

BELONGING FRONTLINE PLAYBOOK SPEAKER BIO

Mona Fuerstenau and Rev. Scott Licht **“Those With Disabilities are Indispensable”**

Mona Fuerstenau is a parent, advocate, keynote and conference workshop speaker, writer, and consultant with over 20 years of experience in the disability field in both public and faith-based sectors. She has chaired regional and national LCMS disability task forces. She actively creates and designs opportunities to promote ministry with and leadership by and from people with disabilities. She has held governor’s appointments with the Washington State Independent Living Council and the Developmental Disabilities Council. Mona dreams of faith-based community recognition of the value of people with disabilities in the Body of Christ.

Rev. Scott Licht grew up in New Ulm, Minnesota, and was raised in the Wisconsin Synod. He graduated from Martin Luther Preparatory School, Northwestern College (the WELS pastor-training college) and attended Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for a brief time. In 2005, Scott earned an MBA and a Master of Science in Information Systems from Iowa State University. Scott worked for Burke Corporation in Nevada, Iowa, as the Information Technology Manager and Supply Chain Manager. He began his work with LFL in 2012 as national director. His true passion, however, is fulfilled in his weekend job—pastor of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church in Huxley, Iowa. They are a mission congregation rostered with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission to Christ (LCMC) and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). Scott’s role at Lutherans For Life allows him to combine his business experience with his passion for serving our Lord of Life. Scott has an adult daughter in the Des Moines area and one daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons near Colfax, Iowa. He and his wife, Sue, live near Huxley, Iowa, with three horses. Sue also has three adult daughters. Scott says, “There is never a lack of things to do, and I give thanks for how richly God has blessed me. I enjoy serving Him through the mission of Lutherans For Life, and I would ask for your prayers as we continue to ‘equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.’”