

About the Offering

Your offering will be used to support the Synod's most widely attended event, **Confirmation Extravaganza!** In its sixth year, the event will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison to accommodate the anticipated steady growth of 1,000+ youth and adults. Confirmation Extravaganza continues to be a great opportunity for youth to learn how they might be called to live out their faith into adulthood. The opportunity to meet youth from other congregations throughout the synod is a wonderful reminder they are part of God's larger church. Since grant money no longer supports this event, your offering will help us to keep registration costs down for attendees.

Registration

To Register On Line:

Go to <http://bit.ly/BishopsConvocation2015> and click on the link to register for the conference. You will be able to pay by credit card or by check.

Please contact the synod office if you have any questions at 608-270-0201.

Timeline: Early Bird Fee: Register by September 10 to save \$25. September 10 is also the deadline if you need a room. After Sept. 10, we cannot guarantee rooms. All registrations and payments are due to the synod office by Thursday, October 1.

Rates: Full conference rate includes all meals (5 meals), lodging, and program. A commuter rate is offered; however, we encourage you to be present for the entire event.

Fees if paid prior to September 11

Rostered Leader Full Conference - Single Room . . .	\$470
Rostered Leader Full Conference - Shared Room . .	\$415
Spouse/Partner All Sessions All Meals	\$240
Spouse/Partner All Sessions No Meals <small>Complimentary</small> . . \$ - -	
Commuter Registration All Sessions All Meals*	\$240

*all meals and sessions, no lodging

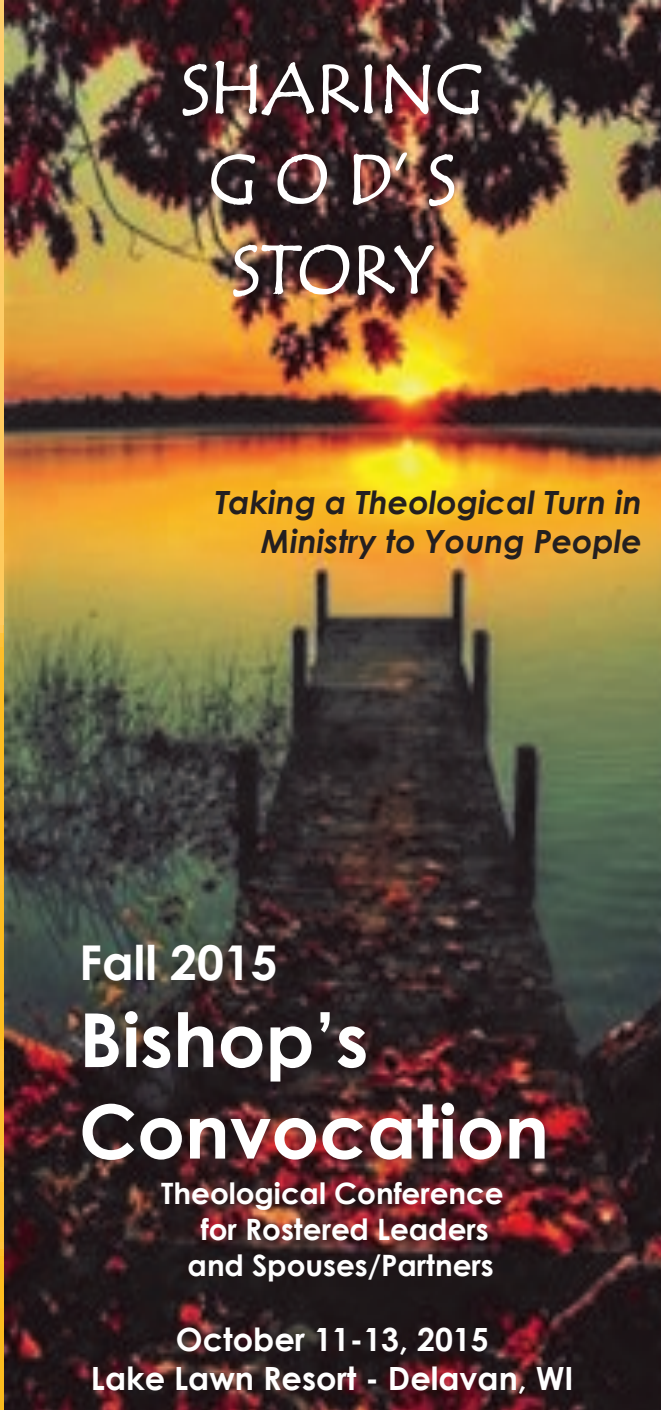
Fees if paid after September 11 - Above rate plus \$25 per registrant.

