

Lutheran Education Association Speaker Service 2010–2011

Catalog of Topics

Lutheran Education Association offers presentations for your conferences. LEA is pleased to provide speakers, with the following understanding:

LEA

- Covers the cost of travel to and from your site
- Provides speaker without requiring an honorarium

Host

- Uses LEA speaker as part of a District or regional conference
- Provides a complimentary exhibit table and space
- Covers cost of lodging, meals, conference registration, and miscellaneous local expenses
- Provides for supplies or equipment as listed in presentation descriptions

All presentations are normally 60–75 minutes unless otherwise noted. **Topics may be customized by title and/or time to meet your needs, including keynote addresses.** We also may be able to create new presentations based upon your theme or other needs.

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Title/Topic Details

Any Questions?

Edward Grube

Audience: Teachers

Time: 60-75 minutes

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangement: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Presentation and participant interaction in a lively review of Bloom's Taxonomy. Application will be especially relevant to teaching religion.

Be Attitudes: Relational Elements in Teaching

Edward Grube

Audience: Teachers

Time: 60-75 minutes

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangement: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: The ability to form meaningful relationships with students contributes to effective teaching, and, more important, genuine ministry. This presentation focuses on how teachers need to BE in order to foster positive, healthy relationships with students.

Beginning Teachers (Church Workers) Workshop

Staff

Audience: Teachers and other church workers new to ministry

Time: Workshop requires two to four hours depending on number of participants

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangement: Room large enough to provide for plenary seating in a circle and space to break into small groups; pencils and notepads; projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation (optional)

Description: Group sharing and discussion of why participants became a professional church worker, expectations, surprises, where to find help, and problem solving.

Devotional interludes

Edward Grube

Audience: Customized

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Microphone; customized

Description: Devotional messages/transitions/interludes presented to coordinate with the conference's selected theme.

Distinctively Lutheran

Jonathan Laabs and/or Edward Grube

Audience: Administrators/Directors, Pastors, Teachers

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: How can a Lutheran school remain distinctively Lutheran in an age when schools face a shortage of teachers and pastors educated in Lutheran schools? What can we do to prepare for and perpetuate solid Law and Gospel teaching, teaching religion across an excellent curriculum, and commitment to Lutheran education as a ministry of the local congregation(s)? Presentation and discussion based.

Early Childhood Leadership Institute Modules

ECEnet Leadership by special arrangement. Call 708.209.3484 for details.

Playing Nicely Together...Church & Center Relationships

Lutheran Churches and Early Childhood Centers often share common facilities, materials, and ministry goals. Participants will work to strengthen the bond that both churches and centers have in reaching out to young children and families.

Intentional Evangelism in an Early Childhood Program

Lutheran Early Childhood Centers are perfect places for sharing the Good News of Jesus. Learn strategies for being more intentional in connecting and building faith-relationships with young children and families.

Pastoral Involvement in the Early Childhood Ministry

The pastor of your church DOES play an integral role in ministering to the children in a Lutheran Early Childhood Program. Participants will learn and discuss methods of partnering with a congregational pastor in achieving the goal of ministering to children.

Transformation of Today's Early Childhood Leader

The role of an Early Childhood Director is ever-changing. Can we ever accomplish everything? Learn about the important role a director has and how it can positively influence the overall atmosphere of an Early Childhood Center.

Strengthening Relationships With Parents

Sometimes working with parents can be more difficult than working with children! As a leader it is a great responsibility to minister to parents as well. Participants will learn strategies that can positively build strong relationships with parents and caregivers.

Nurturing Young Children in Becoming Spiritual Champions

All humans are created by God to honor and glorify Him. Raising children in today's culture can be difficult. Dig deeper into the plans God has for us, as leaders and teachers, in preparing children to become spiritual champions and parents as the most important spiritual leader in a child's life.

Play-based Learning in a Technological World

Meeting the needs and interests of parents while guiding their young children through this technological age can be challenging. Explore how appropriate screen time and play time can be integrated together into the lives of young children.

Becoming a Lutheran Early Childhood Center of Choice

Families often have many choices where they can send their child for child care and early school experiences. What is it about a Lutheran program that makes us distinctive? How can we "shine" and let families know what we have to offer? Participants will also reflect on what their individual program needs to stand out and move from "good to great."

