

## What questions do you have about stewardship?

List any questions you have that you would like to talk about?

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010

## Ministry and Stewardship: First Call Theological Education

May 2-4, 2010

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## The Rev. Dr. Stephen Paul Bouman



The Rev. Dr. Stephen Paul Bouman was called to the position of Executive Director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission unit in November, 2007 and officially assumed office in February, 2008.

He previously served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod from 1996 through 2008. It includes 236 member congregations.

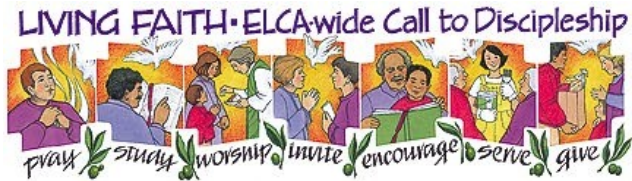
Pastor Bouman was born in Melrose Park, Illinois on April 14, 1947. He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary/Seminex in 1973. He received his Master of Sacred Theology from New York Theological Seminary in 1978 and his Doctor of Ministry degree in 1980 and an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in 2001.

He began his pastoral ministry in 1973 at St. Jacobus Lutheran Church, Woodside, Queens. He then pastored Atonement Lutheran Church, Jackson Heights, from 1974 until 1981; and Trinity Lutheran Church, Bogota, New Jersey from 1982 through 1992. He is founder of the *Diakonia* ministry education program, which trains lay people for ministry in local congregations. His parish ministry also included building strong multicultural outreach, the launching of two parochial schools, and a variety of ministries of assistance and advocacy among the poor.

Pastor Bouman served as Assistant to the Bishop from 1992 to 1996. His responsibilities in this capacity included regional care of congregations in the Bronx, Manhattan, Westchester and northern counties of the Hudson Valley. In addition, he bore primary responsibility for evangelism and social ministry, as well as worship and communications. He also served as Chair of the ELCA Board of Higher Education and Schools. He currently serves on the board of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and Wagner College in Staten Island.

Pastor Bouman is a published author of a number of scholarly articles, books, curricula and devotionals. Two recent books are the newly-released *They Are Us: Lutherans and Immigration*, co-authored with Ralston Deffenbaugh and *Grace All Around Us*, published in 2007.

He is married to the former Janet Luce, and they have three grown children and three grandchildren. They reside in Chicago.



**Stewardship**—one of the most identified areas of growth for leaders in the church, especially early in their ministry. How do we talk about stewardship so people realize it is more than about money? How do we talk about money when so many, including us believe what we give is a private matter between us and God? How does our own practice of stewardship, including our giving practices impact our leadership in the congregation? How can we make stewardship more than meeting a budget to pay for the necessary bills? How does stewardship help equip leaders? What is tithing and what is included in our tithes?

These are just some of the questions that you may be asking, along with others. God calls us to make disciples, and stewardship is part of that. Yet most of us did not receive a lot of education regarding stewardship in our seminary careers. Combine that with the economic realities of today and our hesitance to bring up the sensitive subject of stewardship, particularly about money, and we are not equipped for the call of Jesus to make disciples.

Presenters include the Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman from the Churchwide unit of Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission, along with the Directors of Evangelical Mission of each of the participating synods. This is a time for learning, questions, and relationships that can help you develop healthy stewardship practices and understanding that will enhance your ministry and discipleship practices for years to come.



## REGISTRATION

(due to the synod office by April 16, 2010 )

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