

Register

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Congregation: _____

Diet or other special needs:

Registration fee:
\$125 per person for two nights, six meals.
\$70 for commuters (meals & program only)

Additional scholarship help may be available.

Please register by February 8th , 2010.

Please send all registrations from a congregation together and make checks payable to:

Upstate New York Synod

Mail this form and check to:

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February 25-27, 2010

Christ the King Retreat Center
711 Knox Rd
E. Aurora, NY 14050
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Vital Congregations/ Just Communities II

**A workshop on the
practice and
principles of faith-
based community
organizing**



Sponsored by:

The Upstate New York Synod, ELCA,
The Office for Congregation-Based
Community Organizing, ELCA



Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. Jeremiah 29:7

Shaped by the cross of Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit, we are God's means to bring God's saving compassion and justice to all God's children and world.

Your Congregation Can

- build new relationships with the people of your community
- get organized, trained, and empowered to act together around common self-interests;
- make just and lasting systemic community improvements

This is an opportunity for your congregation to become a vital life-giving center for their community, grounded in faith as the heart, strength, and motivation for this work for the common good.

The Training

All training sessions are grounded and surrounded in biblical and theological reflection, and led by national and regional professional faith- and congregation-based community organizers.

Upstate New York Synod—Amsterdam

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The Trainers:



Rev. Susan Engh,
Director, Congregation-
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Don Carlson,
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The Preachers:



Bishop Marie Jerge,
Upstate NY Synod ELCA



Rev. Dr. David Pfrimmer
Principal Dean
Waterloo Lutheran
Seminary

Local leaders and presenters

- Chaplain/worship: Rev. Eric Olsen
- Bible study: Rev. Gary Steeves
- Theology: Rev. Dan Hahn
- Organist: Rev. Denis Paufler

Goals of the 2010 Training

- (1) Apply organizing tools and practices in congregations in ways to revitalize congregational life
- (2) Apply organizing tools and practices in congregations and conferences as a method for looking and relating and taking action beyond themselves, for the sake of abundant life for the broader community
- (3) Begin conversations over the creation of regional faith based community organizing efforts, not necessarily affiliated with any of the national networks.

The Agenda Includes

Regular Worship and Prayer times including four 30 minute participatory Bible study and theological reflection sessions.

Training in

- Love & Listening: Motivation in Community Organization
- Relational Meetings,
- Leadership Development, and
- Taking Collective Action.

Two training tracks:

1. first-timers
2. returning leaders (this track will build on 2009 training).

**Begins with worship, 4:30,
February 25th
Ends with lunch, 12:00,
February 27th**