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All,

I pray that you are staying healthy and hopeful as we serve through these days.

Enclosed you will find a brochure on the next Pre-Retirement Retreat for LCMC Pastors and Spouses. Yes, while we are busy serving in the present, here is an opportunity to better plan for the future.

**Five things this retreat can help you do:**

1. Get the conversation going or encourage a continued conversation.
2. Set retirement goals based on your vision for retirement.
3. See how easy it is to save - participating in the LCMC Retirement Plan is an easy way to save.
4. Create an investment strategy or find out if yours is what is needed.
5. Give you a much-needed rest after Easter.

Hosanna! is providing funding so **the first five spouses who register come for FREE**, and there are scholarship funds available.

Why am I putting this retreat together? No one has asked me to. Basically, I have to do something knowing what I know. I come from a long line of Pastors, and I could see years ago that those who saved for retirement were happier when that time arrived and those who did not save struggled. So, while in college I took out my first IRA. I currently serve on the LCMC's Retirement Investment Review Team. And while no one sees names in the reports, it appears some have saved well, but most have not, even while recognizing there are many places to save.

Two summers ago, I wrote to all the retired LCMC Pastors and asked them what they wished they knew more about before they retired. 41% responded. The Pre-Retirement Retreat is based on their answers and the suggestions of those who attended last year's retreat.

Register through Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

**"Stretch toward the things ahead" Philippians 3:13 (DLNT)**

Peace,

John

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