

The Older Adult Ministry Committee of IK Synod

The mission of OAM committee is to encourage congregations and conferences to develop and carry out intentional older adult ministry. Our three main projects for 2006 were a booth at Synod assembly, bible study for XYZ Days, and provision of resources for Older Adult Ministry Week.

In addition to our 2006 Synod Assembly booth we provided the bible study "God's Fruitful Branches", for XYZ Senior Citizens Day. For a number of years the IK Outdoor Ministries and the OMA team have worked together to sponsor a day for older adults at Lutherwald and Lutheran Hills. This free activity for seniors and their guests includes a bible study, lunch, and an opportunity to learn about the camp programs. In 2006, 32 folks represented six churches. Mark you calendars for 2007--July 20, at Lutherwald and July 27, at Lutheran Hills. You will not want to miss this time of Christian fellowship with others and nature. Brochures are available in our booth.

Every October we sponsor Older Adult Ministry Week. This year it will be October 14-21. Resources for celebrating OAM Week can be found on our website at iksynod.org. You will find us under "Our Ministries"

The OAM theme this year is "Loving-No Strings Attached" based on the story of "The Return of the Prodigal Son", (AKA the Loving Parent). Be sure to visit us at the Festival of Booths during Assembly and our website. Please share photos and notes on OAM activities in your congregations and conferences.

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