

# Church in Society Committee

## 2007 Report

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The mission of this committee is to **empower, equip, and encourage mission centers of the synod to step forward as part of a public church that witnesses boldly to God's love for all that God has created.**

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In **2007**, the members of the committee addressed this mission in several ways:

- **Alternative Spring Break.**  
2 Butler students, their campus minister and members of the committee traveled to D.C. to attend the Ecumenical Advocacy Days Conference and volunteer with Lutheran Social Services.
- **One Synod/One Book**  
Many groups in through the synod read and discussed *Give Us This Day: A Lutheran Proposal for Ending World Hunger* by Craig Nesson.
- **Assembly Breakout Sessions**  
In 2007, we sponsored breakout sessions about community organizing and the ELCA study on sexuality. We also sponsored a lunch time conversation about Nesson's book.

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In **2008** we will continue to address this mission through:

- **Alternative Spring Break.**  
March 7-14 in Washington, D.C.
- **ONE Workshops**  
April 12 & 19. See synod website for details.
- **Care for Creation in Congregations and Communities.** Synod Assembly breakout session
- **Vital Congregations: Just Communities Initiative**  
We have been selected to participate in a churchwide program to train leaders and laity alike in the art of community organizing. We will be hosting a 3-day event in 2008. Details TBA.