

## ELDERS' AND CHURCH LEADERS' CONFERENCE



# LEADING THE SIMPLE CHURCH

**FEBRUARY 20, 2010**  
9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

**KEY SPEAKERS:****Dr. Thom Rainer**

On Feb. 1, 2006, Dr. Thom S. Rainer became the ninth president of LifeWay Christian Resources. Before coming to LifeWay, Rainer served as the dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism, and Church Growth at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He is a 1977 graduate of the University of Alabama and earned his Master of Divinity and Ph.D. degrees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of churches in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, and Indiana prior to joining Southern in 1994 as dean of the Billy Graham School. He has served as a church consultant and church growth conference speaker for several years and is in frequent demand as a speaker today. Rainer is author of 18 books, including *Simple Church*, *Essential Church*, and *Raising Dad*. Rainer was founder of the Rainer Group, one of the nation's leading church and denominational consultant organizations. He led the Rainer Group until assuming LifeWay's presidency.

**Dr. J. K. Jones, Jr.**

Dr. J. K. Jones, Jr. serves Lincoln Christian University as Professor of Christian Ministries and Associate Dean/Chair of the Christian Ministries Department. He received his BA from Lincoln Christian College, a Masters from Lincoln Christian Seminary and a second Masters from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas. He completed his Master of Divinity from Lincoln Christian Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry from Dallas Theological Seminary. Dr. Jones previously served as Professor of Preaching and Ministry at Ozark Christian College before coming to Lincoln in 1996. He has authored several books, including *Longing for God*, *Waiting on God*, *What the Monks Can Teach Us*, and was a contributing writer for *The Preacher's Teacher* and *Preaching through Tears*. He just completed *Call Forward: The Story of the Cambridge Seven*, and *Asking the Right Questions* has not yet been published.

**SCHEDULE:**

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee Hour  
 9:00 a.m. Seminar Part 1 – *The Reasons for the Simple Church* – Dr. Thom Rainer  
 10:30 a.m. Seminar Part 2 - *The Process of Becoming a Simple Church* – Dr. Thom Rainer  
 11:45 a.m. Lunch and Forums
- *Congregational Spiritual Growth in the Simple Church* – Dr. Jon Morrisette, Lakeside Christian Church, Springfield, IL
  - *Youth and Children's Ministry in the Simple Church* – Dan Giese, El Paso Community Church, El Paso, IL
  - *Leadership and Governance in the Simple Church* – Jim Powell, Richwoods Christian Church, Peoria, IL
  - Partnership Representatives – Dr. Keith Ray, President, Lincoln Christian University
- 1:15 p.m. Seminar Part 3 – *The Results of the Simple Church* – Dr. Thom Rainer  
 2:30 p.m. Closing Session – *Working Up A Holy Sweat* – Dr. J. K. Jones, Lincoln Christian University

**REGISTRATION:**

Cost: \$30 by February 13, 2010; \$35 after February 13

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- At our website: [www.lincolncristian.edu](http://www.lincolncristian.edu), under "Featured Events"
- By phone at 217.732.3168, ext. 2215
- By mail to Elders' and Church Leaders' Conference, Lincoln Christian University, 100 Campus View Dr., Lincoln, IL 62656

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