

**ALBERTA-BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT
CHURCH WORKERS CONFERENCE**

October 18-21, 2010

Radisson Hotel, 4440 Gateway Blvd., Edmonton AB (780) 437-6010

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AGENDA

Conference Chaplain: Rev. Jan Pastucha

Monday October 18

6:30 pm Registration

7:30 pm Opening Communion Service

Host Congregation: Riverbend Lutheran Church, Edmonton, AB

Preacher: President Don Schiemann

Tuesday October 19

7:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast

8:45 am Opening Devotions

9:00 am Welcome, Introduction and Business

9:15 am *“The Church Worker and His/Her Stewardship Life”* – Rev. Paul Zabel, District President, East District, Lutheran Church-Canada

11:00 am *“The Church Worker and His/Her Spiritual Life Part I”* – Dr. Harold Senkbeil

Noon Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 pm Presentation on Changes to the Worker Benefits Plan

2:30 – 4:00 pm Workshops

6:00 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Reception with the District Board of Directors, District Staff and representatives from Synod, Concordia Lutheran Seminary and College University College of Alberta

Wednesday October 20

7:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast

8:45 am Opening Devotion

9:00 am Conference Housekeeping

9:15 am *“The Church Worker and His/Her Spiritual Life Part II”* – Dr. Harold Senkbeil

10:00 am *“The Church Worker and His/Her Missional Life”* – Dr. Mark Press

Noon Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 pm Workshops

3:00 - 4:30 pm Workshops

6:00 pm Banquet

Thursday October 21

7:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:45 am	Opening Devotion
9:00 am	Conference Housekeeping
9:15 am	<i>“The Church Worker and His/Her Family & Personal Life”</i> – Dr. Ray Mirly
11:00 am	District and Synod Reports
11:45 am	Closing Devotions
Noon	Lunch

Meet Our Speakers

Rev. Dr. Ray Mirly

Reverend Dr. Ray G. Mirly attended St. Paul Lutheran High School and Jr. College, Concordia, MO and graduated from Concordia University, Seward, NE. He completed his Colloquy for the pastoral ministry through Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and was certified in 1977. He earned an M.A. Degree from Concordia Seminary in 1978. He received an honorary Dr. of Laws from Concordia University, Seward in 2007. He served as a teacher at St. John's Lutheran Church, Young America, MN from 1966-73; Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Detroit, MI from 1973-75; and was pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Orchard Farm, MO from 1977-1980; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Olivette, MO from 1980 - 2006 and as President, the Missouri District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod since 2006. He has served on numerous District and Synodical Boards and committees.



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Rev. Dr. Mark Press

Dr. Mark Press spent his college years at Concordia Teachers College (now Concordia University), Seward, NB, from which he graduated in 1972. He entered Concordia Theological Seminary of Springfield, IL, in 1973 and completed his M.Div. degree in February, 1977. Ministry for Dr. Press has included pastoral service at Trinity Lutheran Church of Utica, MI (assistant pastor, 1977-84), King of Kings Lutheran Church of Mason, OH (sole pastor, 1984-91), Zion Lutheran Church of Seymour, IN (sole pastor, 1991-2002), and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Crown Point, IN (senior pastor, 2002-06). He finished his Ph.D. in Missiology at Concordia Theological Seminary of Ft. Wayne in May, 2004. He has served as Director of the Oswald Hoffmann Institute for Christian Outreach since July 1, 2006.



Rev. Dr. Harold Senkbeil

Dr. Senkbeil received his Master of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. His contributions to the church at large were recognized by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, in the bestowing of the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. He is the author of *Dying to Live: The Power of Forgiveness* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1994) and *When the Crying Stops: Abortion's Aftermath* (Milwaukee: Northwestern Publishing House, 1992). He served as Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana (2002 - 2008); Executive Director with DOXOLOGY since July 1, 2008. DOXOLOGY offers an innovative program of advanced study retreats to strengthen



pastors for the task of faithfully shepherding the souls entrusted to their care. DOXOLOGY provides pastors with a unique study and renewal experience, rooted in the classic art of spiritual care and informed by the insights of contemporary Christian psychology.

Rev. Paul Zabel

Rev. Zabel is a 1979 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. His first call was to Trinity Lutheran Church, Knierim, Iowa where he served from 1979 to 1983. He then accepted the call to St. John's Lutheran Church in Clifford, Ontario where served as pastor until 2009. During his tenure at St. John's, he also served on numerous District and Synodical Boards and committees. He also served as Circuit Counselor of the Hanover Circuit; as a member of the East District Board of Directors; and as First Vice-president of the East District. He was elected District President of the East District in 2009. He brings to us a wealth of parish experience.

