

**Our Mission Fields**



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Pastors and lay leaders . . .  
empower the laity,  
God's primary agents  
for mission in today's world

- Make the Sunday to Monday connection for every member
- Learn to use resources that work
- Deepen your spirituality
- Improve your leadership [3 CE credits]
- Meet new colleagues
- Commended by the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

## Member Mission Leadership Institute

October 11-16, 2009

From this 4-plus day event, starting with dinner on October 11 and ending with breakfast on October 16, you will leave with a wholly new way for your congregation and all of its members to understand mission and what it means to be "on mission."

And you will leave better equipped to lead your congregation and its members to embrace more fully what it really means to live as a Christian every day.

**La Casa de Maria Retreat and Conference Center  
Santa Barbara, CA**

Registration: per person \$350; \$300 in teams of two or three  
Up to 50% travel reimbursement

Space is limited. Register by September 15, 2009

For information: [www.membermission.org](http://www.membermission.org), click "Training"  
or 518-561-1184

**About the Member Mission Leadership Institute**  
**October 11-16, 2009**  
**La Casa de Maria Retreat and Conference Center**  
**Santa Barbara, CA**

**About member mission:** we assume that the primary agents of God's mission in today's world are the laity in their daily places – their homes, their work, their local community, the wider world, their leisure, their spiritual health, and their church's life and its outreach. We provide tested resources to help members to discern their missions in each of those places; and to help the clergy and lay leaders of their church to make supporting the members in their daily living as Christians its primary purpose – or, at least, one of its primary purposes.

**For:** the ordained leaders of congregations and one co-leader (where possible); ecumenical with Methodists and Baptists already using the resources.

**Purpose:** participants will leave with the skills to begin to implement member mission in their congregations.

**The institute offers:**

- practice in following the basic steps to implement member mission for individuals, pairs, or small groups; and into the life of the congregation as a whole
- practice in the basic interpersonal, group process, system, and feedback skills needed to implement member mission
- ongoing consultation for three years

**Participants commit themselves to (see Registration form):**

- advance reading of the basic text and workbook for member mission and written preparation – bring all with you to the Institute (all to be sent to you after 8/17/09)
- implement three activities in your congregation each year for three years
- participate in coaching during this three year period

**More about the Institute:**

- space is limited – apply by 9/15/09
- most of the learning will occur in small groups
- lodging in single rooms
- arrive in time for dinner at 6:00 PM on 10/11/09 and leave after breakfast on 10/16/09

**Cost:** \$350 (\$600 for pastor and one lay leader; \$900 for pastor and two lay leaders) plus half your travel costs (based on economy/coach class air fare available through [www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com) plus parking, meals, and transport to the Center); the other half of travel costs and the balance of lodging and meals are provided by Member Mission Network, Inc. Scholarships are available.

To register: [www.membermission.org](http://www.membermission.org), click "Training;" phone 518-561-1184; write [membermission@aol.com](mailto:membermission@aol.com)

**Member Mission Leadership Institute – Registration**  
**October 11-16, 2009**  
**La Casa de Maria Retreat and Conference Center, Santa Barbara, CA**

Prefix (e.g., Rev., Mr., Ms., etc.)\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Title or Position (e.g., Pastor, Lay Leader, etc.)\_\_\_\_\_

Congregation\_\_\_\_\_Denomination\_\_\_\_\_

Address Type: Home\_\_\_ Office\_\_\_ (Choose an address where a package can be left that is sheltered from rain)

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day\_\_\_\_\_ Evening\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Special needs (disabilities, dietary restrictions, etc.)\_\_\_\_\_

I accept the commitment requested of participants.

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Begin now to plan your travel. If by air, plan to arrive in Santa Barbara by 4:00 PM on Sunday, 10/11/09, and leave any time Friday, 10/16/09; also, please let MMN, Inc. review the ticket before final confirmation. Once your ticket is confirmed, send an itinerary that notes the cost and reimbursement for one-half of economy air fare (or, if driving, one half of current IRS allowance per mile up to the cost of economy air fare) will be sent to you. In the event of cancellation, we will agree on an equitable adjustment. If driving, plan to arrive by 5:00 PM on Sunday, 10/11/09; for directions go to <http://lcmd.org/map.html>

I am enclosing a check for [\$350 for pastor; \$600 for pastor and one lay leader; \$900 for pastor and two lay leaders] made payable to Member Mission Network, Inc.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Member Mission Network, Inc.; 10 Jubert Lane, Plattsburgh, NY 12901  
Phone 518-561-1184; [membermission@aol.com](mailto:membermission@aol.com); [www.membermission.org](http://www.membermission.org)

## **Background information about member mission and its developer, A. Wayne Schwab**

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Among ways to implement this approach, we offer the Member Mission Leadership Institute which gives participants practice in every step to start the use of member mission in their church. They will also receive a taste of basic skills in human relations, group process, and systems. As we present them, appreciative inquiry and emotional intelligence resonate with these three areas. My own training in these areas began with my years at the center of the group process, systems, and consultation training of ECUSA from 1956 - 1970; 19 productive years as a parish priest in Montvale, NJ, 1956-1975; and 19 years as the Episcopal Church's first-ever evangelism staff person, 1975-1993. Member mission has emerged out of all those experiences and, most recently, out of research funded by Trinity Church Grants (NYC), 1999-2000.

There are some unique keys that make the member mission approach unique in the midst of all the attention being given to living out our baptism in daily life. Here are tested ways to get down to what the baptized actually do day by day. It is an approach that:

- works for every member** – other resources are limited by their method – e.g., calling on members at work reaches only those whom someone, usually the rector, has time to visit; Sunday morning witnesses to “how I found God I found in \_\_\_\_\_” reaches only the witnesses and their hearers, etc.
- includes all the areas of daily life** – not only our work but also our home, our local community, the wider world, our leisure, our spiritual health, and our part in our church's life and its outreach
- discerns a specific action in deed and word for each area of life** – we need to get to what we will actually do and / or say now in each area of life to make life more loving or more just now – this specific action in deed or word becomes the member's mission there (for this use of mission, go to [www.membermission.org](http://www.membermission.org) > Making the Vision Work > Basic Tools > Basic Tools 1-3D)
- organizes church life around supporting the members in their daily missions as its primary purpose** – at least, one of its primary purposes

Note that on June 25, 2008 we discussed member mission with our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori. She was glad to hear of it and found it new among current resources for ministry in daily life. She requested a paper from us for the September 2008 meeting of the Episcopal House of Bishops which would explore the future of theological education. Our paper was to outline how member mission can support a new way in theological education. Initial feedback indicates it was well received by them.