

*You are invited to attend the  
Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA  
Annual Rostered Leaders' Convocation*

*October 12-13, 2011 Riverside Inn, Cambridge Springs, PA*

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### Church 2.0

Young adults (ages 18-30) are a rare breed within ELCA congregations and are “trending down”. What is Christ’s message of hope for this generation and how can the church help them experience it? Pastor Beth Ann L. Stone will help us explore the characteristics, life experiences, and frameworks of today’s American young adults and the challenge for our church to intersect with them.

#### Beth Ann L. Stone

The Rev. Beth Ann Lechtenberger Stone has been a young adult for the past 25 years and has no plans to age out. Her varied church leadership experiences include outdoor ministry staff (Ashland, NE), congregational youth ministry (First, Lincoln, NE), synodical youth ministry (North Carolina Synod), lay congregational staff (Christ, Bethesda, MD), seminary internship in an urban setting (Bethany, Chicago’s South Side), ordained ministry in a rural parish (Trinity, McClure, PA) and currently serving on a synod staff (assistant to the bishop, Upper Susquehanna Synod, PA).



Beth Ann has a particular passion for working with young adults and pondering how the church is changing through them. She calls St. Olaf College and Trinity Lutheran Seminary her alma maters and Mifflinburg, PA her home. Among the calls she currently juggles, she values most her calling to parent Henry and Liam and be spouse to Karl-John.

Beth Ann’s out-going personality and engaging presentation style are sure to energize you for ministry among the young adults in your community.

## Convocation Agenda Wednesday, October 12

10:30 a.m.	Arrival, registration, time for conversation
11:30	Lunch in the dining room of Riverside Inn
12:45 - 1:15 p.m.	Midday Prayer in the Ballroom Introductions and presentation of Welcome Baskets to new leaders
<b>1:15 - 2:30</b>	<b>Session 1 Unpacking the Millennial Generation</b>
2:30 - 3:25	Break - time to stretch and walk, etc.
<b>3:30 - 4:30</b>	<b>Session 2 Accompanying "Churched" Young Adults</b>
4:30 - 5:00	<i>Here I Step ...</i> 30 minute wellness walk – outdoors as weather permits
5:00 - 5:30	Break
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner in the dining room – make your selection at registration
7:00	Dessert & Entertainment – The Allegheny String Band

*This year we welcome The Allegheny String Band as our special entertainment guests. This family band from the Pleasantville area plays a variety of music including country, bluegrass, Irish country, waltzes, and reels. You're sure to enjoy the talents of: Mary, age 18, who plays the fiddle, mandolin, tin whistle, upright bass and keyboard; sixteen year old Joe plays fiddle, banjo, tin whistle, jaw harp and spoons; Beth, age 15, plays the guitar, keyboard and upright bass. Their father Pete, a retired military man, plays the upright bass. The band is becoming quite well-known as they entertain audiences at community festivals, campgrounds, weddings, clubs, and special events throughout northwestern Pennsylvania. Please join us for dessert and this delightful musical performance.*

7:30	Conversation with Bishop Jones
9:00	Prayer at the End of the Day in the Breezeway
Late night...	Conversation...reflection...pub time...walk... relaxation ... sleep

## Thursday, October 13

7:00 a.m.	<i>Here I Step ...</i> for early risers – time to walk, stretch, and pray
8:00	Breakfast in the Dining Room Pack up & check out Flexible morning time is available for cluster get-togethers, reading time, meetings with synod staff, new leaders, and/or consultation with our guests.

### **9:00 - 10:30**      **Session 3 Connecting with "Unchurched" Young Adults**

10:45	Eucharist in the Breezeway
12:00	Lunch in the Dining Room – make your entrée selection at registration Departure    Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

*Worship offerings will be sent to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal from the rostered leaders of NW PA Synod.*