

LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP OF
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, INC.

Thursday, August 5, 2010—12:00 noon

**Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road at Dale Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20910**

**“Welcoming the Stranger at the Gate:
The Current Climate of Refugee Resettlement in the U.S.”**

**Mamadou Sy
Director of Refugee and Immigrant Services (RIS)
Lutheran Social Services, National Capital Area**

Mamadou Sy is the Director of Refugee and Immigrant Services (RIS) for Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Region (LSS/NCA) where he also served as the RIS Program Director for the Baltimore/Central MD office. He was appointed by Gov. Martin O'Malley to sit on the MD Board of African Affairs. Originally from Mauritania in West Africa, he escaped with his family to a refugee camp at the age of 14. He is currently finishing the PhD dissertation he started before being forced to leave Mauritania a second time. He currently lives in Baltimore, MD, with his wife and two children.

Every year, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area is proud to welcome hundreds of refugees from around the world to the United States. From the moment a new family arrives at the airport, LSS staff is at the gate waiting to provide guidance and encouragement. While each family's story is different, their collective dreams are the same: to rebuild their lives in America and regain a sense of security after years of strife. LSS supports its clients during this important transition by mobilizing community partners and offering a comprehensive range of services to newcomers.

Please join us on August 5 when we will welcome Mamadou Sy for a stimulating talk on Refugee Resettlement in the U.S.

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We invite all Lutherans and their friends to join us for this luncheon meeting of **Lutheran Lay Fellowship**, scheduled for the first Thursday of each month from 12:00 noon till 2:00 p.m. at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Colesville Road at Dale Drive in Silver Spring, one mile south of the Capitol Beltway at Exit 30. Ample off-street parking is available. Interested persons can make reservations for a delicious lunch by sending your RSVP to luncheon@lutheranlayfellowship.org or by contacting **Vicki Porter at 301-229-9884** no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 3**. The cost of the meal is \$9.00, payable at the door.

Upcoming Speakers

September 2 Orval Cullen, Financial Associate, Mid-Atlantic Region, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
“Our Story and Yours: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Our Members”

October 7 Mr. Frank McGovern, Executive Director, National Lutheran Home

Evangelism Is Not A 4-Letter Word!

Matthew 28: 18-20

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



Colossians 4: 2-6

²Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

John 13: 12-17

¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Philemon 1: 6



⁶I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.



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WITH GOD'S MESSAGE ... PERHAPS THE
DEACONS WILL HAVE BETTER LUCK



St. Francis' famous words: "Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary use words."

WHAT IS THE LUTHERAN LAY FELLOWSHIP?

“As early as 1936, feeling there was a definite need for closer cooperation between Lutheran laity and clergy, a group of laymen in the Washington, DC. Metropolitan area, organized to hold meetings that would bring pastors and laity closer together. Due to jurisdictional differences as well as ministerial difficulties, very little success was achieved until the fall of 1941. Then the group met and decided to hold a luncheon once a month, invite their friends and bring visitors. The first luncheon was a success, and within three months every Lutheran judicatory was represented...” [From a **Lutheran Directory of Metropolitan Washington, DC**, published in 1999.]

Today, more than 70 years later, the Lutheran Lay Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington takes pride in knowing that every night, 365 nights each year, more than 700 low income seniors and disabled persons live in safety and friendship in four high rises owned and managed by Fellowship Square Foundation, Inc. By means of annual scholarships and grants, LLF also supports various college and seminary students; it also provides ushering services for major inter-Lutheran events. But most of all, LLF is known far and wide as a place to hear stimulating speakers on timely topics and to make friends from other Lutheran congregations—friendships that last for decades!

Won't you join us?