

Presenter

Eric H. F. Law, an Episcopalian priest, is the founder and executive director of the Kaleidoscope Institute, the mission of which is to create inclusive and sustainable churches and communities.



For more than 20 years, he has provided transformative and comprehensive training and resources for churches and ministries in all the major church denominations in the United States and Canada. He writes a weekly blog called *The Sustainist: Spirituality for Sustainable Communities in a Networked World*.

He is the author of 9 books including *The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb*, and his latest, *Holy Currency Exchange: 101 Stories, Songs, Actions and Visions of Missional and Sustainable Ministries*.

Eric is also a playwright, photographer and composer of church music. He is part of a group that travels around doing the workshop “Music that Makes Community.” He will lead our Monday night workshop, “An Evening of Story Music.”

Theme

The three-day event will focus on helping leaders begin to guide their congregations to have healthy ways of communicating, understanding one another’s experiences, and seeing the opportunities for ministry as not something that drains the “currencies,” but something that allows them to find and use the currencies/talents that are buried. How can our leaders become voices of reconciliation and respect in our parishes and communities? How can we get beyond thinking diversity is those of different Northern European Heritage working together? How can we continue to walk with our sisters and brothers who are marginalized or are so far outside “our” community that they can’t even be marginalized!



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Professional Leaders Conference

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2016 Northern Illinois Synod Professional Leaders Conference

Gracious Leadership: Moving to Missional and Sustainable Ministry

with Dr. Eric Law, D.D.
Kaleidoscope Institute

September 19-21

Sinsinawa Mound Center
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About the PLC

The NIS Professional Leaders Conference is the key yearly opportunity for synod leaders to experience collegiality and connect with what is going on in our Synod. All NIS professional leaders (rostered leaders, seminary students, and paid professional congregational leaders) and their spouses are encouraged to come and share in this opportunity. Please bring a copy of the *ELW* for worship.

Housing Information

On-site housing is very limited and primarily intended for retired leaders, those with restricted mobility or those with responsibilities with PLC that require them to be on-site early and stay late. To inquire about on-site room availability, please contact Nancy Corey at 309-794-4004.

Please reserve your own hotel room. The hotels below have specially-priced room blocks (until August 20). Indicate that you are with the Northern Illinois Synod Professional Leaders Conference.

- **Stoney Creek Inn** - 940 Galena Square Dr, Galena, IL 61036 815-777-2223 - *Special rate \$67 per night*
- **Galena Ramada** - 11383 Rt 20 W, Galena, IL 61036 815-777-2043 - *Special rate \$69 per night*

A reminder that scholarship assistance is available through the Rostered Leaders Continuing Education/ Sabbatical Fund.

Visit nisynod.org/resources/cont-ed-sabbatical

Free time

Free time activities will include golfing, biking, hiking the trails and walking the labyrinth at Sinsinawa, and visiting sites in Galena or Dubuque. Sign-up sheets will be available at registration. Please bring your own sporting equipment and favorite games to share. The Wellness subcommittee will sponsor free chair massages during free-time on Tuesday.

Registration

Fill out this form and mail with payment to the Rock Island Synod office or register and pay online at nisynod.org/plc.

Name _____

Spouse (if attending) _____

Congregation _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

I am a first-time attendee

I am interested in a free chair massage during free time on Tuesday.

I will be a volunteer musician for Tues. worship (rehearsal during Mon. free time - please bring your own instrument: _____)

Program and meals (Mon: L D, Tue: B L D, Wed: B L)

\$140 per person (add \$25 after 9/5) \$ _____

Single-Day Registration (program and meals)

\$100 per person (add \$25 after 9/5) \$ _____

½ price for retired leaders & seminarians

Total enclosed \$ _____

Registration is not complete until payment is received.

If registering online, please send check ASAP.

Refunds are not available after 9/10

All meals are included, but, as good stewards, please note any meals that you plan to miss: _____

Sorry, no provision can be made for special dietary needs.

Send registration with payment and direct questions to: checks payable to Northern Illinois Synod

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Tentative Schedule

Monday

9:00-10:45 am registration

10:45 am worship

12:00 noon noon meal

(Bishop dines with leaders new to the Synod)

1:00-2:30 pm **main presentation**

Holy Currencies - 6 Blessings for Sustainable and Missional Ministries

2:30-5:45 pm free time

(sign up for activities at registration)

5:45 pm supper

7:00-8:30 pm *An Evening of Music and Missional Stories*

vespers following presentation

Tuesday

8:10 am breakfast

9:00-10:45 am **main presentation**

Currency of Relationship

10:45 am worship

12:00 noon noon meal

(Bishop dines with retired leaders)

1:00-2:30 pm time with the Bishop-Elect

2:30-5:45 pm free time

(free massages sponsored by Health & Wellness sub-committee)

5:45 pm supper

7:00-8:30 pm **main presentation**

Currency of Truth

vespers following presentation

Wednesday

8:10 am breakfast

9:00-10:15 am **main presentation**

Currencies of Gracious Leadership and Wellness

10:30 am worship

12:00 noon noon meal & depart

(Bishop dines with spouses)