

October 2016

Dear Rostered Colleagues in the
Northeastern Ohio Synod,

You are invited to the 2017 Professional Leaders' Retreat, January 17-19, at The Lodge at Sawmill Creek Resort (same great site as last year). Join us for a couple of days of rest, relaxation and refreshment with rostered friends across not only our synod, but for the second year in a row, with Northwestern Ohio and Southern Ohio as well! The theme is the church's ongoing reformation and how we are a part of it. Our presenters will be the Rev. Dr. Joy Schroeder, professor of Church History at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and professor of Theology and Religion at Capital University; and Dr. Kenneth W. Inskeep, director for research and evaluation in the Office of Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Registration takes place from 1:00 – 2:00 pm on January 17 followed by the Gathering Eucharist. Bishop's time, followed by a Social Hour sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Seminary concludes the day on Tuesday. Wednesday features lunch on your own with free time and a Healing Service in the evening. Thursday concludes with a Sending Eucharist. Please see the enclosed schedule for specific times.

We will follow the process from former years that worked so well: **payment must accompany all registrations** and the **deadline of November 1st for the reduced price** will be strictly maintained. Refunds will be considered on a case by case basis. A fillable form is available at www.neos-elca.org. **People who come only for the day must register as well. No exceptions.** Children may stay in the lodge for free and if they are under 5 the meals are free as well; 6-11 yrs. are \$85.00. Child care will be available if registered by November 1st. As always, spouses are especially encouraged to come. For registration questions, please contact Deacon Patti Jabre, 330-425-7377, or pjabre@ctktwinsburg.com

Please remember that the intent of this gathering is "to retreat" and do what is helpful for you. In terms of the whole schedule, please pick and choose what works for you! **Bring your ELW** and if you are an "outdoors person", bring boots or cross-country skis and a warm coat to take a walk in the snow. Sawmill Creek Resort is beautiful in the winter! Check it out: www.sawmillcreekresort.com.

Sincerely,

Karl K. Biermann

Rev. Karl K. Biermann,
On behalf of the PLR Planning Committee

