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# Ministry Education in Context

From the desk of Randy A. Nelson, Director, Contextual Leadership Initiative

Greetings and welcome to the 2004 – 2005 internship year. A few of you have already been at this venture for one or more months, but I trust it is early enough in the internship for a welcome to still be meaningful. Those of us responsible for tending to the work of the Contextual Leadership Initiative look forward to our work together with grateful anticipation.

Last year was a transition year for the CLI especially in terms of personnel. We begin this year with the four residential staff/faculty in place and one of the three part-time deployed Contextual Faculty also in place. A brief introduction of each of us follows.

**Alicia Vargas**, Associate Director of the Contextual Leadership Initiative, is beginning her second year with the CLI. Prior to that, she served on the PLTS campus as part-time instructor and director of Cross-Cultural Studies. She also served part-time as prison chaplain. Alicia continues to teach on the campus of PLTS and works directly with students' Cross Cultural education requirements.

**Rod Maeker**, Associate Director of the Contextual Leadership Initiative, has been the Director of Cross-Cultural Studies at Luther Seminary since 1992. His work with cross cultural education will be supplemented by his involvement in other dimensions of the work of CLI.

**Laure Schwartz**, Contextual Leadership Initiative Coordinator, has been working in the Contextual Education office at Luther since 1993. As coordinator, she will often be the first point of contact with the Contextual Leadership Initiative.

**Margy Schmitt Ajer** officially begins her work as deployed Contextual Faculty person on Sept. 1. She will be based in Region 2 where she also serves part-time as a deployed representative for the Division for Ministry.

The CLI office will also have the services available on a part-time basis of **Kate Sterner** who will primarily be working with the technological structures that support our work. You will see some helpful changes to the web site where you access all of your forms for the internship year:

[http://plts.luthersem.edu/cli/internship/intern\\_forms.asp](http://plts.luthersem.edu/cli/internship/intern_forms.asp)

I am beginning my 30<sup>th</sup> year of work with contextual education, the second as Director of the Contextual Leadership Initiative. Most of the preceding 28 years were served as the Director of Contextual Education at Luther.

As part of this first newsletter, you will find a list identifying which of the five of us – Alicia, Rod, Laure, Margy, or me – will be your primary contact person for the year. Our intention is to be in touch with each

member of each internship team several times a year in response to the materials that you submit to the CLI office. But we also encourage you to get in touch with your contact person at any point when that seems appropriate or useful. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses for each of us are noted below.

For those of you in Regions 1, 2, & 3, your contact person will often be the leader of your cluster as well. Cluster responsibilities are also identified below. Arrangements are in the process of being made for each cluster and you can expect to hear from your cluster leader shortly.

Within the next week, a new academic year will begin on both campuses. It will be a time of renewed energy and excitement. Internships have their own share of energy and excitement. Our wish as faculty/staff is that your internships will contribute both to personal and professional learning and growth and to faithful and effective ministry among the people of God.

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Twin Cities Metro 1 – Rod Maeker

Twin Cities Metro 2 + Western WI – Rod Maeker

Southern MN – Rod Maeker

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### SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATION –

**The intern team listing below is in alphabetical order by intern last name. The e-mail address listed is the one we will be using for the supervisor. ALL SUPERVISORS, please check that address to make sure that is the one you use because correspondence from the CLI office will primarily come electronically. A hard copy of this first newsletter will be sent to both intern and supervisor but the rest of the communication will be e-mailed to both intern and supervisor.**

### Internship Teams and CLI Contact Persons

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