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TO: Region 3 Synods Hunger Teams

FROM: Pastor Erika Lehmann
South Dakota Synod, ELCA

RE: Region 3 Hunger Event at Luther Crest Bible Camp
January 25-26, 2013

***“That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord”
“Kyrie Eleison” by Larry Olson of Dakota Road Music***

Synod Hunger Teams are warmly invited to the annual Region 3 Hunger Event at Luther Crest Bible Camp, near Alexandria, MN, which is set for January 25-26, 2013. The gathering begins with lunch at noon on Friday, and registration will be open at 10 am. We will finish with lunch on Saturday. (Please note the change in days from recent years.) Since it comes up early in the year it is important that those who might be interested get the dates on their calendars now. We hope that synods will make sure that the invitation gets out to as many people who might benefit from this opportunity as possible.

Each synod is encouraged to send about 10 people, preferably a mixture of those who have been leaders in their synod or congregational hunger work and those who are just beginning. We are going to have a track focused on youth directors and youth and family leaders, because the involvement of children and youth is so important in the hunger fighting work of the ELCA. Please make an effort to invite them to this event! For the comfortable accommodations and delicious food at Luther Crest, each person is asked to pay **\$45**, though a scholarship is available for anyone who needs it. It is very helpful for planning the food to have registrations by **January 16th**, but we welcome late registrants as well.

Why do we have this event? First of all, for the gift of fellowship and inspiration with people from across our region and ELCA Hunger Staff who share a passion for hunger and justice work. Secondly, for the updates on the work of our ELCA World Hunger program, including the ELCA Malaria Campaign, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran World Federation, Bread for the World and other allies in the work of striving for justice for the poor in our country and world. Thirdly, there will be Bible study, relevant worship, and stirring music. Synod hunger teams will give reports on their work and those who attend will be equipped to share the story of the ELCA's hunger fighting work with their congregations.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Erika Lehmann

Questions or suggestions can be e-mailed to Erika Lehmann, elehmann@sio.midco.net.

Registrations/checks should be sent to Kari Bostrom at the Region 3 Office
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