

Partners in Faith Report 2011

The Partners in Faith committee has been reorganized and has been actively working to meet the mission priorities of the synod that are relevant for our committee.

In particular we find these priorities to be of the greatest significance for our committee:

2. Ministries are:

- a. ***engaged in developing a deeper understanding of being a contributing, unique and vital part of the whole church of God;***
- b. ***developed to facilitate cooperative initiatives within the whole church as fellow workers in the Kingdom of God;***
- c. ***strengthened in order that there would be a faith presence in congregations, in homes, on campuses, in camps, in new mission starts and in all ministries which support the Synod's mission and vision;***
- d. ***encouraged to use available initiatives and resources, people and tools, to enhance biblical engagement and faith formation***

So that: The saints of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories may be ***"equipped for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ."*** (Eph. 4)

To this end we have worked to organize a Partners in Faith Conference. Promotional materials are being prepared and should be available by the end of October. In the meantime the most relevant details about the event are:

Building Vibrant Faith Home and Congregation in Alliance

When: April 27th-28th, 2012 7pm-9pm Friday- 8:30am-4pm Saturday

Where: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 40 Holmes Street, Red Deer, AB

What: Keynote Presenter: Rev. Dr. David W. Anderson of Vibrant Faith (formerly the Youth and Family Institute)

Workshops :

- Getting the Tools – learn about different curriculums and programs available for children, family and adult ministries and programs
- Creating Milestones – find out about Milestone Ministry and how you can create opportunities for faith in the home and the congregation
- Living out Faith in action – engage in experiencing faith lived out in servant events and practical applications of faith: how can you get involved?
- Resourcing the Home – empower family members to discuss and apply faith as a part of your every day practice

Who: For everyone (professional and lay leaders, congregation members, parents, grandparents, etc)

Registration: \$75/person (or \$50/person in groups of 4 or more from the same congregation) up to March 30th
Late fee of \$10/person added for registrations March 31st on

More details about this event will be available soon. Plan to attend with a group of people – it promises to be an excellent event.

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