Optional Items:

Sunday/Monday Dinner for Spouses/Partners . . each	\$ 35
Golf Outing each	\$ 45
Lake Geneva School of Cooking Fee each	\$ 50
Canopy Tours Ziplining! each	\$50

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the rostered leaders who filled out their health assessment through Portico Benefit Services by April 30, 2015. Because more than 65% of our synod's Portico Plan Members filled out their health assessment, Portico awarded our synod a grant which we use to help subsidize the cost of this event.



SHARING GOD'S STORY

Taking a Theological Turn in Ministry to Young People

Fall 2015 Bishop's Convocation

Theological Conference
for Rostered Leaders
and Spouses/Partners

October 11-13, 2015
Lake Lawn Resort - Delavan, WI



South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
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About Our Time Together

Message from Bishop Mary

Once again, I am excited to invite you to this year's fall theological conference. It is always good to gather together to learn and play, renew and relax, and this year's Bishop's Convocation promises to offer plenty of opportunities for that. We will be challenged with fresh ideas for sharing God's Story by our keynoter Dr. Andrew Root. We will have time for personal relaxation and recreation through a variety of activities in the area. We will come together as people of faith in worship and fellowship. Special thanks to Pastor Elisa Brandt and the people of Luther Memorial, Delavan for hosting our worship and to all those who have worked to put together another great event for all of us to enjoy!

Message from Andrew Root

Sharing God's Story: Taking a Theological Turn in Ministry to Young People

It appears that everyone is nervous about losing young people in our congregations. Rather than worrying, Andy Root calls us to take a deep breath and relax. It is his assertion that if the church is to minister to the young, it needs to take a theological turn. What does this mean? How can we turn away from a technological perspective to a theological perspective? And could Dietrich Bonhoeffer be part of the answer? Come and find out!

Past Attendees Said . .

- "This event helps me to slow down. It helps me to remember why I need to connect with colleagues. It also has been an event that my wife and I look forward to each year as good break from our routines to spend some quality time together."
- "I wish I could rate the speaker higher than a 5! He was inspirational and challenged us to stretch our perceived perceptions about the way we have interpreted the scriptures [surrounding this topic] in the past."
- "As a new pastor in this synod, it was very helpful to meet and connect with all the pastors in this synod."
- "Being together away from church."
- "I really enjoyed meeting with other synod pastors and synod staff in the leisurely setting."
- "It was deeply meaningful. It nurtured my spirituality."
- "Arden Mahlberg - definitely continue this option for attendees!"

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For more information, visit the registration site <http://bit.ly/BishopsConvocation2015> or call the synod office at 608-270-0201.

Event Schedule

Optional Activities

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Speaker

Sunday, October 11

4:00 - 6:00 pm Registration and Check-in at Lake Lawn Lodge
6:00 Dinner
7:30 Dessert and music under the stars - meet at the fire pit on the property by the lakeshore

Monday, October 12

7:30 - 8:30 am Breakfast
8:30 Morning Prayer and Welcome
9:00 Session 1 – Andrew Root
12:30 Lunch (Golfers take box lunch)
12:45 Golf Outing
1:00 Rest & Renewal - See Optional Activities
6:00 Dinner
7:15 - 8:30 Worship at Luther Memorial - Delavan
Bishop Mary Preaching
Featuring Music by Pastor Band
Fellowship Time
8:30

