



**EQUIP TO ENGAGE
REGIONAL WORKSHOPS
JANUARY 18 * WAVERLY
JANUARY 19 * KEARNEY**





**Jesus said to them again,
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As the Father has sent me,
even so I am sending you.”
John 20:21**

Can you imagine a day when your congregation is fully a part of the community around it? Do you pray for a time when your members build meaningful, Christ-centered relationships with each other and those outside the church community? Are you ready to lead your church into the community to which you are being sent?

Many people today are disconnected from God and His Church, but Jesus gives His followers everything they need to be His witnesses to those in their community who most need to hear the loving message of Jesus Christ.

Bring one or more lay leaders from your congregation to be equipped and encouraged to embrace the community in which you serve and to engage the people around you with the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Together, we will:

-  spend time in the study of God's Word,
-  receive practical training and tools that are ready to be put to use,
-  prepare a plan for your congregation to engage the community, and
-  learn questions to ask others to encourage them see their mission field more clearly.

There are people in every community who are hurting without the hope of Jesus Christ. The body of Christ has been given the gifts of peace, hope, and love and we have been sent to share these gifts with the world.

This workshop is a chance to step back from the everyday tasks and examine the needs of your community, the gifts of your congregation, and how God might use you to bring His peace, hope and love to a hurting community.

Participants will be given tools to help them be encouragers when they return to their congregations in order to share what they have learned and get more people involved in reaching out to the community.

**Friday, January 18 OR Saturday, January 19
@ Peace, Waverly @ Holy Cross, Kearney**

Pastors and lay leaders are invited to pick the workshop date and location that works best for them.

Registration information is on the next page.



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These workshops are being offered free of charge through a partnership of the Center for U.S. Mission, the Nebraska District LCMS, the Kearney Circuit, and Peace, Waverly. A free-will donation will be taken each day to help cover the cost of lunch, which will be provided.

TO REGISTER: Online at <http://www.ndlcms.org/equip-to-engage/>

PEACE, WAVERLY (JAN. 18)

Email: nicholeh@ndlcms.org

Call: 952-913-2973

HOLY CROSS, KEARNEY (JAN. 19)

Email: blc@blc.bethlutheran.com

Call: 308-452-3685

When registering, please include the date of the workshop for which you are registering, the first and last names of everyone from your congregation who is attending, your congregation name and city, and a contact phone number or email address in case of cancellation due to inclement weather.

REGISTRATIONS DUE BY JANUARY 5

WORKSHOP SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- Missio Dei: The Mission of God
- Pathways to People: Identifying Ministry Opportunities that Connect
- Identifying Your Areas of Service
- Sharing and Encouraging at Home
- Exploring Your Circles of Influence
- Commitment and Accountability



- Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. , with the opening devotion and first session beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Lunch will be served on-site for a free-will donation.
- Participants will be on their way home by 4:00 p.m.



The workshop presenter will be **REV. PETER MEIER**, who serves at the Executive Director of the Center for U.S. Missions. The Center is a partnership between LCMS World Mission, Concordia University Irvine, the North American Mission Executives of the LCMS, and People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) International. They provide research and training for mission work among unevangelized people in the United States. They are Christ-centered, mission-driven, multiplication-focused, and service-oriented.



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