



## Commission on Adult Discipleship Report To the Minnesota District Convention, June, 2012

The Commission on Adult Discipleship exists to assist congregations of the District and their leaders in helping adult members grow in their relationship to Jesus and become better equipped to use their unique gifts to bring the gospel influence into all their daily relationships and activities.

### **Annual District Church Leaders Workshop, March 3, at Belle Plaine, MN.**

- 200 in attendance
- Keynote Speaker: Pastor James Huebner on practical ways to organize gospel-motivated efforts so that called workers, church leaders, and members are on the same page.
- Material from the workshops is available at [www.welsmn.org](http://www.welsmn.org)
- This Commission welcomes workshop topic suggestions to continue to make this annual event helpful to our congregations and their ministries.

**School of Adult Bible Study.** Randy Hunter led synod-developed workshops on the topic of leading adult Bible studies in several conferences of the District. Phase 2 will be available by early 2013 and will be for pastors, teachers, and lay teachers.

**District Women's Ministry Committee.** The Coordinator is Jean Neitzel, who has visited several congregations of the District, and met with many women to get input on how to serve women of our congregations and involve them in ministry to others. A newsletter of this committee is published monthly and available to all churches. The newsletter features a devotion, highlights a congregation, and lists upcoming women's events of our district. A goal of this Committee is have a contact woman from each District congregation. Please direct your questions or comments to Jean Neitzel at [jeanmarkneitzel@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmarkneitzel@gmail.com).

**WELS Internet Bible study** – These studies contain a lecture session by the presenter. Sessions also present opportunities for each local congregation to submit questions to the presenters via instant messaging and to work on other application questions. To participate, congregations need a computer hooked to a high speed internet connection and, ideally, also a projector and a sound amplification system. Live video streaming of Bible studies is hosted at [www.livestream.com/welsadultdiscipleship](http://www.livestream.com/welsadultdiscipleship). Videos of past studies are archived here.

**Road to Emmaus Sequels** – 2 sequels are in development stage.

**The Synod's Commission on Adult Discipleship** does not have a director as we are waiting for funding.

### **Commission on Adult Discipleship:**

Rev. Mark Kock, Coordinator

Members: Rev. Paul Lindhorst, Rev. Jeff Mittelstadt, Teacher Dan Whitney, Jean Neitzel