

**Report of the Synod Assembly
Planning Team
Indiana-Kentucky Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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The Assembly Planning Committee is charged with coordinating various aspects of the assembly in cooperation with synod staff. The committee began planning for assembly 2007 before the year started but went into high gear in January with preparation of the initial call packet including forms for committees to request booths, lunch conversations and break out sessions. After the assembly in June, the committee focused on evaluation, including improvements for future assemblies, and plans for 2008.

From June 8 through June 10, 2007, we gathered in Fort Wayne under the theme “Sent by God’s Grace for the Sake of the World.” We celebrated campus ministry and collected multiple boxes of school supplies for Grace Community Outreach. At this assembly, we changed the name of the festival of booths to Celebration of Ministries (CoM) to more accurately reflect its intended purpose. The three days of Synod Assembly provide a period of renewal of our common commitment to the vision and mission we share as a synod. Centered in worship, time is allotted also for fellowship, celebration of ministries and relationships, discussion of significant issues, important decision-making, and learning. The roles of the members of the Assembly Planning Committee reflect the diversity of activities at the assembly itself:

Gary Cook—ministry booths
Thor Henrikson and Randy Amos—technology and audio/visual
Nancy Tatum—elections
Liz Michael—pages
Ted Miller—Synod Council Secretary
Jan Philpy—chair
Pr. Bill Gafkjen—Synod staff

These people, along with Synod staff, Synod Council and countless volunteers (organized this year by Barb Limbach) share their gifts and time so that all of us in the Indiana/Kentucky Synod may be renewed to proclaim God’s love for the world.

Submitted by
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