Qualities of a Good to Great Director

Early childhood directors wear a variety of hats in their roles as educational and congregational leaders. Explore these hats as one strives to go from being a good to great leader, who influences students, families, staff, congregation, and community.

Staffing for Quality

Finding the right mix of workers for your early childhood program can be a challenge. When the need to hire arises...HIRE WELL! The immediate need for "extra hands" sometimes overshadows the need for finding quality staff members, who possess the personal and professional qualities that we really desire.

Director as Ministry Manager

Daily scenarios of managing groups of “little people” or “big people” are often diverse, challenging, and time consuming. Each day brings many experiences that one may or may not be prepared for in ministry. Seek to explore and share management experiences and techniques for more effective early childhood ministry.

Multicultural Ministry... It's Here!

Early child programs of today have many different faces, from staff members to children. A typical early childhood program may include students of different cultures, religions, or possibly even no religious background at all. Rather than running from such a mix, we should embrace the opportunity to share the saving grace of Jesus' death and resurrection. From building strong relationships, to sharing the Word, to a child's baptism, participants will learn various ways of using differences to minister to others.

Educating “Digital Natives”

Jonathan Laabs

Audience: Teachers, Administrators

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Students of today and tomorrow (digital natives) come to school with different sets of skills, expectations, and experiences than most educators have been trained to anticipate and adequately address. How can “digital immigrants” become more effective in their ministry to students of all ages, who grew up in a digital world? Ideas for understanding the unique needs of today's learner and the application of appropriate technologies and instructional strategies will be presented and discussed.

Ethics in the Lutheran Educator's World

Jonathan Laabs

Audience: Teachers, DCEs, Administrators

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: How does an educator in a Lutheran ministry work within multiple settings: school, community, congregation, society, and world? Emphasis will be placed on the ethical considerations associated with each area of responsibility and how legal, scriptural, moral, and philosophical principles can lead to the development of a code of ethics. This interactive presentation will be customized for each target audience.

Find Them and Keep Them!

Jonathan Laabs

Audience: Administrators

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Identifying sources for Lutheran educators is becoming one of the most important responsibilities of a school administrator. Retaining those educators is even more critical. Ideas and strategies for accomplishing both will be presented and shared among participants. Specific tools such as LEA's Lutheran Educator Opportunity Center (LEOC) will be demonstrated.

Governing Board Workshop

Edward Grube (LEA) and Bill Cochran (LCMS School Ministry)

Audience: School (including early childhood program) administrators **and** a member of their governing board

Time: Various options: Five hour (preferred + add a half-hour for lunch). See Description below. May also be broken down into 60- to 75-minute segments focusing on individual chapters of the *Governing Board Manual for Lutheran Schools* (see Customized Titles below).

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation; at least one computer (Internet access and browser required) for each school represented; provisions for lunch—five-hour workshop only.

Description: Participants learn how to use the free, online resource titled *Governing Board Manual for Lutheran Schools*. * Includes differentiating between policies and procedures, board roles and development, board meetings (5-hour only) and extensive practice in the systematic creation of school policies (5-hour only).

Customized Title(s) for 60-minute presentations: Policy Development and Review (Chapter 1); Board Relationships (Chapters 2 & 3); Board Responsibilities, Meetings, & Development (Chapters 4, 5, & 6). *This online resource is provided by LCMS District & Congregational Services—School Ministry. Workshop is free while funding from a grant remains available.

International Education in Your School and Congregation

Jonathan Laabs

Audience: Teachers; school administrators; DCEs

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Students of all ages are growing up in a global context. Lutheran schools and congregations are ideal places for learning to become international citizens. Participants will explore resources and strategies that can be integrated into any school curriculum, youth, or adult program. Emphasis will be placed upon connections with Lutheran education mission sites and schools throughout the world.

I Witness

Edward Grube

Audience: Teachers

Time: 60-75 minutes (recommended audience participation can make this longer)

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangement: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Techniques for Lutheran educators to witness to their students and families.

It's a Small World: Lutheran Education is Global!

Jonathan Laabs

Audience: Teachers; school administrators

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Our Lutheran education ministries are among many that have developed in different parts of the world. Did you know that there are active Lutheran schools and Lutheran educators in Asia, South America, Australia, Africa, Canada, Europe, and Palestine? Participants will learn about how students and teachers can get involved with the global Lutheran education community: on the Internet, in your school, and abroad!

