

August 18, 2008

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The blessing of your presence is requested at a consultation,

***Called to the Whole Church:
A Gathering of ELCA Pastors of African Descent Serving in
White Congregations***

October 22-October 24, 2008
The Lutheran Center
8765 West Higgins Road
Chicago, Illinois 60631

“We cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard”
-Acts 4:20

When the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was formed, a membership goal of 10% people of color was set. While we have yet to reach that goal, The African American/Black Outreach –African Descent, Ministry of the Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission and the Multicultural Ministry Units acknowledges the celebrations and concerns peculiar to those pastors of African Descent who are called to serve in white congregations.

As apostles of the 21st century, the testimony of what you have seen and heard is important and needed for this Church. Through worship, workshops and information sharing, the work to be done at this gathering will shape and strengthen the ministries of participants, and those to whom we minister.

For more information, and to register, please contact, me or Ms. Kimberley Berry at 773.380.2678. Travel and lodging information is available. A limited amount of need-based funds are available to assist in travel to the Center.

We look forward to your participation and seeing you at the gathering.

Blessings and peace,

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