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29th Annual Rural Ministry Conference

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Nurturing *generosity*

Releasing God's abundance in a time of perceived scarcity.

Sunday, March 7 – Tuesday, March 9, 2010



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The Rural Ministry Conference:

Where leaders in rural communities and congregations gather to gain insight and inspiration, to network and neighbor that our ministries might be empowered. This year, we focus on the theme of nurturing generosity: releasing God's abundance in a time of perceived scarcity.

Schedule:

Sunday, March 7 *Best Western*

3:00pm	Registration, Refreshments, Resource Tables
4:45pm	Opening Worship
6:00pm	Dinner and Greetings
7:15pm	Keynote Address I – Secretary Bill Northey Closing Remarks from Rev. Connie Burkholder

Monday, March 8 *Best Western and Wartburg Theological Seminary*

8:00am	Breakfast (Best Western)
9:00am	Bible Study – Dr. Ann Fritschel
10:00am	Break
10:30am	Keynote Address II – Rev. Connie Burkholder
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Workshops I
2:00pm	Break with Refreshments
2:30pm	Workshops II
3:30pm	Personal Time <i>(Move to WTS for evening activities)</i>
5:30pm	Dinner at WTS
6:30pm	Friend of Rural Ministry Award Presentation Dinner Keynote: Secretary Rod Nilsestuen Closing Remarks from Rev. Connie Burkholder

Tuesday, March 9 *Best Western & WTS*

7:00 am	Breakfast (Best Western) <i>(Move to WTS for morning activities)</i>
8:30am	Bible Study – Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel
9:30am	Chapel, followed by coffee time
10:30am	Keynote Address III – Rev. Dr. Paul Baglyos Closing Remarks by Rev. Connie Burkholder
12:00pm	Boxed Lunch and Travel or Lunch Gathering Options: <i>Conversation with Rev. Dr. Paul Baglyos</i> <i>Visioning, Rural Ministry Conference 2011</i>

Event Speakers:



SECRETARY BILL NORTHEY is a fourth generation farmer from Spirit Lake, Iowa who grows corn and soybeans. Northey returned to Spirit Lake to farm with his grandfather after graduating from Iowa State University in 1981. He is serving his first term as Secretary of Agriculture after being elected in November of 2006. As Secretary, Northey has committed to traveling to each of Iowa's 99 counties every year to hear from farmers and rural residents with a stake in the future of agriculture. These meetings allow him to listen to their needs and better lead the Iowa Department of Agriculture and

Land Stewardship as it seeks to serve the people of the state. His priorities as Secretary of Agriculture are advancing the opportunities available through renewable energy, promoting conservation and stewardship, and telling the story of Iowa agriculture.



REV. CONNIE BURKHOLDER serves at the Heartland Center for Spirituality, a Catholic retreat and conference center open to church groups and other nonprofit organizations in Great Bend, Kansas. She is a Church of the Brethren ordained minister, spiritual director, and musician. She recently became a Partner in Mission with the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend. She has served as pastor in congregations in Ohio and Kansas and served as District Executive of the Northern Plains Region with the Church of the Brethren.



SECRETARY ROD NILSESTUEN was appointed Secretary of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection for the State of Wisconsin in January of 2003. Under Nilsestuen's leadership, state government has tackled livestock siting, manure management, land use, renewable energy, and revitalizing the state's dairy industry. Recognized as a visionary, Nilsestuen has received numerous awards for excellence, most recently: "Policy Maker of the Year" award 2007 for land conservation leadership. Prior to serving as state agriculture secretary, Nilsestuen served as president and chief executive officer of the

Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives for 24 years. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Nilsestuen holds a law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



REV. DR. PAUL BAGLYOS is a native of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He was ordained in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church in America on September 23, 1984. Before accepting the position of Region Coordinator for the ELCA, Dr. Baglyos served at Wartburg Theological seminary as Assistant Professor of Rural Ministry and Director of the Center for Theology & Land. Prior to his service at Wartburg, he served as campus pastor at Thiel College in Greenville, Pennsylvania, pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Penbrook in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and associate

pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Paul is the author of numerous articles related to the history of Lutheranism in America during the colonial and national periods, and has taught courses in Church History, Rural Ministry and the Lutheran Confessions.

