



SOUTH WISCONSIN

DISTRICT

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

The South Wisconsin District, in partnership with the LCMS Office of National Mission – Stewardship will host a hybrid **Philippians Conference** April 20, 2024. The conference will be facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, SWD Mission Executive and LCMS National Mission Stewardship Specialist. Dr. Meador co-authored the work *Stewardship for the Care of Souls* and has been part of LCMS National Mission – Stewardship since 2013.

What is a Philippians Conference? The workshop is based on Paul's words in Philippians Chapter 1. In that chapter, and throughout the whole book of Philippians, we see how all the leadership of the congregation is working together in the realm of stewardship: Paul, Timothy, deacons, overseers and lay "partners in the Gospel" are all mentioned within just the first three verses.

The Philippians Conference gathers pastors and lay leaders from the congregational level to spend a day together looking at the theology and practice of stewardship. The goal of the event is to ground congregational stewardship on the solid foundation of Scripture and Confession. The session will also look into the need for the local congregation to assess, strengthen and even change their local stewardship culture. The highlights of these events are that the congregation gets a fresh perspective on stewardship and leaves the event with one or two action items to put into practice immediately.

Who Should Attend?

- Pastors – This is critical since the teaching of stewardship is part of the whole counsel of God.
- Elders – Stewardship is a spiritual and pastoral care issue.
- Other elected leaders – Faithful steward leadership in the congregation is essential!
- Other members of the congregation – EVERY human being is a steward by virtue of Creation and every child of God is a steward of the Gospel by virtue of their baptismal identity.

Conference Agenda:

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8:30am – 9:00am	Registration for in-person participants	9:30 – 10:00 AM
9:00am – 9:10am	Welcome and Opening Devotion	10:00 – 10:10 AM
9:10am – 10:30am	Stewardship Conversion: OUR Stewardship Story	10:10 – 11:30 AM
10:30am – 10:45am	Break	11:30 – 11:45 AM
10:45am – Noon	Stewardship Culture	11:45 – 1:00 PM
Noon – 12:45pm	Lunch Break	1:00 – 1:45 PM
12:45pm – 1:50pm	Assessing Stewardship Culture and Action Items	1:45 – 2:50 PM
1:50pm – 2:00pm	Closing Comments/and Devotion	2:50 – 3:00 PM

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How to Participate:

Local congregation groups are encouraged to join us **in-person** at the South Wisconsin District office. Program material and lunch will be provided. Groups from outside the Milwaukee area are also invited to attend in-person.

The South Wisconsin District staff can make recommendations for lodging, but arrangements will be up to the individual groups that wish to attend in-person.

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Congregations are also invited to host an **on-line** "watch party." This would mean that your pastor(s), congregational leaders, and members would gather on your campus to participate as a group via Zoom. There will be an online moderator to ensure the presenter addresses your questions.

To maximize your experience, it is important that there be groups of participants at the local setting. While an individual may participate, the event is best experienced and has the greatest impact when viewed together. The watch party host is strongly encouraged to arrange beverages, snacks, and lunch for their fellow participants.

The Zoom link will be emailed to the host the week of the event along with participant materials that will need to be printed on an as-needed basis.

How much does this cost?

There is no cost to participate in this event.

How do I register?

Both in-person and on-line seats are limited, so register today at swd.lcms.org/hybrid. If you intend to join us in-person, please be ready to register your complete list of attendees. The registration form closes on April 15.

Other questions?

All questions about the event may be directed to meador@swd.lcms.org or call 414-464-8101.

