

## The Church's Mission: Confessing Christ as Individuals & as Congregations

*"There is a lot of shame and guilt and angst associated with being a witness of Jesus. Many of us feel inadequate, maybe even unfit and unqualified to be a witness of Jesus," says Rev. Dr. Mark Wood about Christian evangelism. These feelings are common within our congregations and even among the ministerium. Rev. Dr. Steve Schave, the LCMS Director of Urban and Inner-City Outreach and Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, LCMS Executive Director of Witness and Outreach, will present on the theological foundations of Missio Dei as well as practical strategies for personal witnessing, congregational outreach, and effective partnerships.*



### **Steve Schave**

The Rev. Dr. Steven D. Schave is director of LCMS Urban & Inner-City Mission (UICM) and director of LCMS Church Planting for the Office of National Mission. In his work with UICM, Schave oversees efforts to boost revitalization in city ministries that reach out across cultures with the Gospel. He also oversees a national initiative to plant distinctly Lutheran churches, and in those places in the margins, he works to place network-supported missionaries.



### **Mark Wood**

The Rev. Dr. Mark A. Wood serves as director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry and as director of the LCMS Revitalization initiative. In his roles he identifies, develops and promotes resources for assisting congregations with inviting, welcoming, and receiving people who are disconnected from the church, equipping Lutherans to be more effective witnesses in their everyday lives, and aiding congregations with revitalization.

# Conference Schedule

## First Draft

Northern Illinois District: East Regional Conference  
The DeKoven Center, Racine WI.  
October 16–17, 2018

### Tuesday, October 16

8:30 – Registration and Continental Breakfast  
9:30 – Divine Service (Allen Buss preaches?)  
10:30 – Welcome and Conference Business  
10:45 – **Session 1** – Steve Schave on  
*Missio Dei* for Congregations  
11:45 – Lunch and Break  
2:30 – **Session 2** – Mark Wood on  
the *Missio Dei* for Individual Christians  
3:30 - President Buss, District Staff, and Conference Business  
4:30 – Vespers  
5:15 – Dinner  
6:30 – **Session 2** – Steve Schave on  
Congregational Outreach Strategies and Practices  
7:15 – Evening Prayer  
(Absolution offered from the conclusion of the service until 8:30)  
8:00 – *Gemutlichkeit*

### Wednesday, October 17

8:00 – Breakfast  
8:30 – Matins  
9:15 – **Session 4** – Mark Wood on  
Personal Evangelism Strategies and Practices  
10:00 – Conference Business  
10:30 – **Panel Discussion** with Steve Schave and Mark Wood  
11:30 – *Itinerarium* and lunch