Life Management: Understanding Yes

Jonathan Laabs

Audience: Professional church workers

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Pressures of time, tasks, and turnover often challenge ministry. Participants will discover new ways of managing schedules, resources, and responsibilities in professional and personal lives.

Lutheran Educator Fitness: Key Ingredients for Satisfaction and Joy in Ministry!

Jonathan Laabs

Audience: Professional church workers

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Many factors contribute to a healthy, productive, and joy-filled education ministry. Participants will learn about ways in which the many challenges facing Lutheran educators each day can be confronted at several levels: spiritual, physical, emotional, and professional. Discussion will focus on

identifying answers for common problems encountered by Lutheran educators in both their professional and personal lives.

On Vocation

Edward Grube

Audience: Elementary and secondary educators

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Explore and understand the Lutheran concept and elements of vocation. Discuss how to teach vocation across the curriculum.

Professionalism and Women in Church Work

Kathy Slupik

Audience: Teachers; school administrators

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Do you project a professional image that leaves them saying "Wow!" or "Whoa?" Projecting confidence, experience, and professionalism comes more from inside than the outside, but image also involves the way you look. This sectional focuses on sharing ways for women in ministry to develop a professional image.

Recipe for Professionalism: The Well-Done Educator

Edward Grube

Audience: Professional church workers

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Presentation and discussion of the ingredients necessary for professional performance in Lutheran classrooms.

Say Yes to No (overview)

Jonathan Laabs or Edward Grube

Audience: Administrators, teachers, pastors, DCEs, general

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Introduction to *Say Yes to No: A Parenting Program to Raise Happy, Self-reliant Kids* by Monica and David Walsh. Includes an overview of the program and sample lessons from the 5-session course.

School Consolidation: One Way to Keep Lutheran Schools Alive?

Edward Grube

Audience: Administrators, boards, congregations

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: As smaller Lutheran schools continue to close, some areas find themselves without choices for Christian education, especially at the elementary level. This presentation/discussion explores the experience, challenges, and advantages of congregations working together to provide a Lutheran school. Includes a potential process for initiating consolidation. (Note: While this presentation may be done in 75 minutes, a full discussion requires about two hours.)

Self-Esteem in Christian Perspective

Edward Grube

Audience: General

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Self-esteem in students has faded somewhat as a hot topic, but it remains relevant nonetheless. Some Christians have criticized self-esteem because of its outgrowth from secular humanism, claiming that it has no place in Lutheran education. This presentation seeks to provide a Christian construct for self-esteem and its proper role in the lives of students.

Somebody Loves Me: Self-Esteem for Administrators

Edward Grube

Audience: Customized to meet needs.

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Administrators are often lonely and feel unloved. Or is it that they feel lonely and are indeed unloved? This presentation is intended to lighten the burdens that eat away at the administrator's self-esteem and offers tips on protecting or fostering self esteem—all from a Christian perspective. **May be customized as Self-Esteem for Teachers, DCEs, etc.**

Teacher as Leader

Jonathan Laabs

Audience: Teachers and Administrators

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Leadership in schools is not limited to one person. It is, in fact, a function of a broader spectrum of servant-leaders who work together to create an effective environment for learning. Strategies for building “leadership capacity” among all individuals who are key to a Lutheran school community will be shared, with emphasis on the teacher's role in empowering parents, volunteers, and students as leaders.

Teaching the Faith across the Curriculum

Edward Grube

Audience: Teachers

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Lutheran school educators differ from their counterparts. A most significant way to maintain the distinction is to integrate faith and Scripture into all learning. Presentation and discussion focuses on how this is done in a natural or uncontrived way. **Alternate presentations** will be customized to discuss specific curricular areas. Participants would need to bring appropriate teacher manuals and be prepared to brainstorm/workshop ideas.

The Power of Relationships

Jonathan Laabs

Audience: School administrators

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: It's what ministry is all about! Lutheran administrators are at the heart of a complex matrix of relationships among individuals in a variety of settings. Research shows that effective relationships are responsible for satisfaction and retention of teachers. Participants will focus on methods to improve relational skills and developing plans to implement relationship building among staff.

The “PRO” in *Professional*

Jonathan Laabs

Audience: Professional church workers

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Lutheran educators are challenged more than ever by the confusion, skepticism, and criticism of many within and outside of the Church concerning the Lutheran teaching ministry and our roles as professionals in the field. We'll take a look at the PROfound changes in the Lutheran educator's

role today, discuss the PROliferous ministry of the Lutheran educator of the future, and develop a PROactive approach toward PROfessional growth and awareness.

