CALL FOR PAPERS

CHARIS: The Institute of Wisconsin Lutheran College
Announces its First Annual

“Church Door Symposium”
February 29 - March 2, 2004

In the early sixteenth century, Martin Luther and his fellow professors at the University of Wittenberg posted theses for public discussion on the school’s bulletin board, the north door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. To promote the open discussion and debate of issues and challenges facing the Church, CHARIS, the institute of Wisconsin Lutheran College, is pleased to host this first annual symposium and to invite pastors, teachers, and lay individuals to submit proposals for papers to be presented at the symposium. Each year, a different general theme will be chosen to focus the efforts and contributions of presenters on one particular aspect of the Church and the challenges it faces in society.

THEME: Leadership in the Church

The theme for this year’s symposium will focus on the general concept of leadership in the Church. Proposals are invited which might address any of the follow topics or other topics related to the general theme:

- Leading from the Pew: Lay Leadership
- Cultivating the Spiritual Gift of Leadership
- What is Church Leadership: Learned Skill or Spiritual Gift?
- Leadership Training - How Effective?
- Pastoral Leadership
- Transactional vs. Transformational Leadership
- Pastoral Paradigms: CEO? Shepherd? Servant?
- Leadership Roles for Women
- Christian Leadership in the Political Process
- Where are the Men? Racial and Gender Differentiation
- Church Leadership Starts at Home
- Biblical Models of Leadership
- Leadership and Strategic Thinking
- Attributes of Effective Leaders
- Theological Foundations of Church Leadership
- Means and Ends: The Aims of Effective Leadership

Proposals for Papers

Individuals should submit proposals for papers by January 1, 2004. Proposals should include the following items. A completed registration form, a two-page abstract or outline of the paper with a separate title page, and any audio visual requirements for the presentation. Presentations of the papers will be 45 minutes in length including time for questions and discussion. Notification of acceptance will be sent by January 15, 2004.

Symposium Details

The Symposium will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran College, 8800 West Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, WI. It will begin with registration, a reception, banquet, and keynote address on Sunday, February 29, and will end with a closing panel discussion at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at noon on March 2. For more information and registration materials visit the CHARIS website at: www.charis.wlc.edu/events/ChurchDoor, or call 414-443-8730.