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Crossing Over from Fear to Hope

- What current events in your school or community challenge you to cross over from fear to hope?
- Using the formula *faith + imagination = hope*, how will you address this issue?
- How might you use this article to teach your students how to “cross over”?

K-9 Comfort Dogs

What incidents in the past year would have been prime time for K-9 at your school or congregation?
What opportunities and obstacles would you face in establishing a K-9 ministry? From whom would you need to seek approvals and support?

Response to Intervention (RtI) Facts

What advantages or disadvantages of RtI do you see for struggling students?
What advantages or disadvantages of RtI do you see for all students?
Which students in your upcoming class might most benefit from RtI?
A different twist: Did Jesus employ RtI for the benefit of any of His disciples? Who and how?

ECEnet: Bridging Literature to Bible Stories

Which literature that you already use in your classroom has the best potential for bridging to Scripture? How will you (do you) make that happen?
Chicken or egg question: Should you be bridging secular literature to Bible accounts or Bible accounts to secular literature? (Is there a difference?)

EncourAGEnet: Taking a Turn in the Road

- How does thinking of retirement as a new call to service affect your thoughts and feelings about post retirement years?
- What ministry options or potentials do you see for your own retirement? How can you start working toward those goals now?

ETnet: Twitter: A Great Tool for Educators

- Do you have a Twitter account? How do you use it?
- What potential applications of Twitter do you see for you and your school?
- What is its potential for ministry in general?

GLEnet: A Hanoi Tiger Rises

- Can you see yourself serving in Hanoi or other parts of Asia? How could you prepare yourself for such service?
- How might you or your class connect with Lutheran schools in Asia for collaborative projects?

LEADnet: Back to Nature

How can you encourage teachers to use the outdoors if they have no affinity for outdoor activities?
How can you integrate nature into your ministry?

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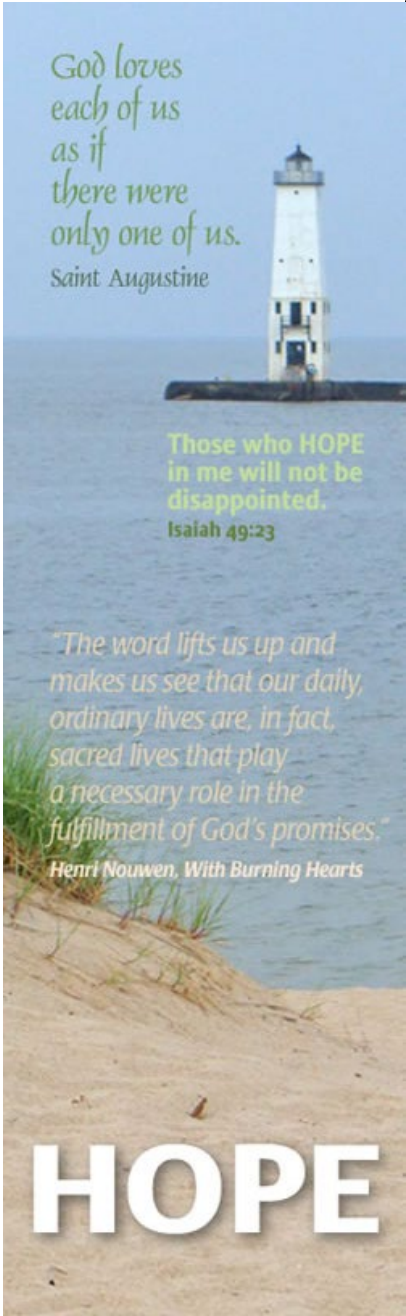
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This article is a summary of Action Research, a “new” format for professional development. What are some topics that your individual faculty members might take on as Action Research that might be shared with others?

PEN: Confirmation: So What's Really Going On?

We'd love to hear from you! How did your confirmation experience help or hinder your future in ministry?
What were your assumptions about confirmation before reading Bergman's research?
How have your views on confirmation changed during your ministry?

SECnet: K-9 Comfort Dogs

- How might you use the “Walther application” of K-9 ministry to propose and support a high school ministry of your own?

SNL: Pen Pal with EncourAGEnet

Have you ever developed a relationship with a pen pal? What did you learn about yourself? About your pen pal?
What do you think you could gain from a pen pal relationship with someone in a different generation or a different place in life?



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