



The 2018 National Rural & Small Town Mission Conference will be held Nov. 8–10 in Kansas City, Mo., at the Hilton Kansas City Airport.

We hope you'll join us by registering now and reserving your spot!

Keynote speakers will include:

- the Rev. Timothy Koch, pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in Cresbard, S.D., and Immanuel Lutheran in Wecota, S.D.;
- the Rev. Dr. Robert H. Bennett of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind.;
- Rev. Tom Schlund, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Algona, Iowa; and
- Chaplain Craig Muehler, director of the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces.

The conference will address blessings and challenges facing rural and small-town congregations today. Congregations will be encouraged in becoming healthy churches, eager to bear witness for Christ and able to show mercy to those in need in communities and develop a robust life together with fellow members.

This conference is meant for anyone living, serving or interested in rural or small-town areas, with topics and resources specifically suited for this unique mission field. Breakout topics include:

- ministry to inactive members,
- stewardship,
- family ministry and outreach,
- hope during grief,
- opportunities with Recognized Service Organizations and
- many other topics affecting our rural and small-town congregations.

New this year will be a special track for LERT Disaster Training and one for Youth Ministry; these options will have a limited number of seats and require attendance in all six sessions. There is something planned for everyone, from lay person to pastor and from student to teacher!

### RSTM Shirts

We are again making the snazzy Reaching Rural America for Christ logo shirts available for purchase! Wouldn't you like to sport one of the stylish RSTM Reaching Rural America for Christ shirts? Order online when registering or by contacting our office by Oct. 15, and you can pick up your shirt at the RSTM National Conference. They are available in gray or white; men's and women's polos sizes S–XL are \$19 each, and sizes 2XL–6XL are \$21 each. (Other styles have different prices.)

### Registration and Lodging

Adult registration for the conference is \$215 per person and includes all plenary and breakout sessions, materials, Thursday dinner, Friday lunch and dinner and more. Special rates are available for couples, meals only and groups. Contact our office with questions or group rates. Hotel reservations must be made separately from conference registration. The Hilton Kansas City Airport is offering a rate of \$106 for a single or \$114 for a double (plus applicable taxes) for our group, including breakfast buffet per day per occupancy level, complimentary self-parking and complimentary airport transportation on request. More information and online registration will soon be available at [lcms.org/rstm/conference](http://lcms.org/rstm/conference).

LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission supports and encourages rural and small-town congregations in engaging their communities and growing together in Christ through Word and Sacrament.

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