

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Monday, February 6

9:30 a.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m.	Opening Devotion
10:15 a.m.	New Visions - Rev. Steinke
11:30 a.m.	Break
Noon	Lunch (provided)
1:00 p.m.	New Visions - Rev. Steinke
2:30 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m.	New Visions - Rev. Steinke
4:30 p.m.	Break
5:00 p.m.	Supper (provided)
<i>The hotel offers a Manager's Reception with free wine, beer, and snacks from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for hotel guests.</i>	
7:00 p.m.	New Visions - Rev. Steinke
8:00 p.m.	Open Discussion and Fellowship w/President Sommerfeld and staff

Tuesday, February 7

Breakfast provided on-site for hotel guests

9:00 a.m.	Opening Devotion
9:15 a.m.	<i>Our Ministry Together</i> - President Sommerfeld
9:45 a.m.	Small Group Discussion
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Large Group Sharing
11:15 a.m.	<i>How Do We Move Forward?</i> <i>Where Do We Go From Here?</i>
Noon	Go in Peace

The retreat will be held at:

Holiday Inn Express, 524 E 23rd St., in Columbus.
<http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/columbus/cusne/hoteldetail>

Hotel reservations will be made by the District on the registration deadline of **January 11**.

You are invited to bring a snack to share during the fellowship time Monday evening.

Alcoholic beverages are only allowed in the guest rooms.

The Nebraska District is excited to offer this timely and dynamic retreat to pastors and principals in the District. We have designed these two days to be an opportunity to share, affirm one another, build relationships, and grow as leaders.

The retreat will be informal. Casual clothes is encouraged. Plan to come and spend time in conversation with fellow ministers of the Gospel .

Please remember to bring your Bible and the copy of *A Door Set Open* that will be mailed to you prior to the retreat. You are encouraged to read the book before arriving at the retreat.

Hotel rooms are available for Sunday evening, February 5, at the conference rate of \$94.95. These rooms can be booked through the conference rooming list but need to be paid for by the participant with their registration fee. Please call, email, or make a note on your registration form if you wish to reserve a room for Sunday night. These rooms cannot be reserved through online registration.

Online registration is available at www.ndlcms.org.



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February 6-7, 2012

Missional Leadership Retreat

February 6-7, 2012

Name: _____

Congregation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

(an email will be sent in the event of bad weather)

Registration fee for the first 50 registrants:

Cost includes: retreat registration, meals, one night's lodging (double room), and a copy of *A Door Set Open*.

Double Room \$40 per person

I would like to room with:

Single Room \$90

Commute \$40

Special menu needs: _____

Following are the fees for those registered after the first 50.

Double Room \$100 per person

I would like to room with:

Single Room \$150

Commute \$50

Registrations are due January 11. Rooming lists will be turned into the hotel at that time.

Mail form and payment to:

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According to the early Christians, the church did not exist to provide a place where people could be religious. Nor did it exist to provide a safe haven in which people could escape the world. The purpose of the church is clearly stated in the New Testament: God reveals that he is a loving and just creator; that through Jesus he has freed people enslaved to sin; that by His Spirit he is at work to renew the whole creation.

All mission in which church people invest God's given gifts and energy flow from the reality of "God so loved the world." Because of "God's mission," the church exists. The mission is what the church is there for. So the church is a community enabling people of faith to make a difference in the lives of others.

Today's church finds itself in a radically new context. It is being challenged to rethink and redo how it can best serve God's mission. This retreat will examine the dilemma and the opportunity. God said to the exiles in Babylon—"Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find welfare" (Jeremiah 29:5-7). How can the church seek the welfare of the city? What difference could it make in our particular setting?

Peter Steinke is the developer of NEW VISIONS, a learning experience to increase mission awareness and action in congregations. He is the author of several bestselling books, including *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times* and *A Door Set Open: Grounding Change in Mission and Hope* (published by Alban). He has been serving as a consultant for churches for more than twenty years.

You are invited for an informal time of building relationships, developing missional strategies, and sharing ministry resources with others who are interested in engaging their communities to know Jesus Christ.

Join us for the first **Missional Leadership Retreat** February 6-7, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Express in Columbus.

It will feature nationally-respected congregational systems consultant **Rev. Peter Steinke**, author of numerous books, including *A Door Set Open*. A copy of the book will be provided to each registrant prior to the retreat.

This retreat is for all pastors and principals who want to gather for mutual prayer, support, and encouragement, as well as the opportunity to explore "grounding change in mission and hope" with an expert in the field.

Come and gather with others for the common goal of learning from one another, encouraging one another, and building a network of support for one another.