A Letter of Invitation to the Congregations of the Carolinas Mission District of the North American Lutheran Church

Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

The Steering Committee of Lutheran CORE, North Carolina, and the Carolinas Mission District of the North American Lutheran Church, cordially invite you to the annual Lutheran CORE/NALC Carolinas Convocation on May 4-5, 2012, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Gastonia, NC. We will come together for worship and Holy Communion, for prayer, for discussion, for business, and for fellowship. All ordained pastors in the Carolinas Mission District of the NALC are delegates for the NALC business sessions, and each congregation may designate one lay delegate for every 750 baptized members, or a fraction thereof. All, however, are welcome to register for the convocation. This year we will be partnering with Lutheran CORE NC in hosting the event. Guests are most welcome; membership in either Lutheran CORE or the North American Lutheran Church is not required.

Among other services and workshops (see attached schedule), the convocation will feature the following speakers.

- **Pastor Steve Shipman, STS**, the Moderator of Lutheran CORE, will be addressing the continuing role of CORE as an organization providing prayerful support and resources for confessional Lutheran individuals and congregations seeking to remain faithful to the orthodox teachings of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.

- **Dr. Gemechis Buba**, Mission Director of the North American Lutheran Church and former director of African Missions for the ELCA, will speak on the centrality of the Great Commission to baptismal identity in the Body of Christ.

- **Dr. J. Larry Yoder, STS**, will uplift the importance of the Society of the Holy Trinity (*Societas Trinitatis Sanctae*, STS) as a pan-Lutheran, international ministerium (order) of confessional pastors dedicated to supporting one another in remaining faithful to the promises they made at their ordination.

- **Bishop John Bradosky** of the North American Lutheran Church will be speaking to the current state and ongoing formation of the NALC in mission, organization, and ecumenism.

The conference will conclude with the service of ordination for Samuel Pawlos, a son of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia. Samuel will be launching an Ethiopian Lutheran Mission for the NALC in Charlotte, NC.

We hope you will join us for this invaluable opportunity for worship, prayer, and discussion as we work to reclaim the evangelical, orthodox, and confessional center of the Lutheran movement in North America.