

LEADERSHIP FOR THE CHURCH:  
**TODAY AND TOMORROW**  
**FORWARD THINKING**  
**SEMINAR**

**History**

- ◆ In 2001, the ELCA Board of Pensions ended mandatory annuitization of accounts at retirement.
- ◆ In 2004, the Forward Thinking seminar was created to explain IRS regulations that can be exercised in self-directed retirement plans.
- ◆ Forward Thinking was presented to the field staff of the ELCA Foundation and made available to all ELCA synods.
- ◆ Bishop Strobel asked that the Forward Thinking seminar be presented in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.



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Tuesday, August 26,  
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10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church  
175 South Third Street  
Lehighton, Pennsylvania

All active church professionals and their spouses enrolled in the ELCA Board of Pensions retirement plan are invited to this seminar *at no cost*. Lunch is provided courtesy of the Mission Investment Fund

Please note that this is **not** a pre-retirement seminar.

# FORWARD THINKING SEMINAR

Designed for church professionals, Forward Thinking takes into account the unique benefit of tax-free housing for ordained clergy, which is valid for most qualified retirement plans. The principles shared in **Forward Thinking** are universal and can be applied to 403 (b) and 401 (k) retirement plans and traditional IRAs.

## Topics

- ◆ Accumulations and distribution options for tax efficiency and growth in your retirement account.
- ◆ Distribution options as retirement age nears and investment opportunities that are available to meet your financial needs and risk balance.
- ◆ Emphasis on end-of-life gifting options demonstrating how to provide for your spouse, family and ministries, at no additional expense.

## Purpose

The Forward Thinking seminar will help you understand the flexibility of your ELCA Retirement Plan, administered by the ELCA Board of Pensions. It will address how you can use a pre-tax retirement asset to support ministry gifts and your family, with minimum taxation.

### A presentation of the—

- ◆ ELCA Board of Pensions
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## QUESTIONS?

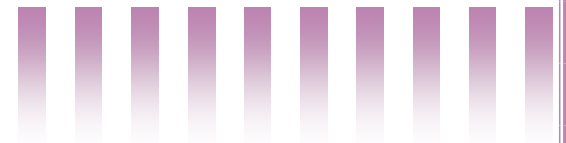
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## FORWARD THINKING SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Please register by August 12

Email	Phone	Address	Name(s)
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