



The Philadelphia Liturgical Institute announces a major symposium on worship, "Sacred Mysteries: Enriching the Celebration," to be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at Rosemont College, Rosemont. The Rev. Gordon Lathrop, world-renowned teacher and authority on matters relating to worship will be the keynote presenter. Three simultaneous afternoon interactive sessions will be held on (1) leading worship, (2) music in worship, and (3) architecture (sacred space). The whole assembly will be engaged in common opening and closing worship events.

The Philadelphia Liturgical Institute, founded in 2003, is an ecumenical organization that seeks to assist local congregations in the renewal of their worship life. Its unique work was recognized with a grant from the Calvin Institute on Worship to initiate a program of visitation in churches by trained lay and clergy volunteers across the denominational spectrum. Board members include lay and clergy persons from Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, United Methodist, and United Church of Christ traditions encompassing nearly 2 million Christians in southeastern Pennsylvania. Conference Minister Russ Mitman is the Convener of the Board.

"Sacred Mysteries: Enriching the Celebration" is designed for everyone—for lay and clergy worship leaders, lectors, worship committees, parish musicians and artisans, and for anyone who desires to be enriched in the worship of God today. People from diverse Christian worship traditions will discover together what unites us in our worship life and how our individual congregations' worship can be enriched and revitalized.

Registration information will follow. Please reserve the day on your calendar now. If you have questions now, please contact Russ at mitman@psec.org or by calling him at 610-489-2056 x 308.

EVENTS & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

For brochures, flyers, on-line registration and a full list of meetings and events visit www.psec.org
[Check Conference Calendar or Event Contacts for cancellation information](#)

Reducing the Risks of Child Abuse in Your Church - a workshop for ordained, commissioned and lay leaders, including children's ministry leaders, will take place on **Thur., Apr. 15th at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lansdale**, from 9 am to 4 pm. Registration fee is \$10/person, which includes comprehensive materials related to preventing child abuse in the congregational setting, legal issues, and preparing church policy to protect children. Deadline for registration is April 1. For more information or registration materials, visit the Events section of the Diacon Family Life Services website at www.diakon.org/fls/NPEvents.asp or call 888-499-2699 (toll free).



The **Pennsylvania Council of Churches** is working as a partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to encourage education on the importance of participating in the **census** within congregations. In 2010, everyone in the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and noncitizens. The census includes babies and young children. Census forms will be delivered or mailed to households this month. Households should complete and mail back their forms upon receipt. One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Our faith community has the power to make our community a better place to live, work and worship. Participating in the census is an opportunity to act on those beliefs while fulfilling a civic duty.



PRAYER PARTNERS - Prayers are welcome today for St. Peter's (Molltown) UCC, Fleetwood.