

OFFERING DONATION - CHURCH WORKER DEBT RELIEF FUND

Financial debt, and the debilitating stress caused by it, has affected most of us at one time or another. Most young adults begin their professional lives saddled with considerable debt from their schooling, with living and housing expenses posing an additional burden. Church workers are not unique; they face these same financial challenges and pitfalls. For many, their salaries & benefits fall well short of addressing debt, especially given their traditionally growing families.

According to a study conducted by the LCMS and published in the January, 2019 issue of *Reporter*, 55 percent of our workers have significant stress from financial concerns, with 24 percent having been diagnosed with anxiety or depression. These numbers ought to make us stand up and take notice.

If we are to maintain healthy churches, we need healthy church workers. We know they need help, but also recognize that many are slow or fearful to ask for it. To that end, the Professional Church Worker Debt Relief Fund has been established by the North Wisconsin District for the benefit of its called workers.

From now until we see you at the Gathering, will you prayerfully consider making a donation to the Fund? Although we are grateful for any amount you feel led to give, our suggested donation is \$100 or more.

On October 1, we will not be passing an offering plate. Instead, we'll be sharing more details and providing you with a donation card. Your donation to church worker debt relief can then be mailed back to the District Office at your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and consideration regarding debt relief for our church workers!

"What Christianity in the World Looks Like"

Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick

Dr. Kieschnick will give an overview of worldwide population, worldwide Christian population, including the Lutheran population, and a look at Lutheranism in America.

We will also take time for Q&A to follow the presentation.



NWD Adult Gathering

"What Christianity in the World Looks Like"

October 1, 2019

Registration - 9:30 a.m.

Opening - 10:00 a.m.

Closing - 2:30 p.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
6205 Alderson Street
Weston, WI 54476



KEYNOTE: Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick
LCMS President Emeritus & CEO - Legacy Deo



Dr. Gerald B. (Jerry) Kieschnick served from 2001-2010 as president of the two million member Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Prior to becoming LCMS president, Kieschnick had been president of the Synod's Texas District for 10 years.

Upon completion of his third three-year term as Synod president in 2010, Dr. Kieschnick and his wife Terry returned to Texas. He was Presidential Ambassador for Mission Advancement at Concordia University Texas (2011-15) and developed Concordia's Christian Leadership Institute.

In 2016 he returned to Lutheran Foundation of Texas, recently renamed Legacy Deo, where he had served from 1986-91. In 2017 he was named Chief Executive Officer of Legacy Deo, which exists to help Christians use God's gifts to create a legacy for family and faith. Its mission is to inspire giving that impacts life forever.

He currently serves as founding member and pastoral advisor of Mission of Christ Network; founding member of MinistryFocus; founding member of Pastor360; and board member of Driving Hope of Texas.

He has also served as elementary Lutheran school teacher; mission developer; parish pastor; chairman of the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations; and chairman of The International Lutheran Council, comprised of presidents and bishops of over 35 worldwide Lutheran church bodies.

During his tenure as national church president, Dr. Kieschnick led a national campaign, *Fan into Flame*, which resulted in gifts of \$80,000,000 for national and international mission work.

A native of Houston, Dr. Kieschnick holds degrees from Texas A&M University (Animal Science), where he was a Corps of Cadets Company Commander and member of the Ross Volunteers; Concordia Theological Seminary (Bachelor and Master of Divinity); and Concordia University Texas (Doctor of Laws).

Jerry and Terry, his wife of 53 years, have two grown children, one son-in-law, and two grandchildren, all of whom live in Texas. Email: GBKies@gmail.com

DEVOTION LEADER: Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck



Rev. Lueck was born in Shelbyville, Illinois and grew up in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1979. He has served congregations in Nebraska and Oklahoma.

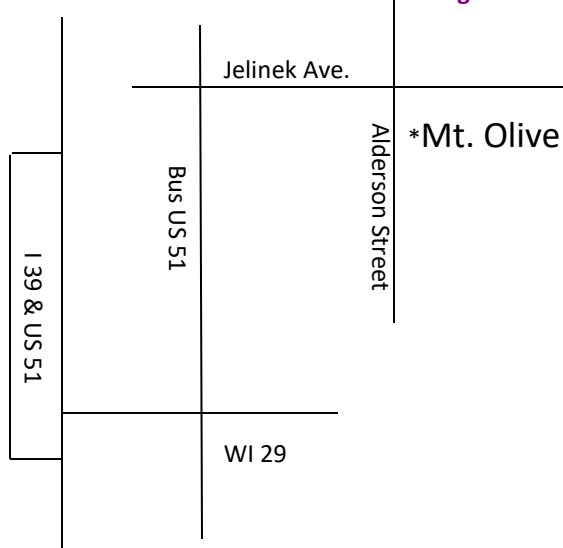
In 1987 he received a call from the LCMS North Wisconsin District to serve in the position of Mission, Evangelism, and Stewardship Executive. In June 2012 he was elected President of the LCMS North Wisconsin District and was re-elected in 2015 & 2018.

Dwayne is married to Cheryl. They have three children, Alison (married to David), Ben (married to Michelle), and Kim, and two grandchildren, Mila and Riley.

Directions to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

6205 Alderson St., Weston, WI 54476

715-359-5546 - www.mtoliveweston.org



2019 Adult Gathering Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

COST: \$20 per person

(Includes program, breaks, and lunch)

For additional registrations, please make copies.

\$20 x _____ = \$ _____
(# of people)

You can register online (credit card is an option) at: www.nwdlcms.org under "Events and Information" on our homepage **OR** complete this form and return with your check.

Send check and registration form to:

North Wisconsin District
3103 Seymour Lane
Wausau, WI 54401

Registration Deadline: Sept. 20, 2019

Limited to 275 people

Please note: This event is on a first-come, first-served basis. You are not considered registered until payment is received.

Questions: 715-845-8241, ext. 100