

AZ-CA District Pastors/Teachers/Staff Minister Conference

September 15, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How fitting the words of Psalm 122 are as we look forward to our joint conference this year in San Diego, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Indeed, what great joy it is for us to gather on this 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation to celebrate the continued preaching of the pure Gospel in our various ministries, from the parish pulpit to the ECE classroom.

On behalf of the planning committee, we are excited to invite you to this year's special joint pastors/teachers/staff ministers' conference at Reformation Evangelical Church and School, San Diego, CA. We are pleased to announce that our two key note speakers will be Professor Keith Wessel of Martin Luther College and President of our Synod, the Reverend Mark Schroeder. Professor Wessel will lead us through a triptych blessings and challenges of Lutheranism past, present and future. President Schroeder will give our conference his own assessment of Lutheranism future in America, as well as lead a round table discussion the last day of our conference.

This year we will also be having numerous break-out workshops for all areas of ministry. Though our planning committee has worked hard to offer something for everyone at this conference, we want to make it clear that all workshops are open to all attendees regardless of your area of ministry. Teachers are welcome to the "pastor" workshops and pastors and staff ministers are welcome to any "teacher workshop. In addition to our workshops, we will also have a Bible study break-out session for our whole conference, based on Ephesians chapter four.

On the district website you will find the following information for our conference posted in the coming weeks:

- Lodging and fellowship information
- Worship information, music and links for those participating in opening worship.
- A agenda for the conference
- Information regarding our keynote addresses and the workshops that will be offered
- A registration form
- Local information of San Diego and the following communities.

The conference begins on November 2, 2017. **We ask that all attendees arrive on Wednesday November 1, 2017.** We are trying to get a lot into this conference so we will be starting with worship at 9:00am on Thursday November 2, 2017. For any further questions, please contact Pastor Paul Meitner at 818-761-1846 or email him at pastorm@stpaulsfirst.org. The cost of this conference will be \$50.00 per attendee.

In Christ,

Joint Planning Committee Team