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## **New Dates Announced for Connectional Lay Institute**

*Officials of the Department of Lay Ministry have announced new meeting dates for the 14<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Connectional Lay Institute at this year's Annual CME Convocation/Lay Institute in Saint Louis, Missouri.*

*Contractual issues resulting in scheduling conflicts necessitated the change that requires the Lay Institute to now precede the Annual CME Convocation. The Connectional Lay Institute will convene on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Millennium Hotel in downtown St. Louis. The schedule of the Annual Convocation remains Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront Hotel which is 2½ blocks north of the Millennium Hotel.*

*The Lay Institute and Annual Convocation will continue to coordinate discounted registration, committee assignments, registration materials, and onsite equipment to maximize smooth transitions for all participants and members.*

*Please address any concerns to the appropriate contact official. Officials of both events are appreciative of the support and cooperative spirit of those persons who anticipate meeting in Saint Louis.*

*For additional information about the CME Convocation and the Lay Institute and to register for these events, visit: [www.c-m-e.org/convocation.htm](http://www.c-m-e.org/convocation.htm)*

*September 19 – 24, 2009*

*Saint Louis, Missouri*

**Lay Institute – Saturday-Monday, September  
19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>**

**The Millennium Hotel**

**Convocation – Monday-Thursday, September  
21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>**

**The Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront  
Hotel**



**Convocation Theme:**

**The Ships that Sail Us From Good  
to Great!**

**Lay Institute Theme:**

**Honoring Our Past ... Inspired  
By Our Future!**

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