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Dear Pastors and DCEs,

Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Matthew 9:37-38)

We are pleased to announce the fourth *On the Edge* conference for high school students - one that promises to be just as exciting, energizing, and encouraging as our previous conferences!

On Saturday, October 2, 2010, the Pacific Southwest District, in partnership with Concordia University, Irvine is sponsoring an event which invites high school students to explore various careers in the church, meet other youth who are also considering full-time ministry, and interact with numerous leaders in pastoral, teaching, music, and youth ministries.

Please take a few moments to print out the poster and registration forms attached to this email. Make them available to the students in your congregations. Personally invite those young people in your congregations who have a heart for the Lord. Extend your ministry beyond your lifetime by introducing workers into the harvest field!

This event is not just an opportunity to visit Concordia University Irvine or meet admissions counselors although this option is available to those who are interested. We know many of your students have seen the campus and are not interested in just another “look see”. Our day is focused on the possibility of preparing for full-time LCMS church work either on the Irvine campus or at another Concordia.

We would like to thank you in advance for sharing this information with your staff, students, and any others you feel would be interested. We appreciate your partnership in growing the Lord’s Kingdom through supporting the future generation of men and women who will commit their lives to full-time service to His Church.

Connected in Christ,

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