

# LEADERSHIP matters



## **Pastor Byrene K. Haney** **Nominate for LCMS Regional Vice President** **Great Lakes Region**

### **Family**

I am married to a remarkable Christian companion, Miriam, a pastor's kid, and we have six amazing children and one grandson. (Our children are Mitchell, Todd (married to Zipporah), Sharon, Jonathan, SaraGrace, and Zane.)

### **Education**

BA in Computer Science from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA (1997)  
Masters of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO (1993)

### **Congregations**

Sole Pastor, Berea Lutheran Church, Detroit, MI (1993-1996)  
Director of Outreach & Evangelism, L.U.T.H.E.R. Plan, St. Louis, MO (1996-1999)  
Senior Pastor, Gospel Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI (1999-2007)

### **Offices/Experience**

Mission Facilitator, Northern Illinois District (2007-Present)  
Circuit Counselor, SWD 2006-2007  
Chair of the Board of Evangelism. South Wisconsin District. 2005-2007

## **Leadership Vision**

"The answer to the push to conform by the post-Christian society is not a call to become a compromising church. What the world needs are strong confessional Churches founded on the truth of God's Word. A church ready to stand on the strength of the Rock, Jesus Christ and point people to the only source of light in a dark world. Point people to Jesus. Standing firm alone is not the only thing the world needs to see from the church. The church must also be characterized by love. We must be loving all that we do. We are not only to do things *with* love but *in* love: it is to be the atmosphere that we breathe and the context in which we work. As we deal with each other and an unbelieving world we are firm yet loving. It is the balance that we who have been given that vocation as parents live in daily. We must re-claim a mission presence in the urban centers in our districts. We also need to develop training to help smaller congregations more effectively leverage their strengths to reach those in their communities with the message of Jesus Christ."

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