

Connecting Potentials

Developing Networks

A series of conversations focusing on African Immigrant Congregations in the Twin Cities

Migration movements have been a primary way the Christian church has spread throughout the globe.

In Minnesota, the number of African immigrants grew by 621% in the 1990s. Nowhere is Minnesota's new diversity more apparent than in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Explore the impact this change is having on the church in the Twin Cities, hear from congregational and religious leaders serving in a variety of settings, and learn from the experiences of Africans from different parts of the continent.

This year-long series of lectures will bring together speakers from different national origin and denominations. Participants who attend the entire series will receive a certificate of completion.

The lecture series is supported by a grant from the Louisville Institute.



Part of the mural at **Trinity Lutheran Church, 2001 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis**, depicts an immigrant family whose lives are enmeshed in different cultures. Painter Larry Rostad uses vivid color and imagery to pass on faith through biblical symbols, imagination and scripture. "Our hope is that Trinity's mural will contribute to the neighborhood," he writes. "May visible hand-painted images help reveal the invisible things of the Spirit."

**Select Friday evenings ,
6-9 p.m.
Northwestern Hall,
Luther Seminary, St. Paul**

Complete schedule inside.

Snacks and nursery will be provided.

For more information, go to: www.luthersem.edu/AIC

African Immigrant Congregation Connection Series ***Proposed Schedule***

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Luther Seminary Campus
Northwestern Hall Auditorium,
1501 Fulham Street, St. Paul Minnesota

- April 7, 2006** **God and Community: Africans in America and the Bible**
Ahadu Legesse, Pastor, Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church
Charles Goah, Pastor, United Christian Fellowship
Fred Gaiser, Professor of Old Testament, Luther Seminary
- April 21, 2006** **Offices and Charismatic Gifts**
Samuel Oyewole, Pastor, Mt. Sinai Cherubim and Seraphim Church
Beyene Tekie, Chairman, St. Gabriel Eritrean Orthodox Church
Mary Hinkle Shore, Associate Professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary
- May 12, 2006** **The Church in Egypt & Ethiopia/
Egyptian and Ethiopian Christians in Minnesota**
Francis Stephanos, Pastor, Addis Heiwot Ministry
Haile Getatchew, Professor, St. John's University, Collegeville
Lois Farag, Asst. Professor of Early Church History, Luther Seminary
- May 26, 2006** **Encounters with Muslim Neighbors: The Church in Somalia**
Speakers to be announced
Mark Swanson, Associate Professor of Christian History & Islam, Luther Seminary
- Sept. 8, 2006** **Ethics: Social Justice and Anti-Racism**
James Wilson II, Pastor, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Jaqueline Copeland-Carson, Senior Fellow, Roy Wilkins Center,
University of Minnesota
Mary Hess, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership, Luther Seminary
Richard Bliese, President and Associate Professor of Mission, Luther Seminary
- Sept. 22, 2006** **The Church in Sudan/Sudanese Christians in Minnesota**
Mawien Ariik (invited), Pastor, Sudanese Community Church Zion Lutheran
Simon Tot Dhol, Pastor, Shiloh Bethany Presbyterian Church
Matthew Skinner, Assistant Professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary
- Oct. 20, 2006** **The Church in Sierra Leone and Nigeria/
Sierra Leonean and Nigerian Christians in Minnesota**
Farella Shaka, All Nations Christian Assembly
Ade Olu, Shepherd, Celestial Church of Christ
Frieder Ludwig, Associate Professor of Mission and World Christianity,
Luther Seminary

- Nov. 3, 2006** **Gender Differentiation & The New Role of Women**
 Lara Duroshala, Prophetess, The Holy Church of Cherubim Seraphim
 Margaret Obaga, Kenyan Lutheran Church & Luther Seminary
 Gracia Grindal, Professor of Rhetoric, Luther Seminary
- Nov. 17, 2006** **The Church in Liberia/Liberian Christians in Minnesota**
 Patrick Kugmeh, Commission of Black Catholics
 Francis Tabla, Pastor, Ebenezer Community Church
 Carol Miles, Associate Professor of Preaching, Luther Seminary
- Dec. 8, 2006** **The Church in Kenya/Kenyan Christians in Minnesota**
 Eunice Chege, Wells of Living Waters
 David Mwiha, Pastor, Kenyan Christian Outreach Church
 William Obaga, Kenyan Lutheran Church & Luther Seminary
- Feb. 9, 2007** **Transition of Generations and Families**
 Alemseged Asmelash Hagos, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran (ELCA)- Mekane Yesus
 Jane Buckley-Farlee, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran (ELCA)
 Femi Abraham Akanni, Pastor, Redeemed Christian Church of God
 Akubuike NgoziChukwu, Redeemed Christian Church of God
 —Restoration Chapel
 Andrew Root, Assistant Professor of Youth & Family Ministry, Luther Seminary
- March 2, 2007** **The Church in Tanzania/Tanzanian Christians in Minnesota**
 Godfrey Malisa, Pastor, Swahili Lutheran Outreach
 Faith Lugazia, Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Swahili Service
 Mary Sue Dreier, Luther Seminary
- March 23, 2007** **Cross-Cultural Training & Pastoral Challenges**
 Elieshi Mungure, Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Swahili Service
 Marie Hayes, International Student Services, Luther Seminary
 Janet Ramsey, Associate Professor of Congregational Care Leadership,
 Luther Seminary
- April 13, 2007** **African-American Experiences**
 Cheryl Chatman, Vice President, Concordia University
 William Smith, St. James A.M.E. & Luther Seminary
 Steve Paulson, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Luther Seminary
- April 27, 2007** **Pan-African Experiences/
 African & African-American Experiences**
 Olive Boyce, Pastor/African International Youth and Family Education
 Lalahery Andriamihaja, Pastor, Jordan New Life Community Church
 J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, Visiting Professor, Luther Seminary
- May 18, 2007** **Networks and Resources in Minnesota**
 Tsehai Wodajo, President, Resources for the Enrichment of African Lives
 Cherian Puthiyottil, Agora Ministries
 Joel Luedtke, Director of Refugee Services, Minnesota Council of Churches
 David Lose, Academic Dean & Associate Professor of Biblical Preaching,
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