

DEAR MINISTRY COLLEAGUES,

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” — Galatians 6:9-10

Paul’s letter to the church in Galatia nearly two millennia ago still serves as a fresh reminder for us today. The contexts may be different but the encouragement we need in a weary season is likely the same. Your work for the kingdom and with people is of immense and eternal value, sisters and brothers. You are doing good, vital and needed work. God sees it and so do others. This letter serves as an invitation, and as a prayer, as we gather this year at Minnehaha Academy from April 28-29, for our Ministerial Association Annual Meeting. It will be a space to encourage one another and aid us all to move forward in ministry for God’s glory and our neighbor’s good.

*For the Praise of His Glory,
Jeff Olson, NWC Ministerial Association Chair*

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

We will gather the evening of the 28th at 5:30 p.m. for a dinner followed by a Worship Service at 6:30 p.m. where we will hear from the Candidates for Ordination and conclude that evening with a time of fellowship and fun after the service.

On Friday morning at 9 a.m. we will gather again to hear an important word from Mary March on the intersection of evangelism and racial reconciliation and address important business items such as voting on our budget, the election of new committee members and vote on the Candidates for Ordination. If you have a comment or concern about any of our candidates listed below, please contact Colleen Nelson (colleen@bethlehemcov.org), Chair of the NWC Committee on Ministerial Standing. The Candidates are:

Ordination to Word and Sacrament

- Michael DeBoard Baker – Arlington United Methodist and Church in the Maples United Methodist Church, Arlington, MN
- Evan Lars Kolding – Lakeview Covenant Church, Duluth, MN

Ordination to Word and Service

- Chanda Lynn Winkels – Alexandria Covenant Church, Alexandria, MN

GOOD STANDING

Dues: In order to be in good standing and have the ability to vote, all active Covenant credentialed clergy are asked to pay their yearly dues. Pastors who are officially Inactive, Retired or do not hold Covenant Credentials are exempt. The dues this year will remain at \$120 and can be paid with your Annual Meeting registration. Questions: Contact Tim Shekleton, Treasurer (fathershek@gmail.com) or Jeff Olson, Chair (jeff@catalystcovenant.org).

Attendance: If you are unable to attend the meeting, regrets can be sent to: Jonna Fantz, Salem Covenant Church, 2655 – 5th Street NW, New Brighton, MN 55112 or JFantz@salem-covenant.church.

GLIMPSES OF HOPE

APRIL 28-30, 2022

SIGNS OF GRACE

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

THEME

GLIMPSES OF HOPE: *Signs of Grace*

Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I too am working.” – John 5:17

Our Heavenly Father is at work ... always. Can we see it? The Lord Jesus is also laboring on our behalf. Do we celebrate this? And what about the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son? The Spirit is also at work, encouraging, supporting, moving, challenging, convicting, reviving, sustaining, motivating, advocating, strengthening, comforting and interceding.

What abundant blessings we have been given as children of God within the Body of Christ! What glimpses of hope! What signs of Grace!

As we gather for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Northwest Conference, it is our desire that we fix our eyes on the God of Hope ... the God of Grace.

Our gathering is a time to celebrate the work of God in our midst to this very day and to consider things that are evidence of His faithfulness, past and present. We will also be anticipating His work in our lives in the future as we elect a new Superintendent and hear about ways that our shared work will continue to unfold in the years to come.

Welcome to this time of celebration and thanksgiving. Let’s recognize together the glimpses of hope and signs of grace that are right before our eyes of faith.

Mark R. Stromberg, NWC Superintendent

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- **Election of next NWC Superintendent**
- **Reception honoring outgoing Superintendent Mark Stromberg**
- **Tours of newly rebuilt Minnehaha Academy**



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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, April 28

- 4 PM Registration (Ministerial Association)
- 5:15 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Worship & Communion
- 7:45 PM Fellowship

FRIDAY, April 29

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9 AM Ministerial Association Business Session
- 12 NOON Lunch
- 1 PM Q&A with Superintendent Elect
- 2 PM New Delegate Orientation
- 2:30 PM NWC Business Session
- 5:15 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Worship
- 8:00 PM Reception

SATURDAY, April 30

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9 AM NWC Business Session
- 10 AM Trusting the Good Shepherd:
God’s Leading Through the Valley
- 11:30 AM Lunch

SATURDAY
MORNING

*Trusting the Good Shepherd: God’s
Leading Through the Valley*
Dr. Donna Harris, President,
Minnehaha Academy

In August 2017, a devastating gas explosion destroyed Minnehaha Academy’s upper school. Two lives were lost and many injured. In this moment of crisis, Minnehaha’s executive leadership team looked to the Lord and got to work. Learn practical, transferable leadership principles for your ministry setting, and hear testimony of God’s faithfulness and provision through difficult times to lead this institution toward a hopeful and inspired new future.



LOCATION

Minnehaha Academy Upper School | 3100 W River Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55406 | 612.729.8321 | minnehahaacademy.net

The Minnehaha Academy campus is located on the historic West River Parkway, with access to trails along the Mississippi River.



FRIDAY EVENING OFFERING

The Friday evening offering is designated for two Youth Initiatives:

UNITE North Scholarships will help students and leaders attend this first time high school regional event sponsored by the Northwest Conference in response to the cancellation of Unite (formerly CHIC). The event will be held at Bethel University in July.

The **Minnehaha Leadership Institute** is in its second year and has over 120 high school and 47 middle school student participants. The Institute exists to develop student leaders who, through God’s story of redemption, are striving to become whole and holy people.

