



## Conference Speakers



### Timothy L. Bauer

Chaplain/Pastor, MeritCare Health System – North Dakota

Tim has served as a pastor in the Lutheran church for 26 years. He currently is a chaplain at MeritCare Health System in Fargo, ND, as well as assisting another pastor in rural Hawley, MN. He experienced disaster first hand in the spring of 1997 as the Red River Valley was flooded. At that time he was pastoring a small Minnesota community that was surrounded by deep floodwaters for 3 weeks. This was the beginning of his 6-year ministry to that congregation and region.

Over the years, Tim has also been involved in a variety of aspects of mental health and addiction ministry. In 2001 he received professional certification in Death and Grief Studies from Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, CO.

Growing up in, as well as serving in predominately rural areas of the Upper Midwest, Tim has an appreciation of the people, their character, and their desire to experience a meaningful life even in the mist of devastation.



### Bonnie Turner

State Director,  
Lutheran Disaster Response of North Dakota  
Consultant LDR/LSS of Montana & South Dakota

Bonnie directed the highly visible Lutheran response following the massive flooding of Grand Forks and the entire Red River Valley in 1997. She oversaw 39 staff that were involved in all aspects of response and long-term recovery. Bonnie has served as a local and national disaster response consultant.

Currently, Bonnie serves as a consultant for LSS of South Dakota and LSS of Montana, conducting workshops and organizing several tri-state ecumenical missions trips to New Orleans, Louisiana; Biloxi, Mississippi and Florida. She serves on the National Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee and travels nationwide to do capacity building and disaster response database training.

As a native of North Dakota, Bonnie has been instrumental in the development and implementation of a faith-based coalition to address the ongoing rural crisis in the area.



### Greg Nelson

Psychology/Social Worker, Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota

Greg serves as the clinical director of an outpatient mental health services program. He has first hand experience with disaster, having directed the tornado recovery efforts of Interfaith (Southern Minnesota) in 1998-99. He serves as a national consultant to Lutheran Disaster Response's "Care for the Caregiver" program, developing resources for faith leaders and communities. Greg facilitates clergy support groups and has presented workshops including: "First Responder Training," "The Disaster Worker: Managing Stress and Preventing Burnout," "Catastrophes as Teachers: Community Lessons Learned" and "The Psychology of Disaster."

## SAID Conference Schedule

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Olivet Lutheran Church,  
1330 University Dr S, Fargo, ND

Tuesday, January 15, 2008,

McCabe United Methodist Church,  
1030 N 6th St, Bismarck, ND

### Conference Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9 a.m. Greeting/Opening Devotion
- 9:15 a.m. "The Dynamics of Disaster"  
Bonnie Turner
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:50 p.m. SAID Training #1  
Tim Bauer
- 12:35 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. SAID Training #2  
Tim Bauer
- 3 p.m. Break
- 3:10 p.m. SAID Network Invitation
- 3:25 p.m. Closing Devotion/Sending

For more information call 800-950-2901

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CEUs available from CHARIS Ecumenical.



*"In times of disaster,  
leadership needs to be present and accessible  
and church doors need to be opened"*