

## SCHEDULE FOR THE 2026 LuTMA CONFERENCE

Tuesday, June 16, 1:00 pm through Thursday, June 18, 12:00 pm

Crowne Plaza St. Louis Airport, St. Louis, Missouri

**(All times are Central Daylight Savings Time)**

**“Empathy and Assertiveness in Transitional Ministry”**

**Presenters from Stephen Ministries**

**\*NOTE:** The Crowne Plaza hotel rate for overnight accommodations includes the breakfast buffet.

<b>Tuesday, June 16, 2026</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>CEU</b>
7:30 – 9:00 am	*Breakfast	
10:00 am – 12:00 pm <i>(in person attendees)</i>	Changing Landscape of Transitional Ministry Preconference Seminar with LuTMA Presenters <i>(sign in at registration for CEU credit)</i>	.2 CEU
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Registration <i>(Lunch on your own.)</i>	
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Welcome, introductions, announcements. Devotions	
1:15 – 2:45 pm	Workshop 1: Listening: A Deep Dive into an Essential Ministry Skill	.15 CEU
2:45 – 3:05 pm	Break	
3:05 – 4:05 pm	Roundtable Discussion – Process Tasks	.1 CEU
4:05 – 4:20 pm	Break (brief)	
4:20 pm – 5:30 pm	IMC-LCMS General Meeting IMA-ELCA General Meeting	
5:30 - ???	Dinner on your own	
6:00 pm	IMC-LCMS Board meeting with new members - Dinner	
<b>Wednesday, June 17, 2026</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>CEU</b>
7:30 – 8:30 am	*Breakfast <i>First time attendees will gather at a designated table.</i>	
8:40 – 9:00 am	Announcements Devotions -	
9:00 – 10:30 am	Workshop 2: Empathy as a tool for deepening understanding, building trust, and bridging divides	.15 CEU
10:30 – 10:50 am	Break	
10:50 – 12:20 pm	Workshop 3: Assertiveness skills for transitional pastors	.15 CEU
12:30 – 1:45 pm	Lunch (table grace) location TBA – included with registration	
1:45 – 3:15 pm	Workshop 4: Empowering a congregation to become a hub of positive mental health and well-being in the community: A Bold New Approach to solving the Mental Health Crisis, and Preparing a congregation for strong, vibrant ministry after a transition.	.15 CEU
3:15 – 3:35 pm	Break	

3:35 – 4:45 pm	LuTMA Annual Meeting	
4:45 pm - ????	Dinner on your own	
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Hospitality Gathering hosted by LuTMA at the Bar Open tab during the two hour time slot.	
<b>Thursday, June 18, 2026</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>CEU</b>
7:30 – 8:30 am	*Breakfast	
8:30 – 8:45 am	Announcements Devotions -	
8:45 – 10:15 am	Workshop 5: How to identify and deal with antagonists in a congregation	.15 CEU
10:15 - 10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Workshop 6: Addressing strong feelings in a congregation, and Taking action for a healthy congregation	.15 CEU
12:00 pm	Devotions - Closing	
12:15 pm	LuTMA Board Organization meeting	
	Total CEU with Preconference Seminar	1.2 CEU
	Total CEU without Preconference Seminar	1.0 CEU