

## CAMP DIRECTOR information about PROJECT CONNECT



The Sponsor of Project Connect is the Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries (Southern, Gettysburg and Philadelphia). This project is funded by a major grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

The Purpose of Project Connect is to encourage young adults to let God use their passion, integrity, vision, self-awareness and motivation for a lifetime of service as pastors and in other vocations of public ministry.

The Strategy is to develop a network of church leaders who connect with one another in a cooperative and pro-active effort to keep young adults connected with the church and engaged in theologically sound opportunities for vocational discernment.

The Process involves 3 steps:

IDENTIFICATION of youth and young adults with whom we should be staying connected, wherever they happen to be (in college, at camp, home, etc.), and encouraging their participation in ministries of the church.

NURTURING relationships with those who are open to a process that extends, deepens, and provides focus for vocational discernment.

SUSTAINING relationships by providing profound experiences in congregational ministry.

We need you to:

" Check [www.projectconnect.org](http://www.projectconnect.org) at least once a month to see what events and activities are going on and would be helpful to young adults you are in contact with.

" Give us accurate information about your camp; especially summer staff opportunities so that we can connect young adults to you. We'll be eager to post this information on the Project Connect website.

" Go to our database site [www.elcconnect.net](http://www.elcconnect.net) and sign up for a user name and password. This will allow you to enter directly into the online data management system and provide contact information for young adults who we should be connecting with – especially young adult staff members.

Project Connect Resources for you to access:

DISCERNMENT ADVOCATES – pastors who are passionate about this work of calling leaders for a changing world. We can assign one to have an ongoing relationship with your camp.

STAFF ORIENTATION – two resources on Lutheran Theology and Vocation. The original resource from Project Connect, *Relationship in Christ*; and, new in 2007, *Listen, God is Calling* (not the same, but certainly an enhancement to the 2007 ELCA Summer Camp curriculum of the same name). We can arrange to have it taught by a Discernment Advocate or other leader of your choosing.

VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT GROUPS provided for your summer staff and facilitated by a Project Connect Discernment Advocate.

VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT RETREAT for summer camp staff members. The retreat this year will be August 31-September 2, 2007, at Camp Lutherlyn, Prospect, PA. This is an excellent opportunity for summer camp staff members to sustain their sense of call in the company of others who, like them, are basking in the glow their summer's experience.

SUMMER CAMP SEMINARIANS to work on your staff. You pay them the regular rate for the position in which they are serving; Project Connect provides an additional \$1,500 scholarship.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARTNERS: Once each year, Project Connect brings all our partners together for a retreat that will evaluate the progress of this program and provide an opportunity for learning, growth and inspiration flowing from the diversity of ideas from several disciplines. Some of the disciplines represented will be –

- Outdoor Ministry
- Parish Ministry
- Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry
- Campus Ministry
- Lutheran Student Movement
- Bishops and Associate Bishops
- Regional Coordinators
- Lutheran College Chaplains
- Seminaries
- Specialists in Ethnic Ministries and Evangelism Strategies
- Lutheran Social Service Organizations

The next annual meeting is scheduled for April 16-18, 2008, in Gettysburg, PA. Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg will host this event. Watch the website for announcement of the 2009 event.

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