

# bring inspiration and enthusiasm to your adult or youth forum

LPF offers experience and leaders guides,  
audiovisuals and support to help your congregation  
hold engaging forums on such important concerns as:

★ **Hunger Amidst Plenty:** Far fewer U.S. resources go to reducing poverty and hunger than most people imagine. This forum explores the reasons – and inspiring ways Lutherans are responding! We'll examine and *celebrate* volunteers in food banks and meal programs, or working on ELCA advocacy, food aid, water and malaria efforts, etc.

**How to Be a Bridge in a World of Walls:** Explore creative ways to move past the barriers, conflicts, and inequality we face daily in our families, church groups, and world. Isn't it time for real answers to the complaint, *Does it have to be this hard?*

★ **Biblical Peacemaking:** Promoting neither passivity nor violence, Jesus offers a third way to address conflict and injustice. Examine this vision, practical insights, and ways to apply *Jesus' Way of Shalom* to the various conflicts in our lives and world.

**Global Conflict:** Tap LPF's skill in creating conversation space for everyone's viewpoint, and helping enlarge those views as we explore the conflicts – and the biblical vision of peace with justice – in Syria, Yemen, Palestine, the Sudan, our fragile ecosystem...



**The Heart of Christian Peacemaking:** We'll look at examples of Christian responses to conflicts in the US and elsewhere to explore the astonishing creativity, depth and strength of what our faith offers for helping us engage the most vexing of challenges today.

**Spirit in Practice:** Explore fresh, new paths of discipleship in day-to-day life using LPF's encouraging "Peace Deck" of over fifty inspiring quotes and helpful insights. It has received a remarkable response from adult forums and from youth and women's groups.

★ **Discipleship and US Priorities:** A fresh approach – beyond conservative or liberal to faithful. It uses an interactive LPF computer activity on budget priorities that has received raves from participants. *(LPF computer activities have inspired over a million people!)*

**other options:** Simple Living... Christian Nonviolence... Peaceful Parenting... Challenging Prejudice... Climate Change... Women as Peacemakers... Domestic Violence... Leadership Training... Creating Peace... *Find out why LPF leaders have been asked to present forums and workshops for over 200 congregations; fifteen Lutheran colleges and seminaries; dozens of Youth, Global Mission and WELCA events – as well as a UN Symposium... and a major White House Conference...!*



comments from forum coordinators:

**"Excellent"... "Gave a big boost to our group."**

**"One of the best workshops I've ever been to!"**

**"You touched members across the opinion spectrum."**

**"Just what we needed"... "An A+"... "This was so inspiring!"**



Daniel Erlander

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Hello!

As you may know, LPF has offered forums and workshops in over 200 congregations around the country – virtually all have received a very positive reception. And indeed we're surrounded by reminders of the needs of the poor and the captives, the blind and oppressed, the victims of conflict and war (Luke 4:16-21 and Isaiah 61:1-2). So how might we help our members deepen their faithful engagement of these challenges?

To help, LPF offers its broad experience with the issues, its proven skills in engaging Lutherans across the political spectrum, and its thoughtful stories, audiovisuals, insights, and resources that can inspire your members in their discipleship. Our forum flyer (over) describes 7 of our most popular sessions that we can help you offer; here's one more:

**★ Lutherans in Action:** Lutherans have worked hard over the years to oppose violent responses to conflict, and to protect federal programs to alleviate hunger. This forum can help us explore and respond to such challenges in light of the gospel. We'll share ELCA and LPF advocacy resources and a fascinating interactive LPF audiovisual.

LPF forums have received a very enthusiastic response from congregation members and leaders alike. LPF sessions are brimming with fresh insights and skills – and with practical help for Lutherans in our efforts to become more faithful disciples of Jesus.

We'd be happy to discuss any of the options described here (or "other options" we offer), from Biblical peacemaking to exploring discipleship and U.S. priorities. For more info, or to help you present just the right forum for your group, we're a call or email near!

Blessings and Peace,

LPF forum volunteer

## What forum and workshop planners have said...

"LPF led an exceptionally helpful, interesting, and practical workshop." **Barbara Raschke, former co-chair, Minneapolis-St. Paul ELCA Peace & Justice Committee**

"LPF's workshops nationally and here at our Center have, without exception, been lively and clear, insightful and practical. Participants not only get a handle on the issues, but also leave the session feeling they can make a difference."

**Lily Wu, NY City, staff member for 19 years with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service**

"LPF was respectful of the participants and did a very fine job of encouraging dialog. The content of

the session was so solid and so well put together that he earned the respect of the participants.... He spoke in a way that was engaging and helped folks connect with the subject and with each other." **Rev. Dan Erlander, noted ELCA author, artist, Peace Task Force member**

"It is amazing to see how LPF is able to work effectively and calmly with people of many viewpoints." **Dr. Les Bayer, former professor, Concordia College, Austin; and professor and urban service coordinator, Concordia Bronville**

"The LPF leader is one of the wisest and most skillful presenters I've ever heard." **Glen Anderson, TV host and Olympia FOR leader; Fellowship of Reconciliation Nat. Council**

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