

**The Ohio District**  
ONE Church MANY Partners  
*in Kentucky, West Virginia & Ohio*

August 2008 update of our shared ministries

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**Ohio District Lutheran Schools**

- Ohio District Lutheran Schools offer Christian education for infants through Grade 12.
- 6,671 students were enrolled in Ohio District early childhood through Grade 12 schools during the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approximately 550 teachers serve in our Ohio District schools.
- Gordon Stuckert serves as your Ohio District Superintendent of Schools.
- Deanna Blodgett serves as education office secretary and receptionist for the Ohio District Mission Support Center.

**Deanna, how do you serve as the Ohio District receptionist?**

I answer incoming calls to the Ohio District Mission Support Center, providing answers for questions regarding our schools and referring callers to other staff members.

I will welcome you to our building when you arrive, offering you coffee or another beverage of your choice. You may also help yourself to candy from the basket on my desk (after you see the pictures of my daughters Margaret and Olivia).

**Deanna, how do you serve as the Ohio District education office secretary?**

Applications for teacher certification and licensure are processed through me.

I maintain professional files on Ohio District teachers. For those teachers who are listed on the roster of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, I am the liaison between the teachers and the synod.

The majority of my time is spent helping Gordon provide support to our Ohio District congregations, schools, and teachers.

The Ohio District-LCMS exists to fulfill the Great Commission in ways that are faithful to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions through:

- Healthy Workers
- Healthy Mission Outposts
- Healthy Partnerships

**Gordon, what is a typical day for you?**

There is no typical day. I attempt to be proactive in providing resources, support and education for our educators. However, my primary focus is to support principals, early childhood directors, and school boards. One of our top priorities is to provide timely, objective listening and counsel in times of uncertainty on the local level.

**Gordon, what resources, support and education do you provide?**

- Early Childhood Workshops and Directors Conferences
- Principals Conferences
- Ohio District Educators Conferences
- Liaison to Ohio and West Virginia Departments of Education
- Liaison to Ohio Voucher Programs
- School Board Training
- Career-long Professional Development Standards
- National Lutheran School Accreditation
- Entry Year Teacher Mentoring
- New Teacher Orientation

**Your District Staff**



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