Kudos to Arland Jacobson for his astute and wise leadership over the many years of his tenure.

In another place in this Newsletter is information about the first effort of your NDCC Board to provide a continuing education opportunity of the Church in North Dakota.

The Board's goal is to keep the subject matter helpful and relevant to both clergy and non-clergy, to keep the cost as affordable as possible, and to make it as geographically accessible as possible for both clergy and non-clergy.

It is our sincere hope that our first offering will just the beginning of good things to come.

Without a doubt there are many ways in which NDCC can be a resource to the Church in North Dakota. Your Board is anxious to hear from you. Please contact any Board member, or contact our NDCC Exec. Secretary to share your ideas.

In Christ. Reuben Schnaidt, Chr.

Paul Nixon, author of "I Refuse To Lead A Dying Church" to lead a workshop

The North Dakota Conference of Churches is excited to announce that Paul Nixon the Author of "I Refuse To Lead A Dying Church" and more recently "Finding Jesus on the Metro" will be leading a workshop in North Dakota March 22 and 23 of 2010. This workshop will be open to all clergy and lay who would like the opportunity to share in a special time with this visionary pastor and author. Rev. Nixon's writings have challenged all of us to go beyond acceptance of decline within our congregation, that can seem inevitable, to the fullness of the ministry to which Our Redeemer is calling us.

The workshop will be held March 22 and 23 at the Quality Inn in Jamestown, ND (The Quality Inn is located South of I94. Take Exit 258, Hwy 281, go South, the Quality Inn will be on the East side of the road.)

The schedule for the workshop is as follows; Mar. 22, 8:00 am (ct) registration at the Quality Inn, 9:00 am (ct) program begins, Lunch break 12:00 Noon (lunch is on your own), 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm program with Paul Nixon, 6:00 pm (ct) Banquet at Quality Inn (cost included in registration), 7:30 pm (ct) musical program featuring Chuck Suche.(cost included in registration) March 23, program begins at 9:00 am and concludes at 12:00. The registration cost for this event is \$40. Please check the registration form attached with this mailing or available on the NDCC web site.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either Elicia Jacobson at 701-226-8037, Executive Secretary of the North Dakota Conference of Churches or Wade Schemmel chair of the Faith and Order Committee (Schemmel@npcucc.org or 701 255 1104). We look forward to you joining us for this exciting, informative and helpful event.

Wade Schemmel



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UPCOMING BOARD MEETING:

December 15, 2009

9:30 A.M.

Video Conference (Executive Committee)

JANUARY 18, 2010

9:30 AM

UPCOMING NDCC EVENTS

Continuing Education
Speaker - Paul Nixon
March 22 & 23, 2010
Quality Inn
Jamestown, ND



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Registration Form for Continuing Education

Name(s) : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____ Arrival: _____

Denomination: _____

Cost is \$40.00 per person

Would you like an email confirmation of your registration: Yes/No

Please make check payable to: NDCC

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If you have any further question please feel free to contact Elicia Jacobson at 701-226-8037 or exe_sec.ndcc@yahoo.com.

To reserve your room please contact the Quality Inn at 701-252-3611