

CALLING ALL SEMI-SYNOD SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAMS

WHEN

Friday, June 24, 2016

6pm - 8:30 pm

WHERE

Genesis Lutheran Church

7200 Mack Avenue @ E. Grand Blvd., Detroit

Bishop Don Kreiss will join us for the discussion & dinner

MEET & GREET • DINNER • PLANNING

- √ **who are the members the various teams**
- √ **what's your team agenda /causes you support?**
- √ **who will present your “3 minute commercial / elevator speech” that describes your team’s work?**
- √ **what is our common interest?**
- √ **what do you want to know?**
- √ **how do we work together?? (think Voter Rights)**

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HUNGER TEAM

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Church in Jordan & the
Holy Land*



Rise Up
Southeast Michigan Synod • ELCA

At the recent Synod Assembly, Bishop Kreiss announced the Rise UP! Campaign that supports six ministry areas, including:

Tune in

Congregations need to understand the community and context within which they live. They also need to assess the gifts and abilities they possess. The *Rise Up* Campaign will provide every participating with a program from the organization *Living Everyday as Disciples* (www.waytolead.org) that will both assess the congregation and help them study their community. This is a 10-step process proven to provide the guidance congregations need to understand their communities and determine how to make an impact.

Grants to Congregations

Each congregation that completes the **Tune In** process will receive a matching grant of \$3,500 to \$5,000 to implement a ministry strategy discerned through the **Tune In** process. Congregations will be asked to measure the impact of the new ministry initiative.

Lay Leader Development

Equipping lay people for effective ministry in today's context is critical. Rise Up will enable the Synod to provide training and events where lay people can grow in their leadership capacity for the church. Topics of emphasis will include:

- Worship leadership
- Council leadership and governance
- Stewardship
- Evangelism
- Young adult
- Youth
- Social justice

"I am excited to share that we are launching the Rise Up Campaign across our Synod.

Through the fruits of this campaign, we intend to:

- Strengthen both lay and rostered leaders to lead the church of today and tomorrow,
- Help congregations determine how to best live out their missions in their communities-- communities that have changed significantly since the day they were founded,
- Build a new generation of stewards who will fund critical ministry both here and across the world, and
- Provide a tithe from our Synod to the *Always Being Made New Campaign for the ELCA*.

I invite you to join me in helping this church to Rise Up for the next phase of our ministry together. You can join me with your prayers, your volunteer involvement, and of course, your financial support. Together, we can Rise Up. "

Grace and peace,

Bishop Don Kreiss

What do you envision for 1) your social justice team and/or 2) your congregation, and how can you connect the vision to this campaign? Think about it and bring your ideas on June 24th.