Accommodations:

To make hotel reservations at the \$69 group rate, contact Best Western at 800-336-4392 and use group name Rural Ministry Conference.

Support:

The endowment funds supporting this conference and the Center for Theology and Land:
Bread For Life Mission Endowment
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MATTHEW AND JOY KAUFFMAN have returned to Matt's rural Illinois roots to found Stewardship Energy, partnering with farmers and landowners in stewarding natural resources, relationships, and finances, with a focus on wind energy development. With a background in Environmental Science and Business Administration, Matt, President, Stewardship Energy, LLC, worked as a Technology Development Manager at the US Department of

Energy (DOE) in the Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Washington DC. There he managed a national research agenda with an annual budget of five to seven million dollars, established a technology research agenda for hydrogen production from renewable electricity and initiated a hydrogen and electric utility stakeholder group. Matt serves on the Illinois State University's renewable energy advisory board and is a member of the Illinois Wind Working Group. Matt's 10 years of renewable energy experience in business, energy policy, and wind energy and his tenacious spirit makes him a force in the renewable industry. Joy Kauffman, Business and Development Manager, Stewardship Energy LLC, is also a former Presidential Management Fellow, has a Masters in Public Health and six years of experience with the US Department of Health and Human Services. Matt and Joy are establishing a matching grant program to encourage landowners to use a portion of their wind farm profits to support small holder agricultural development through Foods Resource Bank (FRB).



REV. GINGER ANDERSON-LARSON has served in Spiritual Formation and Contextual Education positions on the staff at Wartburg Seminary for 10 years, and previously as a parish pastor for 15 years. Her passion for discipleship and a relationship with God that is marked by vitality has led her to explore the impact of formation in many facets of life. In this session the impact of formation on "generosity" is explored through the use of a "Money Autobiography." This adaptable tool can be used by congregational leaders and members to increase their self-understanding and grow the joy in giving.



BETH NELSON CHASE currently serves as Wartburg's Vice President for Mission Support. A native of Chicago, Beth has broad and deep experience in development work with faith-based communities including Wheat Ridge Ministries and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Beth is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), a leader in the association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE). She holds a Master of Music Education/Therapy degree from Michigan State University and a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Wartburg College. Beth has a proven ability to promote and achieve an

organization's mission, vision and values. She employs enthusiastic energy, warm personal relational skills, and excellent communication skills in her work and it is from this perspective that she will offer presentation and teaching in the practice of "asking" others to give.

Bible Study Leader:



REV. DR. ANN FRITSCHER, a Wartburg Seminary graduate, celebrated her 20th anniversary of ordination in 2006. After serving churches in Dickinson, Mohall and Hamerly N.D., she got her Ph.D from Emory University and joined the Wartburg Faculty in 1996. Ann has presented numerous workshops on the psalms and Islam, as well as leading several synod assembly bible studies. She is a descendant of Gottfried Fritschel, one of the founders of Wartburg Seminary.

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If you are traveling to Dubuque by plane and need transportation between your accommodations and the conference events please check here.

Workshops

Please indicate your workshop preferences in numerical order.

___ Ginger Anderson-Larson **"Nurturing Generosity through Understanding One's Own Story"**

___ Matt & Joy Kauffmann **"Harnessing the Wind for God's Purposes"**

___ Rod Nilsestuen **"Remaking Rural Communities, Ideas That Work"**

___ Paul Baglyos **"Imagining Rural Ministry"**

___ Beth Nelson Chase **"Nurturing Generosity through Invitation and Relationship: The Nuts and Bolts of Asking"**

Registration Fees *(Conference fees include Sunday dinner)*

Early Bird fees: (by February 15, 2010):

1st person - \$135, 2 people or more - \$115/person \$ _____

Standard fees: (due by March 1, 2010):

1st person - \$145, 2 people or more - \$125/person \$ _____

Registration option for Sunday only:

(includes worship, banquet, keynote), \$35/per person \$ _____

Meal package:

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