



North Dakota District LLL

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2011 North Dakota District LLL Convention February 11-13, 2011 : Jamestown, ND Concordia Lutheran Church

Schedule

The Convention Schedule is as follows:

Friday February 11

- 4:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting
- 4:00 pm Registration Begins
- 6:30 pm Orphan Grain Train and Disaster Response Team Reports
- 8:00 pm Opening Worship Service

Saturday February 12

- 8:30 am Bible Study
- 9:30 am Business Meeting
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Jamestown Prison Ministry Presentation
- 1:30 pm Servant Events
- 5:30 pm Lutheran Bible Translators Presentation
- 6:00 pm Banquet
- 7:00 pm Speaker: Hicham Chehab

Sunday February 13

- 8:00 am Worship
- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 10:30 am Worship

Our Speaker

Hicham Chehab is a former Muslim Extremist. He grew up in Lebanon, and was trained to kill in Beirut at the age of 12. His brother was killed by a Christian militia, and Hicham vowed to kill also.

All are welcome for the entire convention, or just Hicham's session on Saturday night.

Hotel info

The Riverside Inn is giving a special group rate until February first. So please make your reservation by February 1 and indicate that you are with the ND District LLL to get the group rate.

Phone #: (252-0222)

Address: 408 Business Loop, Jamestown, ND 58401-5247

Rates:

\$40 One bed

\$50 Two beds

Registration Costs

Before February 4, 2011	\$20.00
After February 4, 2011	\$25.00
Under 25 Years of Age	Free

Meals:

Saturday Lunch	\$5.00
Saturday Banquet	\$12.00

Registration

There is a printed form included in this newsletter. Otherwise, you can register online:

http://www.ndlll.org/2011_ndlll_convention/registration.php

Winter Show Fair Booth - 2011

The LLL Booth at the Winter Show will be in the south exhibit building, hopefully the same location as last year. The booth is to be ready for viewing by noon on Friday, March 4th. Bill will take care of this and if anyone would like to join him he would appreciate having more people there with him.

Other times that volunteers are needed will be Saturday, March 5th, starting at 9AM until 7PM.

On Sunday, March 6th, the booth opens at 11AM and closes at 5PM.

Bill will be there by 5 to help take down the booth.

It is always nice to volunteer in 2-3 hour shifts. It works better with 3-4 volunteers, if possible for each shift. That way you can take a break, eat, and walk around to see the other booths.

It is not a hard job. Some people will gladly talk with you, but others will just sign up for the drawing and move on. Others will look at booklets and take some and really don't want to talk so it's best to just let them lead as too what they want to share.

Project Connect booklets have been purchased, plus other supplies for children. These materials are always the big draw for most people. Then often they will take some adult items also. There will be three prizes for adults and also three children's prizes.

One name is drawn each day for an adult and a child at closing time. These names and the slips of paper are entered in the notebook that will be with extra supplies under the table.

If you are interested in helping at the booth, please choose the times you can volunteer and let Bill Rahlf know. The sooner the better is helpful. Bill can be reached, via telephone, mail or email. You can also talk with him here at the Convention in Jamestown.

Thanks in advance for giving of your time to help out with this project of the ND District LLL.

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The Annual ND District Men's Winter Retreat will be held Friday and Saturday, February 4 & 5, 2011, at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, near St. John, ND. This event offers men an excellent opportunity for Christian fellowship and growth. Scripture-based study, discussions, singing, games, etc. offer a variety of experiences in a beautiful wooded, rustic setting. In past retreats, men have been very positive about what happens as they gather to enjoy, grow, learn, and serve their Lord and others. At this writing, the presenter and topic has not been finalized. Please watch for up-coming information. For questions and/or ideas, call Myrlyn at 701-272-6314 or email him at mshall@srt.com.

PRISON MINISTRIES

There are 3 more opportunities to be a part of these retreats. If you have not already attended one and are interested you must register 3 months before the scheduled date so background checks can be done.

Prison Retreats

New England – **March 25-26, 2011**

Bismarck – **April 1-2, 2011**

Jamestown – **April 15-16, 2011**

Contact: Joy McSparron RM
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Did you know that you can register your Men's group on the Men's Network website? Well you can! So far only 2 men's groups are registered for the whole state of North Dakota. We all know there are more than 2 bible study groups... so get those up there so other men can join you. Also get those retreats and events up there as well. Visit <http://www.lhmmen.com/default.asp>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 4-5, 2011 - ND DISTRICT ANNUAL MEN'S WINTER RETREAT - Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John. ND

Feb 6, 2011 - LHM Sunday - At your church!

Feb 11-13, 2011 - District Convention - Jamestown, ND - Concordia Lutheran Church

Feb 18-19, 2011 - REGIONAL OUTREACH CONFERENCE - Phoenix, AZ

March 4-6 2011 - North Dakota Winter Show LLL Booth - Valley City, ND

March 18-19, 2011 - REGIONAL OUTREACH CONFERENCE - Alexandria, MN

March 25-26, 2011 - Prison Ministry - New England, ND

April 1-2, 2011 - Prison Ministry - Bismarck, ND

April 15-16, 2011 - Prison Ministry - Jamestown, ND

May 13-14, 2011 - REGIONAL OUTREACH CONFERENCE - Branson, MO

NORTH DAKOTA DISASTER RESPONSE

One of our new mission congregations in North Dakota, Holy Cross Lutheran in Bismarck, is in the process of purchasing a building for a worship location. The North Dakota LLL wanted to keep you informed of some of the progress, as we consider assisting them with remodeling on the church. Just for your information, it sounds like there may be some light work that can be done around the middle of January. However, any heavy duty remodeling of the church probably will not start until the first of March.

