

God's Work – Our Hands: Every Person a Missionary

Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly 2009 – June 4-6, 2009

Grand Wayne Convention Center and Hilton Hotel, Fort Wayne, Indiana

About the assembly

- On-site assembly check-in begins at 12:00 p.m. (EDT) Thursday June 4.
 - The first plenary session begins at 2:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon.
 - The Sending Eucharist will wrap things up by about noon on Saturday June 6.
- We will meet at the Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana (<http://www.grandwayne.com/>).
- Theme: “God’s Work – Our Hands: Every Person a Missionary”
- Keynote Presenter: Kelly Fryer, Director, A Renewal Enterprise (<http://www.arenwalenterprise.com>) and consultant for our synod’s Every Person a Missionary (EPAM) initiative.
- Musicians: Lost and Found (<http://www.speedwood.com>)
- Plus celebrative dinners, great music, fellowship-rich receptions, inspiring and informative breakout sessions, and all the other aspects of assembly that help us to be the church in assembly – God’s Work – Our Hands: Every Person a Missionary!

Dates to keep in mind as the assembly approaches

- Feb. 13 **Assembly registration opens on-line:** www.regonline.com/iksynodassembly09
All assembly registrations are to be done online. Hotel reservations are to be made with the hotels.
- March 6 Annual reports due to the synod office from synod staff, officers, committees, ministries, institutions
- April 3 Breakout proposals due (include title, paragraph description, and presenter information)
- April 10 Nominations due
- April 13 **Early registration discount ends at midnight**
- April 17 Requests for Lunch Conversations due; Celebration of Ministries booth reservation request forms due
- April 20 Resolutions from congregations, committees due
- May 5 Pre-assembly Bulletin of Reports and other information mailed on CD-ROMs to registrants
- May 6 Last day of guaranteed sleeping rooms and rates at the Hilton Hotel**
Last day for submission of preview copies of materials for the assembly information packet
- May 18 Pre-assembly registration ends;** Mailing of pre-assembly materials will cease after this date
- May 20 Nominations and resolutions from conferences due
- May 22 Deadline for 700 copies of pre-approved materials for information packet sent to Messiah Lutheran, 7211 Stellhorn Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46815-5551; phone: (260) 485-8716
- May 30 Last day of guaranteed sleeping rooms and rates at the Clarion Hotel**

When in doubt, submit reports, requests, proposals, questions, and materials to:

Pastor Bill Gafkjen, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Synod Assembly Planning
Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA
911 E 86th Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 253-3522; bgafkjen@iksynod.org

Hotel Sleeping Room Reservations

Hotel reservations must be made by phone directly with the hotels, in addition to and separate from your Synod Assembly Registration.

Two hotels are offering excellent rates for the assembly. The Hilton is attached to the Grand Wayne Center. The Clarion is about 1½ blocks from the Grand Wayne Center and is not connected by a walkway. The Clarion is under new ownership and has been renovated and upgraded since we used it for the 2007 Synod Assembly. Please also note upon arrival that this hotel's sign says "Fort Wayne Inn."

To make reservations contact either hotel directly by phone. When you call the hotels to make reservations you will need to mention the "Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly." Please expect to guarantee your reservation with one night's prepaid room and tax on a credit card. Please note that the two hotels have different rates and "release dates," the date after which room rates and availability will not be guaranteed. It is imperative that room reservations be made before these dates in order to receive the assembly rates.

Hilton Fort Wayne @ the Grand Wayne Center (\$104.00 + tax; release date: Wednesday May 6)

1020 South Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Phone: 260-420-1100 Fax: 260-424-7775 **[To receive assembly rate, make reservations by phone]**

http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/FWAFHHF-Hilton-Fort-Wayne-at-the-Grand-Wayne-Convention-Center-Indiana/index.do

Triples and quads are available for \$114/night. The group rate applies for 2 days before and 2 days after the assembly, as available, for those who'd like to spend some extra time in Fort Wayne.

Clarion Fort Wayne Inn (\$89.00 + tax; release date: Saturday May 30)

300 E. Washington Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

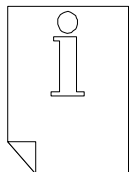
Phone: 260-422-5511 Fax: 260-422-3778 **[To receive assembly rate, make reservations by phone]**

<http://www.clarionhotel.com/hotel-fort-wayne-indiana-IN290?promo=gglocal>

Check-in time is 3:00 at both hotels. You may store your luggage at your hotel until your room is available. There will be a break from 4:00 to 5:30 on Thursday during which those who have not yet done so may check in. Both hotels have free parking for guests.

The Assembly Needs Volunteers!

Do you know someone who would like to volunteer to serve as a greeter, registration staff, page, booth area attendant, or other important role during the assembly? Perhaps a spouse who is accompanying a voting member or a member of your youth group who'd benefit from an assembly? Contact Assembly Planning Team Chair Jan Philpy (gphilpy@indy.rr.com) to sign up!



This document and other pre-assembly materials are available for viewing and downloading via the synod's Web site: www.iksynod.org. Please check this site regularly for the latest information related to the assembly.