

**Report of the Congregational Resource
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The Indiana Kentucky Synod of the ELCA is a supporting and covenantal partner of the Congregational Resource Center (CRC) located at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. This ecumenical resource ministry provides access to a full range of theological and religious media for any ELCA rostered or lay person. The director, Art Vermillion, holds a wealth of knowledge and is available to provide consultation in selection and use of materials.

Materials may be checked out on site or the center will mail them, including instructions on how to return the materials. In addition to printed material, resources include spoken word CDs, music CDs, software and audio cassettes. New materials are constantly added; of note in 2007 is the addition of multiple DVDs including some full length movies.

In 2007, there were over 100 checkouts by ELCA people. A periodic newsletter, *Kaleidoscope*, highlights new and/or seasonal materials. The CRC also has a large meeting room available at no charge.

As a supporting partner, the Indiana Kentucky Synod has two representatives on the governing board. They are Joyce Walther and Jan Philpy, both members of the Synod Christian Education Committee. A link to the CRC and the newsletter *Kaleidoscope* is available on the synod's Web site under "Useful Resources."