

FLASH - Christian Life Ambassador - BULLETIN #5

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Here is a conversation starter to make it easier to talk about Jesus, especially to non-Christians. (*Offered by Rev. Mark Femmel, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Des Peres, Mo. The following appeared in their church newsletter.*)

There is no shortage of pain in the world. People get short-changed. People are cranky from dieting. People have to pay for new tires. People are fighting sicknesses of all sorts. When pain comes along, whatever kind it may be, people want out of it. Jesus promises to hear your prayers and to answer them (John 16:23). Use that gift to you for someone you know, especially if they are not Christian.

If you find out someone is hurting, say, "I'll pray for you. "Don't just say it; really do it. Pray once a day that God would take that pain away. Also, pray that God would allow that person to become a Christian from this experience. God may take away their pain or He may shift their perspective to realize how much better off they already are.

From time to time, ask them how they are doing. If things are going well, say, "Well, I've been praying for you, so it looks like God is answering our prayers." If things are not getting better, tell them, "I'll just keep praying for you." Either way, you are showing them that God is real and God cares about them.

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CLA Training & Resources - Guest Author Series

Who Are You?

by Frank Spiva, member of Stewardship Task Force

Do you have a sense that God has created you for something far greater than yourself - something with eternal consequences?

A Christian Life Ambassador (CLA) is one who conducts a crucial role in advancing the mission and ministry of Christ's church. A CLA is truly a center of influence.

As you know, Christians have not always been called "Christian". They were first identified as Christians at Antioch (Acts 11:26). Christians can also be referred to as disciples, witnesses, and ambassadors.

Disciple - generally refers to someone who follows a certain teacher. Jesus gives us some guidance as to what makes us His disciples and what we ought to do as disciples. (John 13:35 and John 15:8.)

Witnesses - generally those who can present a firsthand account of something. However, witnesses are also those who testify to what they know to be the truth. (1 John 4:13-16)

Another name for Christians is ambassador, or representative.

Consider the duties and qualifications of an effective ambassador for a nation or organization. Please consider how those qualifications relate to us as Christian Life Ambassadors. A Christian Life Ambassador's role is clearly defined in 2 Corinthians 5:20. As a Christian Life Ambassador we also find direction in Colossians 3:12-14

As we grow in our role as a Christian Life Ambassador, we will be better equipped and enabled to make God visible to others. We encourage people to use their different capacities and talents and energy in the stewardship of blessings God has entrusted to us to manage in arenas of home, neighborhood, church and places of work - the prime mission fields in which God has placed us to bring the kingdom of God to the unchurched.

Enthusiastically responding to God's call as a CLA can energize your congregation to exercise God pleasing stewardship and also create a desire to share the joy of salvation with those who do not know Christ.

***** DISCUSSION GROUP STARTED - your input is welcome!*****

The CNH District Stewardship Task Force encourages you to share what is happening in your church with the CLA membership. You may log on to the CNH intranet discussion group, or you may send emails to [Chris Fenske](#) at the district offices.

Here is the question for discussion: *What is one thing you're going to do as the first step toward helping your congregation own the need to be more concerned about the lost and less concerned about institutional maintenance?*

Click here to reach the [CLA Discussion Group](#) online at the CNH District Intranet Website. Click here for [instructions](#) on accessing and updating the discussion group.

Email(s) Received for Sharing:

From Lin Richards of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at Hayward, CA:

In my survey response to 'Evaluation of 3/31/07 Orientation' which was returned to you two weeks ago I indicated we are interested in hosting a CLA orientation/training at our church in the future and will get back with you. I write to share good news with you:

1. Temple Talk: GSLC will officially kick-off 'Temple Talk' starting this coming Sunday, 4/29. Seven of us (4 Stewardship and 2 Evangelism Board members plus one volunteer) will take turns doing it.
2. CLA Orientation/Training at GSLC - I received GSLC Board's approval last week to proceed with a CLA orientation/training at our church. (The Stewardship Task Force will be looking into a possibility of doing a training session at GSLC in the future.)

***** PRAYERS TO SHARE *****

Each CLA should keep their pastor informed of the prayers in this section of the CLA Flash Bulletin. Please ask your pastor to include the following prayer(s) in Sunday worship:

1. We thank you Lord for the many years and decades of faithful Synod leadership; encouraging all the saints of the church in sharing the healing news of the Gospel. We pray for the Lord's blessing on President Kieschnick and all those in positions of leadership who serve our Synod. We pray for our pastors and congregational leaders as they encourage us in developing strong and healthy team ministries by equipping and supporting strong and healthy people of God.

Inspire our Synod, and our congregation, with such passion for the lost that we work diligently to carry out "One Mission - Ablaze" with the goal of sharing the Gospel with 100 million people, connecting people to Jesus.

Keep us ever mindful that sharing the Gospel is not our job . . . It's our joy.

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