

Pastors' & Deacons' Conference
Lutheran Church—Canada, East District

May 14 - 16, 2018

Camp Pioneer
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AGENDA

Bring your LSB HYMNAL

Monday, May 14, 2018

5:00 p.m. *Supper*

7:00 p.m. **Divine Service:** *St. John's Lutheran Church, Gold Avenue, Angola, NY*
Officiant: Rev. Joel Kuhl, Preacher: Rev. President Timothy Teuscher
Thank You to Carol Walrath who will be providing musical accompaniment to our worship services

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

8:00 am. *Breakfast*

8:45 – 9:30 a.m. **Matins:** *Rev. Tim Schneider*

9:30 – 10:45 Session 1: *Rev. Dr. Jason Kouri*
TRUE PASTORAL MINISTRY ACTIVITIES (Part 1)

10:45 – 11:00 *Break*

11:00 – 11:30 District President's & Mission Executive's Report

11:30 – 12:00 Vice Chairman, Board of Directors', Handbook Report

12:00 – 12:15 Conference Business/Announcements

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. *Lunch*

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Session 2: *Rev. David Smilek*
"Conflict among God's People. Shepherding towards reconciliation."

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Paint Ball - *Bring appropriate clothing, perhaps even somewhat padded.*

4:45 – 5:30 p.m. **Vespers:** *Rev. Kirk Radford*
5:30 *Supper*
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Session 3: *Rev. Esko Murto*
 "The Benedict Option"

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

8:00 am. *Breakfast*

8:45 – 9:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer:** *Rev. Robert Bryans*

9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Session 4: *Rev. Dr. Jason Kouri*
 TRUE PASTORAL MINISTRY ACTIVITIES (Part 2)

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. *Break*

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Discussion on Presentations/Sundry Matters

11:45 – 12:00 noon **Responsive Prayer:** *Rev. Richard Juritsch*

12:00 noon *Lunch*

Conference Notes:

It may or may not say it now but, at least the Handbook of LCC used to say: “The plenary and the sectional meetings of official conferences may adopt and submit overtures to the district and synodical conventions” (5.151 c.), any such proposed overtures should be sent to the chairman (**Rev. Donald Schieman, 271 Elm St., St. Thomas, ON N5R 5C5** or revskiman@gmail.com) by May 1st. Items of casuistry (questions dealing with pastoral care or congregational practice) should also be sent to the chairman by May 1st. (This, however, does not preclude submission of overtures or casuistry issues that may arise from the conference itself.)

A Reminder:

This too, may or may not be in the Handbook but, that doesn't mean that this is not our aim, goal, hope, and desire. “The official conferences of pastors and deacons shall be conducted for the spiritual and professional growth of their members. Matters pertaining to Christian doctrine and practice, to professional problems, to the proper conduct in office, to private study, to the

welfare of the respective congregations and schools, to the work of the district and of the Synod, or to any other professional matter shall at all times receive due and sympathetic attention. The members of the conferences shall aim to cultivate brotherly relationships, be mutually helpful in every way possible, and encourage, instruct, and admonish one another in a spirit of sincerity and Christian love" (*LCC Handbook*, Bylaw 5.155).

Reverend Doctor Jason Kouri

TRUE PASTORAL MINISTRY ACTIVITIES.

Rev. Jason Kouri served as a parish pastor from 1996 to 2005 in Northern Ontario and Western Quebec. In 2005, he became a Regular Force (full-time) Army chaplain and was stationed in Kingston, On and Quebec City (Valcartier). In April 2016, he returned to parish ministry after accepting a divine call from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sarnia, On (LCMS, English Dist.) where he stills serves. He is also employed as a part-time (reserve) Army Chaplain to the 1st Hussars (Sarnia and London, On). In addition, next month, he will start serving as Circuit Visitor of the Canada West Circuit of the English District. He has been married to Julie since 1993. They are blessed with three daughters.

He holds a Bachelor in Business Administration from the Université du Québec à Montréal (1991). He completed his Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, On, Canada (Brock University) in 1996. He did his vicarage in France. In 2003, he completed with success the seminars and comprehensive exam for a PHD (theology) at Dominican College, Ottawa, On (so-called "PhD-ABD"). He obtained his Doctorate (D. Min.) degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo, USA in 2014. His dissertation was an assessment of the pastoral ministry activities of Canadian Forces Chaplains (Reg. Forces).

He will speak on what can be considered true pastoral ministry activities today mainly on the basis of what the New Testament and the Lutheran Confessions have to say about it. He hopes that this will help start a self-assessing and constructive conversation among the pastors/church workers present. He asks the pastors/church workers who will attend to come to the conference ready to share their thoughts on the topic and to have friendly discussions with other brother pastors/church workers.

Reverend David Smilek

"Conflict among God's People. Shepherding towards reconciliation."

Drama, gossip, backbiting, vindictive behaviour, conflict - unsurprisingly these have become standard fare in the modern workplace. But what happens when they begin to infect Christian families and congregations? Rev. Smilek will discuss how God's people must deal with conflict and the role of the Pastor in reconciliation.

Brief Bio:

Rev. David Smilek serves as Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sudbury. He is also serving as Circuit Counsellor for the Ottawa Circuit and as a board member for Ambassadors of Reconciliation - Canada.