

Minneapolis Area Synod-Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

122 West Franklin, Suite #600 Minneapolis, MN 55404



Thank you!

The recent Mission Support offering of \$ recently received from All Saints Lutheran Church is providing concrete, practical assistance to congregations interested in becoming more skilled (and comfortable) in sharing their faith with their community.

Why is faith sharing so difficult for so many? Research suggests that most active church members *grew up* in the church. Many have understood themselves as Christian as far back as they can remember. They may not recall ever being “introduced” to Christ themselves, which can make it difficult to find a “starting point” for faith-sharing with neighbors who have not had that

experience. Difficult or not, the work of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with neighbors belongs to all of us. Together as a synod of congregations we help each other develop the skills we need to grow as authentic witnesses.

Your congregation has helped make that happen. Mission Support offerings from congregations defray almost all of the cost of providing an exceptional workshop to synod congregations in February 2009.

Register for **How to Invite Your Mission Field to Church** and receive a copy of *Unbinding the Gospel* in preparation for the workshop led by Cathy Townley, an inspiring and knowledgeable coach for the Unbinding the Gospel Project. The Mission Table sponsors this workshop. Previous Cathy Townley workshops have been packed, so register early!

Thank you for supporting the mission of all congregations: that’s what your Mission Support does.

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Heather Hammond
Bishop’s Associate

How to Invite Your Mission Field to Church

February 7, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Excelsior

Cost is \$25 per congregational team, which includes light lunch.

RSVP to Martha Moran at the synod office: 612-870-3610. For directions visit

www.mountcalvary.org