

THE CENTER FOR EVANGELICAL MISSION

OUR GOAL:

is to help leaders become aware of and comfortable with the need to adapt and change their way of being church so they can

- take risks, *experiment*, and learn from their efforts,
- rely on God's Spirit to draw out their *creative energy*, ingenuity, and faith,
- exercise *adaptive leadership*,
- focus on *reality and spirituality*,
- create a *new future* for their churches.

To accomplish these goals they need

1. the *humble confidence* that they are held in and commissioned by the God who is revealed in Jesus through the Holy Spirit,
2. a culture of *mutual trust, listening, and discovery* willing to start anywhere and follow God's leading everywhere,
3. the ability to be *companions and partners* with neighbouring churches seeking transformation.



This event will help leaders discover how they can connect more deeply with God and their neighbors

- *Become more innovative and ultimately more faithful to their Christian tradition*
- *Try on new ways of participating in God's mission through innovation and experimentation*
- *Make "good mistakes" and learn from them and move on quickly and bear a vital witness*
- *Find new hope and fresh direction as they ask two important questions: "What do we do next?" and "How can we carry forward what is best from our past into a new world?"*

"If anyone is in Christ, there a new creation; everything old has passed away: see, everything has become new!"
(2 Cor.5:17)

THE CENTER FOR EVANGELICAL MISSION

invites you to take part in

"Faithful Innovation in a Disruptive Age"



Another workshop for church leaders and pastors seeking approaches to ministry that will enable people to find their gifts and develops confidence for building healthy, resilient and outgoing community.

This event will be led by Dr. Dwight Zscheile, the Vice President of Innovation and Associate Professor of Congregational Mission and Leadership at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and author of

*"The Agile Church- Spirit-Led Innovation
in an Uncertain Age."*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

8:30 a.m.– 3 p.m.

**Grace Lutheran Church and School
400 Hempstead Ave Malverne, NY**

*This CEM Event is supported by a
Leadership Development Grant
from the Metro NY Synod*

Some Excerpts from *The Agile Church*

"Churches today find themselves disoriented, grieving, confused, stuck, amidst the changing cultural realities of the twenty-first century world. The ending hasn't worked out like we expected. We don't know what to do."

"Leadership in the agile church is about fostering the places where people can learn, practice, and play . . . where people can engage in relative safety with the tough questions for which there are no easy answers."

"The work before us is about focusing and re-rooting – discerning what to hold onto and what to let go of as we claim more deeply our identity in the gospel."

"The practice of innovating within established congregations brings with it all sorts of opportunities and challenges. Starting new forms of Christian community can allow for greater freedom for cultural interpretation. What does leadership mean within both of these, and how can church life be restructured and patterned to foster innovation?"

"Innovation involves a shift in imagination that comes through practices and participatory engagement with the biblical narrative; we live our way into new patterns through small experiments rather than dreaming up an aspirational vision far from today's realities."

OUR WORKSHOP LEADER

Dwight Zscheile joined the Luther Seminary faculty in 2008. He has a B.A. degree with distinction from Stanford University, attended Oxford University, has a Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School, and Doctor of Philosophy degree from Luther Seminary with a focus on congregational mission and leadership in 2008. He is the author of several books and articles on congregational leadership.

He was ordained in The Episcopal Church in 2005 and has served on mission and leadership task forces in the Dioceses of Minnesota and Virginia, and on the Task Force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church.

"Faithful Innovation in a Disruptive Age"



Dr. Dwight Zscheile

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m. Registration , coffee, tea, etc.
Host: Thrivent Action Group
- 9:00 a.m. "Dwelling in the Word"
Acts 16:6-15
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation - Conversation:
"A Disruptive Age"
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation- Conversation:
"Deepening Identity"
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. "Dwelling in the World"
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation-Conversation:
"Embracing Agility"
- 3:00 p.m. Blessing and Sending

REGISTRATION FORM

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Pastor Deacon Council Member

Other Role _____

*Please register me for this Saturday Event
November 3, 2018*

Registration Fee: Make checks payable to

"Hope Lutheran Church"

\$20 for the event (includes lunch)

Check Enclosed

Please order me a copy of
Dr. Zscheile's book, *The Agile Church*

Check Enclosed (\$20)

*(Please copy this form and send it if you want to
save the reverse side)*

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