



E-Quipped for Prevention

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Resources for
Cherish Our Children Leaders

Something new...

Dear Cherish Our Children Leaders:

This is a new little newsletter, specifically focused on equipping leaders in congregations and synods to do the work of preventing sexual exploitation. It is short, quick, and to the point, providing opportunities for you to strengthen your leadership in this ministry.

We will continue to publish *The Connector*; that newsletter will focus on ministry stories of prayer and action. We will also continue the Wednesday Prayers for ongoing prayer and Biblical reflection in this journey.

Enjoy!

Amy L. Hartman, Diaconal Minister
National Director of Cherish Our Children

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
Ephesians 4:11-13

National Gathering October 16-19, 2008

Mark your calendars for the first-ever National Gathering for Cherish Our Children.

This will be a time of sharing, learning, worship, and planning as we continue to build and nurture this growing community.

New Congregation Prayer Training

On March 25, 2008 at 7:00 pm, there will be a training (via conference call) for new congregations which would like to begin the prayer ministry.

Members of the National Prayer Team who have experience in their own

<p>If you have ideas for specific topics to cover at the gathering, click here to let the planning team know.</p>	<p>congregations will facilitate the call. If you or someone you know would benefit from participating in this training, click here to register.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Leaders' Circle Wanted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Preaching Seminar</p>
<p>One of the synod task force leaders would like to be in a Leaders' Circle with other synod leaders to strengthen his own leadership through learning and sharing with colleagues.</p> <p>A Leaders' Circle meets via conference call and emphasizes experiential learning, setting your own goals, and others supporting you in reaching those goals.</p> <p>If you would like to be in a Leaders' Circle, click here.</p>	<p>After Easter there will be a six-session, conference call-based seminar on preaching about commercial sexual exploitation. Participants will engage in study, conversation, and practice using primarily lectionary texts.</p> <p>The fee for this seminar is \$150 and includes a copy of "Release to the Captives: Preaching on the System of Commercial Sexual Exploitation," the MA Thesis of Amy Hartman. Enrollment is limited to five participants.</p> <p>If you are interested in this seminar, click here.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Website Training</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Book of the Month</p>
<p>Your synod task force or congregational team may use the "Group" functions of the website to support your ministry.</p> <p>If you would like to receive passwords for your members and a training in website use, click here.</p> <p>If you have not yet visited the new Cherish Our Children website, please go to www.cherishchildren.org</p>	<p>As leaders within this ministry, you are encouraged to strengthen your own leadership as well as your knowledge of preventing sexual exploitation.</p> <p>The "Book of the Month" for March is <i>Talent is Never Enough</i> by John C. Maxwell.</p> <p>If you have a "Book of the Month" suggestion, click here.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Movie of the Month</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Congregation Manual Correction !!!!</p>
<p>For those of you who like movies rather than books, the "Movie of the Month" is <i>Miracle</i>, which is about the 1980 USA</p>	<p>Thanks to some good sleuthing on the part of the Pacifica Synod Ministry Team, we have discovered an error in the</p>

Olympic Hockey Team.

As you watch it, look for leadership and commitment to face a huge challenge.

If you would like to participate in an online discussion about this movie, click [here](#).

Congregation Manual.

Please correct the website address for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (page 23).

The correct address is:
www.missingkids.com

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CHERISH OUR CHILDREN is a national community of Lutherans dedicated to preventing the sexual exploitation of children through prayer and action.

CHERISH OUR CHILDREN is also a social ministry organization, affiliated with the ELCA, and a member of Lutheran Services in America (www.lutheranservices.org).



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