



South Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Mission Interpreter Training: **“We Have a Story to Tell”**

With Keith Mundy, ELCA Assistant Director for Stewardship and
Director for Area Ministry Stewardship Specialist

Rostered Leaders, Presidents, and Congregational Leaders
are encouraged to attend.

- **Learn** how to find and tell stories of how God is changing lives through our giving in the congregation, synod, and ELCA.
- **Inspire** others with stories a few times per year in your congregation.
- **Discover** the joy of saying “thank you” to so many people who have been a blessing to others.
- **Receive** support from others as you connect with one of the most exciting new ministries in our synod.

Two Opportunities

St. Mark’s Lutheran in Sioux Falls

Saturday, November 13, 9 AM – 12 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran in Aberdeen

Sunday, November 14, 2 PM – 5 PM

(Early Spring 2011 in Bear Butte Conference.)



Cost: \$20 per person (Proceeds used to start a Mission Interpretation Ministry Fund)

Please **RSVP** with Kevin Stillson in the Synod Office at kstillson@sdsynod.org or 605-274-4011; or Barbara Bunk, AIM at bcbunk@venturecomm.net or 605-493-6538.

Mission Interpretation Ministry in Your Congregation

Purpose: Share stories and messages about ministries of your congregation, synod and ELCA in ways that thank, inform, teach, inspire, connect and invite each person to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and in their giving of time, talents and resources to do God's work. In this process highlight the ways in which each person and each congregation makes a difference through their giving.

Benefits to a Mission Interpreter

1. Grow in personal faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Learn about ministries of the congregation, synod and ELCA.
3. Receive professional training in communications and working with people.
4. Develop leadership skills that can be used in a variety of settings.

Responsibilities of a Mission Interpreter

1. Become familiar with congregational, synod and ELCA resources about who Lutherans are and what we do
2. Become comfortable sharing stories and making presentations to leaders, new members, youth, confirmands and those in worship at least quarterly.
3. Invite the congregation to take a more outward focus in their ministry.
4. Volunteer to serve a congregation for at least two years as a Mission Interpreter.
5. Attend at least one training session and one synod or ELCA gathering per year.

Qualifications

1. Faith-filled love of Jesus Christ and the Church
2. Strong communication and organization skills
3. Faithful participation in an ELCA congregation
4. Financial supporter of the congregation and ELCA
5. A desire to learn and grow



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