

Coach training event in August

The mission of the NC Synod is: *Walking Together, Sharing Christ*. A coach—someone who walks alongside another leader—can be a positive influence in the future of our synod. The synod is offering a two-day training workshop, August 22-23, for those serious about using their skills as a coach.

A coach uses the two main skills of 'curious listening' and 'powerful questions' to help a leader move from a current place in ministry to a desired outcome. Here are some additional, important thoughts to consider:

- The ELCA has retooled coach training and, while similar to "Welcome to Coaching," the training is different enough to warrant taking.
- ELCA coach training is International Coaching Federation (ICF)-approved. For those interested in pursuing coaching excellence or ICF certification, this is a first step in that direction.
- Coaching is for people who want to inspire others to maximize their potential both personally and professionally.
- Coaching is an interactive process where the Holy Spirit guides the process enabling the person being coached to utilize her/his God-given gifts and become more fully the person God created her/him to be.
- Coaching is about change.
- We coach for growth as well as results.

The two-day workshop (August 22-23) will be held in Salisbury. Follow-up to the training event is designed to increase coaching proficiency through four triads to be completed in a certain time period, along with some written reflections. The coach trainer works with the coaches-in-training during the follow-up period. Cost of the total training experience is \$225. Lunches will be served both days. Hotel arrangements can be made at the Hampton Inn, Salisbury. Scholarship help is available. Leaders, both lay and rostered, are invited to consider this training opportunity. Please call John Mocko, 704-680-9568, or contact Ron Lutz, ronwlutz@aol.com with questions.