

Rostered Ministers Continuing Education (RMCE) Team 2020 Update

The RMCE Team strives to offer relevant, affordable, quality continuing education for rostered ministers in the Northern Illinois Synod. Although the planned events are under the name “Rostered Ministers Continuing Education Event,” the events are open to others with an interest in the topic of the event.

On October 24, 2019 seventy-four people participated in “Exploring Atonement Theories” with the Rev. Dr. David Lose (Senior Pastor of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis) at Christ Lutheran Church, Belvidere, IL. The Metro Chicago Synod partnered with our Synod through a \$1,000 grant that brought the cost to \$50 per participant. We give thanks for this collaboration, for Christ Lutheran and all who participated!

Thirty-four people participated in “Crucial Conversations” led by the Rev. Scott Stephan (Pastor of Second Reformed Church in Fulton) and Pastor Edie Lenz (Pastor of Hickory Hills Presbyterian in Hickory Hills) at First Lutheran in Geneseo. Thanks to First Lutheran for hosting, to Pastor Edie and Pastor Scott and to all participants!

Due to the pandemic, our March 31 event, “Tending to Our Own Grief: Stewarding Our Sorrows Faithfully Amid Trying Time” with Dr. Kadi Billman transitioned to a webinar, “Tools for Tending to Our Grief **and That of our Congregants**”. 83 people participated in this webinar and the resources from this event are available at <https://nisynod.org/tools-for-tending-to-our-grief-video-and-resources/> through June 20. Thanks to Dr. Billman and all who participated. Special thanks to Synod Staff for ALL of their work making this possible, especially Assistant to the Bishop for Communication, Deacon Karin Graddy.

None of these opportunities would be possible without the support of Bishop Clements and Synod Staff. THANK YOU for valuing Rostered Ministers continuing education and supporting these opportunities.

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