

**Report of the I-K Synod Outreach and  
Evangelism Team  
Indiana-Kentucky Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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**Living in God's Amazing Grace: Faithful and Bold**

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The **Synod Outreach and Evangelism** Team thanks two outstanding Mission Directors for their work during 2007. Terri Dillon has faithfully provided energy for mission, creativity, and expertise in working with new start congregations redevelopment concerns, mission projects, and Natural Church Development. We are grateful to God for her many gifts. Heather McCulloch comes with boldness to begin a new vision for outreach in our synod. Her expertise in the parish in mission development will bring a new dimension to our emphasis on building and equipping mission centers where everyone is a missionary. The synodwide initiative on evangelism will bring a variety of new resources to the strong foundations already in place.

**FAITHFUL ...**

In Joshua 1:9, the Lord gives marching orders to the people founded on the faithfulness of God to provide, deliver, and empower the people to carry out God's mission: ***"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed for the Lord you God is with you wherever you go."*** This strength for the journey comes from God's daily grace and gift of faithfulness. The SO/ET has worked to support campus ministry, new developments, and mission initiatives. Some highlights in the last year include:

- New Joy, Westfield, Indiana, breaks ground on their new building.
- Mission Initiative Grant given to Third Lutheran Church, Louisville, Kentucky, for marketing/outreach materials for their 5:22 Sunday night service.
- New Life, Crown Point, Indiana Ministry Review
- Terri Dillon resigns. She was a huge gift to the synod. Heather McCulloch joins staff as interim mission director.
- Mentoring through Natural Church Development
- Mission Initiative given to Indiana University Campus Ministries.

We currently give significant support to mission congregations through financial grants, prayer, mentoring, and covenant relationship among synod, conference, and congregation to:

- New Life, Crown Point, Indiana
- New Joy, Westfield Indiana
- Lamb of God, Indianapolis Indiana
- Abundant Grace, Greenwood Indiana

- Light of the Cross Worship Center, Fort Wayne Indiana (Grace is changing their name.)
- Grace and Glory, Prospect Kentucky
- Cross of Grace, New Palestine Indiana

**AND BOLD ...**

During the coming year we will be working to strengthen Conference Outreach Teams for support in local areas for equipping people in the calling of missionary. We strive to encourage thriving congregations and undergird the efforts of congregations looking for renewal. Acts 28:30-31 directs us: *“...welcome all who come, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.”*

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