We have also been informed by Minnesota North that there will be some opportunities to work at Wadena this Spring. This is still after effects from the Tornado which hit there last summer. There will be clean-up, fence repairs, and other work to be done. If you are interested in being involved in any of these projects, please contact Kirk Rosin at krosin@juno.com. We will keep you updated as plans develop over time.

Attention Thrivent Members



Thrivent's charitable gift program, THRIVENT CHOICE, has an easy way to find out if you have Choice Dollars, and to direct those dollars to charitable organizations. Well we have two we'd like to highlight for you and show you how you can donate.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN, INC.
NORTH DAKOTA DIVISION

OR

International Lutheran Laymen's
League/Lutheran Hour Min

To donate by phone:

1. CALL 1-800-847-4836

An automated system will answer the phone with a message that ends with the words, "Briefly, how can I help you today?"

2. Speak the Words: "CHOICE DOLLARS"

The receptionist will come on the line and ask a few questions to verify your account information.

3. Please select ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN, INC., NORTH DAKOTA DIVISION OR International Lutheran Laymen's League/Lutheran Hour Min as your charitable organization

To donate online go to this website and enter the following information:

https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/program/dollars_details/search.html

To find OGT-ND:

Organization name: Orphan
City, State: Bottineau, ND
Organization type: Other Lutheran Organization

To find LHM:

Organization name: International
City, State: Saint Louis, MO
Organization type: Other Lutheran Organization

Blessings and Thank you for your past and present support of these organizations!

LHM SUNDAY 2011

Celebrate Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday
February 6, 2011

Ambassadors: LHM Sunday materials have been sent to your Pastor. Please coordinate the event with him as soon as possible. Thank you!

Important IRA Legislation Just Passed! Donors 70½ and Older Eligible for Tax-free Gift Opportunity

St. Louis, MO, Dec. 20, 2010 — Congress has extended legislation that allows donors ages 70½ and older to gift up to \$100,000 from their IRAs to charity. It's easy to make a gift by directing your custodian to transfer a portion of your required minimum distribution directly to charity. The gift is not counted as part of your taxable income, so it is tax-free!

The new law extends legislation for 2010 and 2011. Also, because of how late the bill was passed, IRA gifts made through Jan. 31, 2011 can be treated like they were made in 2010—applied to the 2010 required minimum distribution, the 2010 tax year, and the \$100,000 limit for 2010.

Here is a brief summary of the details:

- Your gift can be any amount up to \$100,000.
- Your gift can count toward your minimum distribution.
- You must be age 70½ or older.
- You must make a direct rollover, not a personal distribution.
- You must make the gift before Jan. 31, 2011 to apply it to the 2010 tax year.
- Your gift will go to work immediately proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more information, talk to your financial advisor or contact Lutheran Hour Ministries' Ministry Advancement staff at 1-877-333-1963. Download instructions and a request letter you can use to make your IRA gift here:
<http://www.lhmgift.org/pdfs/iraform.pdf>

UPDATE FROM KENYA

Dear Brethren of North Dakota,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Whose Birth we are celebrating this Season.

I still cherish very warm memories of my time with you over the summer and I thank God always for your hospitality and your love in some of your homes.

On behalf the NURU LHM Family here in Kenya I would like to wish you all a very warm and happy new year from Warm Nairobi. I say thank you very much for the generous gift that you continue to send to LHM and Kenya. Once more your message of Love, all the way across the Globe in North America has been God's way to encourage us as we reach out to the unreached around us.

This year we have continued to reach out to the prisoners and all the target groups that we have been focusing on. However I would like to share about a particular Community the Lord introduced us to, first through prison ministry. These are the Duruma people of the South Coast area. They are part of the Miji Kenda (Nine homesteads) community that is settled on Kenya's Coast. It is the intermarriage of this community with the Arabs over centuries that gave us the Swahili language. The surprising thing is that of all their brethren this particular community resisted Islam and only 10% are Muslims. Today over 50% are Pagans and Only 20% are Christians. Please pray with us as we work with the first Lutheran Duruma Pastor ordained last month. The area also has some of the highest poverty levels in the country.

We pray that it will be possible soon to host teams of North Dakota Lutherans in mission trips. (Too bad that the Mission bus cannot be ferried here as well.) I pray that hopefully one day we will actually be able to take a team down to the South coast to meet the hospitable Duruma people.

We pray for you all happiness this new year, from warm Kenya, as we are once more reminded by the Angels that it is truly Joy to all people on earth.

God bless
John and Connie.
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Please Cut along the dotted line, fill out and submit to the address below.

North Dakota Lutheran Laymen's League 2011 District Conference Registration

If there is more than one person attending, please register separately.

Full Name:	
Address Line 1:	
Address Line 2:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
I am 25 or older: I am 24 or younger:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Registration:	<input type="radio"/> \$25(\$20 before Feb. 5)(Free for 24 and under.)
February 12 Lunch:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5(Free for 24 and under before Feb. 5.)
February 12 Banquet:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12(Free for 24 and under before Feb. 5.)
If under 18:	Permission Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Send Registration & Fee to:
Avonne Gessner
504 Jay Street
Bottineau, ND 58318

Make checks payable to:
North Dakota District LLL

ATTENTION AMBASSADORS

If you would like to sign up to receive this newsletter only by email, please contact Elissa, Information Services, at nddll@gmail.com . This will help us reduce the postage costs and use that money for ministries instead. Thank you much!

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