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TO: Congregation Leaders  
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FROM: Chuck Thomas, Vice President  
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SUBJECT: Quarterly Workshop for Leaders  
September 8, 2022, via Zoom from 7-8:30 pm ET / 6-7:30 pm CT

DATE: September 1, 2022

Your Synod has been offering quarterly workshops about important leadership topics. These workshops are offered to all elected leaders of the 79 congregations of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Pastors are also welcomed to attend.

You are invited to attend the next workshop on **September 8, 2022, at 7 pm ET / 6 pm CT**. The topic this quarter is: "Congregation Finances." The workshop will discuss ways to prepare annual budgets, ways to encourage giving, best practices for handling income and expenses especially cash, monthly finance reports to council, and will illustrate an easy-to-use budget format.

The format for the workshop will be as usual. There will be a brief time for a Synod update. Then there will be a short "Dwelling in the Word" devotion followed by the training topic presentation. After the formal presentation there will be a time for questions and discussion about the training topic. In case participants have concerns or questions on any other issue, the workshop will then finish with an open mic period. At the end we will ask for input about what topics to consider for future workshops, and then close with prayer.

We look forward to having you join us via Zoom on September 8.

To ensure everyone is aware of this opportunity, we also asked each congregation office to forward the emailed announcement and Zoom link to your congregation's leaders. If you did not receive the link, please contact Synod Office Administrator Heather Oysti at [hoysti@nglsynod.org](mailto:hoysti@nglsynod.org).