

November 2010

# KINDLE LIFE

## Denver Area Hosts First Regional Servant Workshop

Celebrating 10 Years



Developing  
Servant Leaders

On Saturday, September 18, at **Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Aurora, Colorado**, 32 people gathered to grow as servant leaders. Participants...

- experienced a simulation exercise to learn about the importance of team collaboration;
- assessed their own group leadership experience and abilities;
- selected a sectional presentation to deepen their exploration of a servant leader practice;
- developed a personal learning plan to stimulate their growth as a servant leader.

Some of the comments received in the evaluation of the event were: “learning was significant,” “worship was inspiring,” a “good use of my Saturday,” and “looking forward to more of these.” Linda Olsen served as dean of the team who developed this workshop experience. Sandy Wendelin, Tim Lindeman, Brent Howard, and Michelle Pavasars also served on the design team.

This is the first of five workshops to happen around the country. The other workshops will be at:

- **Woodbury Lutheran Church, Woodbury, Minnesota on November 13, 2010**  
Planners: Michael Harvey, Christine Eid, Bill Karpenko, Lisa Day, Jim Anderson, and Joel Symmank
- **Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisle, Illinois on January 29, 2011**  
Planners: Bill Cullen, Jack Giles, Sherry Bolosan, David Meier, and Tim Kaufmann, Corey Wysocki, Chris Rechsteiner, and Jennifer Anders.
- **Faith Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas on March 12, 2011**  
Planners: Jeremy Pera, Audrey Duensing-Werner, Marilyn Shults, Jim Bradshaw, and Cindy Twillman.
- **Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Illinois on April 9, 2011**  
Planners: Christy Malinowski, Scott Rauch, Scott Brown, Jim Bargmann, and Chuck Bahn.

If you live near one of these other four regions, you may register in the month or two prior at [kindleservantleaders.org](http://kindleservantleaders.org). Look for “Servant Leader Workshops” on the right side of the home page. Plans are underway to offer more workshops in other regions around the country during the autumn of 2011 and 2012. If you are interested in having one of these workshops in your region, contact Diane Schuessler at [kindle@kindledce.org](mailto:kindle@kindledce.org).



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Participants taking a mini-assessment.



Table teams observe the final presentation of their collaboration projects.

**“For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you . . . .”  
2 Timothy 1:6**

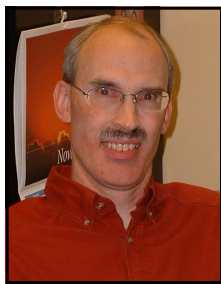
## *KINDLE for Recent Graduates*

KINDLE for Recent Graduates (KFRG), one of four new KINDLE initiatives funded by Thrivent grants, held its first learning event at the same time and location as Classic KINDLE in September, 2010. KFRG had twenty participants, all of whom were in their first three years of ministry.

The KFRG team of Jim Haack (Dean), Jennifer Anders, Leslie Leonard, and Jason Schleicher created this event from scratch, with the assistance of KINDLE's Executive Director, Dr. Bill Karpenko.

The KFRG participants were placed into clusters of five, with a Cluster Facilitator for each of the four clusters. Cluster Facilitators were Jennifer Anders, Scott Brown, Leslie Leonard, and David Meier. Instructors were Jim Haack, Jason Schleicher, Jack Giles, and Jason Christ. Topics included "Being Fully Present," "Influencing from the Second Chair," "Financially Frazzled or Free," and "Should I Stay or Should I Go," among others.

By all accounts the evaluations of KFRG were highly positive. For many of the young DCEs it was the ideal setting in which to share concerns, find support, and create new networks of accountability. Most indicated a strong desire to go through Classic KINDLE in a few years. In designing KFRG, care was taken not to create a sort of "KINDLE Lite," or, as someone quipped, "Diet KINDLE." KFRG specifically targets newer DCEs at a critical time in the early stages of their ministry. The next KFRG is scheduled to take place again September 19-22, 2011 in Mundelein.



*Jim Haack serves as Director of Discipleship and Nurture at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in La Vista, Nebraska.*

**KINDLE for Recent Graduates participants discuss in their cluster groups.**



**The group joined Classic KINDLE members for worship.**



**Dan Hampton and Mike Millington perform a real-life DCE ministry skit.**

### *More 2011 KINDLE Learning Events*

Recruitment is now underway for these KINDLE initiatives:

**KINDLE Associate--Grace Place Learning Event ... July 18-22, 2011 ... Trego, WI ... \$400**  
**2012 Classic KINDLE ... September 19-22, 2011 ... Mundelein, IL ... \$2,400**  
**KINDLE for Recent Graduates ... September 19-22, 2011 ... Mundelein, IL ... \$400**

Check the KINDLE website - [kindleservantleaders.org](http://kindleservantleaders.org) - for more information.

## *KINDLE's Living Legacy: A Grand Way to Say "Thank You"*

As Martin Luther used to say, "This is most certainly true!" As a result of the generosity of many people, five living legacies - Alan Gunderman, Lillian Karpenko, Shar Kleinedler, Richard Soeken, and LeRoy Wilke - now have at least \$10,000 in them. Thus, each fund has begun to support the activities of Classic KINDLE.



