

Seeing with New Eyes:

the Changing Faces of Poverty and the new challenges of ministry

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2011

Award Banquet - 6:00 p.m. Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Saturday, March 12, 2011

Which of these children goes to bed hungry each night?



There are over 535,000 Illinois children living in poverty. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey)

Over half of all poor children experience food insecurity, meaning they don't always have access to enough food.

(Nord, M., Andrews, M., & Carlson, S. (2009, November). Household food security in the United States, 2008. (Economic Research Report Number 83). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service.)

Who Will Benefit:

- Local congregations
- Leaders in missions, outreach, and social justice
- Clergy and laity
- Denominational mission teams
- Persons wanting ecumenical ministry

What You Will Take From This:

- Tools to implement ministry with persons who are economically distressed in your community
- Biblical grounding of God's care for persons who are economically distressed
- Demographic view of persons who are economically distressed in your community

Special Guests

- Rev. Peg Chamberlin, President, National Council of Churches and Executive Director, MN Council of Churches
- Amy Terpstra, Associate Director, Social IMPACT Research Center, Heartland Alliance

Evening Entertainment

- Rev. Mike Rayson, internationally acclaimed pastor and musician
- Award the 2011 Rev. Donald E. Mason Ecumenical Award for Christian Unity and Mission

Illinois Conference of Churches Bi-Annual Statewide Gathering National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Belleville, Illinois

Fee: \$90 including lodging, breakfast, and dinner.
\$55 for commuters who wish to share dinner
\$35 for commuters (does not include lodging or meals)
\$3 fee for credit card processing (if paying by credit)

We are offering an **OPTIONAL** tour of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 11. This tour is free of charge. If interested, please select the appropriate box on the registration form so we can provide the Shrine with an accurate count.

Register online at the Illinois Conference of Churches website www.ilconfchurches.org under the **EVENTS** tab. For additional information, contact Pamela Tackett, ICC Administrative Coordinator, at pamela@ilconfchurches.org

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