



*A Center for Leadership & Wellness*

On Wednesday, October 7, 2009, a group of Christian leaders will gather to launch an exciting new ministry initiative, and I invite you—and strongly encourage you—to be a part of it!

Wellspring, a vision that began with LCMS-Southeastern District President Rich Hinz almost twenty years ago, is taking a new step to become a place for learning and holistic wellness in service to Christ. At the Wellspring Summit, a select group of leaders and innovators will gather to learn about plans, offer input and wisdom, and experience a bit of what The Wellspring Center will ultimately become: *a unique tool for education, conference and spiritual growth with a special focus on the refreshment, healing and strength-building of Christ followers in professional and lay ministry.*

Mark your calendars now and plan to be with us for

**The Wellspring Summit**  
**Wednesday, October 7 from 9 am–3 pm at**  
**The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew - Silver Spring, Maryland**

*This venue was chosen to showcase the beautiful new worship and ministry facility that is to become the home of The Wellspring Center.*

I ask you to pray God's special blessing and guidance on The Wellspring Center, and make every effort be a part of this important day. Please read through the enclosed materials to learn more about the Wellspring vision, the Summit meeting and important logistics.

Planning is underway – please respond as soon as possible (no later than September 1) to let us know that you support the effort and whether you will be able to participate. **RSVP by visiting [www.mystandrew.org](http://www.mystandrew.org) (click Wellspring Register on the left) OR call 301.384.4394 OR return the enclosed postcard.**

Thanks & blessings,

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