KINDLE is delighted to announce that three additional living legacies have recently been established. They honor:

- Alan Harre, President Emeritus of Valparaiso University, whose early years of teaching at Concordia Nebraska involved many DCE students;
- Steven Arnold, Professor Emeritus of Concordia University--St. Paul, who was a founding Board member of KINDLE as well as one of early shapers of its Classic KINDLE Learning Cycle; and
- Susan Steege, Director of Transformational Ministries at First Trinity in Tonawanda, New York, who also was a founding member of KINDLE's Board serving as its first secretary (three years) and president (six years). She also has served as Classic KINDLE chaplain, dean, and cluster facilitator, as well as dean of KINDLE Associate-Grace Place Learning Event.

While much more could be said about each of these individuals, it is still a pleasure to briefly introduce them to you in this manner. If you wish to contribute to the further development of their respective Living Legacy funds, please use the enclosed envelope and note for whom the gift is intended.

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### *Here is How to Contribute Your Thrivent "Choice Dollars" to KINDLE*

The race is on among organizations to gather "Choice Dollars" from its donors. If you have been given Thrivent Choice Dollars, we would welcome you to do the following:

1. Log on to the Thrivent Website.
2. On the opening page, there is a box "Thrivent Choice" on the right side with a red link – Direct Choice Dollars.
3. Click on the link, and there should be box/window in the center of the page.
4. Type in KINDLE after Organization;
5. Type in Woodbury, Minnesota (MN) for city and state;
6. Select "Other Lutheran Organization;"
7. This should get you to a page with KINDLE information and a "Direct Now" link.

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### *KINDLE Board of Directors Meeting*

For the first time ever, the Board met in Farmington, Minnesota at the Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center. The Board, under the leadership of DCE Dave Rahberg:

1. Welcomed new member Sandy Jett, Trinity, Lisle, Illinois to the Board meeting table;
2. Established a Treasurer search group (if you have a suggested name to replace LeRoy Wilke, please let us know);
3. Asked the Administrative Executive Search Team to keep looking for a replacement for Bill Karpenko, with the hope of interviewing someone at its February meeting;
4. Heard numerous reports, including that KINDLE received a positive review of its financial records, launched a number of new program initiatives, and will be attending the NADCE National Conference in Orlando, Florida.

For any questions regarding Board activity, please contact Dave at [dave.rahberg@princeofpeace.org](mailto:dave.rahberg@princeofpeace.org).

### *Why not take the opportunity to ...*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Listen to Rich Bimler, Former President of Wheat Ridge Minister and current KINDLE Board Member-at-Large?</b> In his inimitable way, Rich is the third "Voice of Affirmation," congratulating KINDLE on its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He also has his two granddaughters participating in his October 19, 2010 statement.</li><li>• <b>Give to KINDLE's 10th Anniversary Thank Offering?</b> The goal is \$50,000. So far, some \$27,345 (55%) has been designated towards this goal. These gifts will be used for KINDLE's general endowment, its executive leadership, and new program initiatives.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Boost KINDLE's Annual Fund?</b> This fund provides monies to underwrite the everyday, ongoing expenses of KINDLE. Thank goodness for the many people who simply say, "Use my gift as you wish," or "I want to support KINDLE's Annual Fund."</li><li>• <b>Add KINDLE to your Christmas gift list this year?</b> It is as simple as using the envelope enclosed in this issue of <i>KINDLE Life</i>, enrolling in Thrivent's program of "Simply Giving," or going to the KINDLE website to make an online donation.</li></ul> |
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***KINDLE'S Mission:***  
***"To enhance the church  
by fostering and multiplying  
servant leaders"***

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#### **KINDLE's 10th Anniversary Year (April 28, 2010-April 27, 2011)**

November 9-10, 2010	Campus Visit: Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, Nebraska
November 10, 2010	Kindling Servant Leader Interactive Video Chat
November 13, 2010	2nd Servant Leader Workshop for lay leaders, Woodbury Lutheran, Woodbury, MN
January 6-8, 2011	KINDLE at NADCE National Conference, Orlando, Florida
January 29, 2011	3rd Servant Leader Workshop for lay leaders, Trinity Lutheran, Lisle, Illinois
January 31-February 3, 2011	2011 Classic KINDLE Learning Event #2, Mundelein, Illinois
February 16-17, 2011	KINDLE Board Meeting, Mundelein, Illinois
March 12, 2011	4th KINDLE Servant Leader Workshop, Faith Lutheran, Topeka, Kansas
April 9, 2011	5th KINDLE Servant Leader Workshop, Trinity Lutheran, Bloomington, Illinois
May 2, 2011	Deadline for 2012 Classic KINDLE Registrations
May 2, 2011	Deadline for 2011 KINDLE for Recent Graduates Registrations
July 18-22, 2011	KINDLE Associate-Grace Place Learning Event, Trego, Wisconsin