Throughout the day Monday: ASSIST - Arden Mahlberg counseling
Times: 11:15 am - 12:15 pm and 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. (Individual 30 min. appointments at no cost)

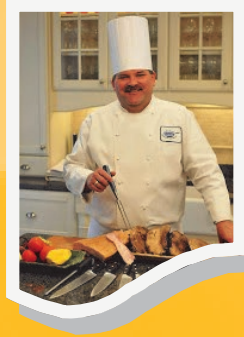
Tuesday, October 13

7:30 - 8:30 am Breakfast and Connecting
8:30 Morning Prayer
Session 3 – Andrew Root
Break
10:00 Tying it All Together and Moving Forward
10:15 Bishop Mary
11:00 Closing Benediction
Lunch on your own

Monday Afternoon - Optional Activities for Rest and Renewal

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Lake Geneva School of Cooking. Join in for a fun afternoon at this popular Lake Geneva destination and cooking class led by renowned Chef, John Bogan. You will learn to make several culinary specialties that will delight your friends at your table! While cooking, you will enjoy wine pairings and a special appetizer. At the end of the two hour class, you will join each other at a banquet of the creations you have prepared together. This activity replaces lunch at the hotel. The cost of lunch in your registration is used to offset the \$95 fee for this activity. Your cost is \$50.



New This Year! Ziplining! Is Adventure Calling You?

Rated #1 attraction in Lake Geneva! You will have an unforgettable time up in the trees on this two-hour guided eco-tour on 100 acres as you experience 8 zip lines, five skybridges, 18 platforms and four spiral stairways and finish off with a dual racing

zip with the partner of your choice. Super safe and tested by Synod Event Manager! If your shoulders and knees are in good working order, you will have an absolute blast! There is an extra \$50 fee for this activity. (Special group rate at half the normal cost if you did this on your own!)

- Individual Appointments with Arden Mahlberg, PhD, Psychologist from the Synod ASSIST Program. Thirty minute consultations are at no cost for both rostered leaders and spouses. Appointments can be made when you arrive at the Grand Geneva at the registration area.

- Lawn Lawn Lodge Spa - Offers a soothing atmosphere and array of wellness services. Extra fees apply.
- Delavan Lakeshore Path – Enjoy beautiful fall colors and views of the lake. There is a 2.5 mile path that starts on the grounds of the lodge.
- Golf Outing – Golf on the award-winning 18 hole golf course. Cost of \$45 includes greens fees and cart with a shot gun start.
- Fishing - Fish on your own or try the Lake Geneva Fishing Guide Service www.lakegenevafishing.com
- Big Foot Beach is a 147 acre state park of Wisconsin and is great for fishing and hiking.
- Duck Lake Natural Area known for its excellent bird watching.
- Downtown Lake Geneva – quaint specialty shops, art, antiques, and restaurants.
- Staller Estate Winery – voted best winery in the Milwaukee area (608.883.2100) www.stallerestate.com
- Showboat of Lyons Movie Theater in Lake Geneva
- Walworth Lanes Bowling

Directions

Lake Lawn Resort
2400 East Geneva Street
Delavan, WI 53115

May we recommend Mapquest:

www.mapquest.com

For more information call the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin office at 608-270-0201.

Dr. Andrew Root

Associate Professor and Carrie Olson Baalson Chair of Youth and Family Ministry
Luther Seminar

Andrew Root joined Luther Seminary in 2005 as assistant professor of youth and family ministry. Previously he was an adjunct professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington D.C., and Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J.

Root received his bachelor of arts degree from Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., in 1997. He earned his master of divinity (2000) and his master of theology (2001) degrees from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif. He completed his doctoral degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2005.

Root's ministry experience includes being a gang prevention counselor in Los Angeles, youth outreach directed in a congregation, staff member of Young Life, and a confirmation teacher. He has also been a research fellow for Princeton Theological Seminary's Faith Practices Project.

Root has published articles in the Journal of Youth and Theology, The International Journal of Practical Theology, and Word and World.

