



Rev. Daniel Rift

Keynote

Pastor Daniel Rift has served as Director for the World Hunger and Disaster Appeal of the ELCA. Through the Appeal, individuals, their congregations, and synods contributed approximately \$21.5 million for hunger-related work around the world (including the U.S.) in 2017. Dan also works with those who are coordinating the church's work through Lutheran Disaster Response. During his nine years of leadership, more than \$300 million has been given for the combined hunger-health (malaria)-disaster work of the ELCA.

Prior to taking this position, Dan had worked for 15 years in coordinating church-based disaster response and community development work around the world, including coordinating responses to several U.S. disasters, expansion of work in Central Asia following the breakup of the Soviet Union, relief assistance in the Horn of Africa, and health work in India. He has also served 10 years in parish ministry, in Pittsburgh and Dallas. Dan and his wife, the Rev. Meg Rift, have three daughters, twins who are 26 years old and their "baby," who has just completed her second year at Butler University.

Dan has written:

"In the course of ministry, I have visited in response to earthquakes, volcano eruptions, hurricanes, tornadoes, too many floods to name, wildfires, winter storms, drought, infestations, famine, war, and economic crisis. Three things stand out: The relevance of the crèche, the cross, and empty tomb; the power of hope (and privilege to help others discover hope); the earthly reality (human dimension) of redemption.

CH (COL) Jeff Zust

Bible Study

CH (COL) Jeff Zust is a pastor with 32 years of experience from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He has served as a military chaplain for 30 years in reserve and active duty positions for both the Air Force and the Army.

CH Zust's reserve duty stations include: Air Force Reserve Staff Chaplain at Offutt AFB, Battalion Chaplain for the 2-135 IN (Minnesota Army National Guard), and Instructor/Chaplain at the Minnesota Guard Academy. His active duty assignments include: 24 FSB at Fort Stewart, 1-506 IN (AASLT) at Camp Greaves (ROK), 503d MP (ABN) at Fort Bragg, USA Student Detachment/ROTC at Princeton University, Ethics Instructor for the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, 35th ADA BDE at Osan AFB (ROK), 2-2 Brigade Combat Team at Fort Carson, Command



Chaplain for the United States Army Research Development and Engineering Command at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Command Chaplain for the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Camp Walker (ROK), Training and Operations Chaplain for First Army at Rock Island Arsenal, and Adjunct Faculty in the Ethics and Strategic Leadership Departments for the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. He has served overseas in the Balkans, Southwest Asia, and Korea. He is currently assigned as the First Army Command Chaplain.

CH Zust has a Bachelor of Arts in History from Colorado State University, and Master Degrees in: Divinity (Luther Northwestern Seminary), Education (Mankato State University), Ethics (Princeton Seminary), and National Security and Resourcing Strategy (National Defense University). He is a graduate of the: Air Force Officer Orientation Course, Air Force Squadron Officer School, Air Force and Army Basic Chaplain Courses, Army Chaplain Career Course, Combined Arms Staff Course, Command General Staff College, Combat Medical Ministry Course, Air Assault, and Airborne Schools, and the Eisenhower School of the National Defense University.

He is married to Chom Pun Zust. They have 5 children and 6 grandchildren.