Tomorrow's Leader: Using Change for Effective Ministry

Jonathan Laabs

Audience: School administrators

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Administrators in Lutheran schools are challenged daily with change. Pressures from changes in society, expectations of parents, accountability, educational reform, growing diversity in the world's population, and global events are just some of the issues with which all leaders must cope to be effective in their roles. Discussion during the presentation will focus on the principal's changing role as transformational leader.

Volunteers in the Classroom/School

Staff

Audience: Teachers; school administrators

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation

Description: Volunteers: You can't live without them, but can you live with them? What does it take to enable volunteers to serve well and to do what you need them to do? This presentation will provide tips for recruiting, selecting, training, and caring for volunteers—and those whom they serve.

Working with (Non-school) Boards

Edward Grube

Audience: DCEs, DCO, various parish workers in leadership roles

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Note pads and pencils; writing surface for participants; projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation (optional)

Description: Congregational boards work in myriad ways. Explore and discuss types of boards and best practices for working with them.

Write Right: Tips for Administrators, Teachers, Pastors, Church Workers, etc.

Edward Grube

Audience: School Administrators and Directors; DCEs

Supplies/Equipment/Arrangements: Note pads and pencils; writing surface for participants; projector and cable, power supply, and screen for *PowerPoint* presentation (optional)

Description: Tips for increasing the odds that your written communications are read and understood. Includes practice (75 minute version).

Brief Biographies of LEA Speakers

Dr. Jonathan Laabs has served in various teaching and leadership capacities in Lutheran education for 33 years. He was teacher and building administrator in Lutheran schools in Texas and Michigan for 15 years, served as Director of Teacher Education at Concordia University, Ann Arbor and, for the past thirteen years has served as Executive Director of Lutheran Education Association. Dr. Laabs is a frequent presenter at district, national and international conferences; serves on several district and national boards and committees; and teaches as an adjunct professor at Concordia University, Chicago, where he received his BA (1977) and MA (1980). He earned his Doctor of Education degree from The University of Michigan with an emphasis in Instructional Technology.

Dr. Edward Grube is Director of Publications/Communications for the Lutheran Education Association. Prior to accepting the Call to LEA, Ed was Director of Publications for LCMS District & Congregational Services—School Ministry. Ed also served as a Lutheran school principal for 27 years. He holds both a B.A. (1970) and an M.A. (1975) in education from Concordia University Chicago, which also conferred on him an honorary Doctor of Laws in 2006. Ed is the author of 15 books published by Concordia Publishing House, LCMS School Ministry, and LEA. He has served as an editor and writer for many CPH curriculum publications and LCMS School Ministry projects.

Kathy Slupik has served in various teaching and leadership capacities in Lutheran education for more than 30 years. Kathy earned a B.A. (1977) from Concordia University Chicago. She was a teacher and administrator in Lutheran schools in Chicago for 25 years and has served as Executive Assistant of Lutheran Education Association since 2002. She has service as LCMS English District early childhood commissioner, consultant, and captain for National Lutheran School Accreditation and has served on the English District Board of Directors.

ECEnet Leadership presents Early Childhood Leadership Institute workshops. Current workshop leaders are Drew Gerdes and Julie Klopke.

LEA STAFF SPEAKER REQUEST FORM

Please sign and return one copy of this form. The following information constitutes a proposed agreement between Lutheran Education Association (LEA) and the entity listed regarding the participation of LEA staff in a conference, meeting, or other event as specified. Signature by LEA indicates acceptance.

Information about event

Name:

Date(s):

Location:

Speaking arrangements

Title of Presentation 1:

Date:

Time:

LEA Speaker:

Title of Presentation 2:

Date:

Time:

LEA Speaker:

LEA agrees to:

- cover the costs of speaker(s) getting to and from the event location
- waive the speaker stipend unless otherwise noted

Conference agrees to:

- cover the costs of hotel, registration and meals that are necessary for the speaker(s) during the duration of the event
- provide one complimentary exhibit table for LEA
- provide AV equipment requested by the speaker(s), as specified in the catalog description

Event Representative:

LEA Staff:

(Signed)

(Signed)

Date: _____ Date: _____

Event contact phone: _____ E-mail _____ Fax _____

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