

SW MN SYNOD

EQUIPPING MEN FOR MINISTRY

TWO LOCATIONS & DATES, SAME WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, AUG. 12, 2017

Grace, Westbrook

9:30am - 12:30pm

SATURDAY, AUG. 19, 2017

Paynesville, Paynesville

9:30am - 12:30pm

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WHY

Most men's interests and lifestyles do not connect with the language, content and practices of the church and its ministry. Therefore, men are highly unlikely to be present in worship or receive the church's message or participate in the church's ministry.

WHAT

This workshop begins where men are in their daily lives; it starts with men's stories and what men are doing. It equips for ministry initiated by the "accompanying relationships" of as few as two men; it grows ministry along an arc of discovery and action involving individuals and groups of men in expanding ministry practices; it joins women and children in a vision for the ministry of the whole church. This workshop equips men for ministry from the "ground up" in three deliberate "movements."

WHO

This workshop is for a congregation's pastor and two or more men who will work together to begin meeting with the men of the congregation one-on-one to hear their life stories, and, work to respond to the questions, needs and ideas emerging from these one-on-one conversations. The workshop will equip a "connector" man (and eventually other men) to:

- Listen— Hearing men talk about their lives – listening for what matters to these men
- Connect – Accompanying men; connecting men to speak and listen to each other
- Discover – Identifying these men's questions, needs, interests, strengths and gifts
- Engage – Inviting men into participation with each other and the church around that which matters the most to them...most often in "affinity groups"

This workshop will equip an "activator" man who might well initiate activities that build on the first movement's relationships and discoveries. This "activator" will help develop ministry practices attuned to the interests, character and lifestyles of men. This activator might well possess particular interests, skills and capacity to organize.

The workshop will equip a congregation's pastor to "accompany and support" these "connector" and "activator" men to carry out their "catalytic mission" through the pastor's mutual conversation, communication and prayer.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Register online at www.swmnelca.org/event/Immworkshop – *Please register in advance.*

This workshop is **FREE!** – Coffee and lunch will be provided.



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