

## **MORNING BREAKOUTS: 11:00 a.m. Friday June 5**

Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly 2009

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

Morning Breakouts begin at 11:00 a.m. and run 50 minutes. Jefferson & Harrison Rooms are on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Grand Wayne Center, Calhoun Rooms are on the second floor on the side facing the Hilton.

#### **Discussion of 2010 I-K Synod Budget and Future Financial Challenges**

*Harrison A*

The synod's budget suggests the ways in which we will fund the mission and ministry we are called to do together. The synod's treasurer and finance committee chairperson will lead an in-depth discussion of next year's proposed budget and address related questions and concerns. The 2010-2011 budget will be discussed in plenary and a decision regarding adoption will be made on Saturday morning of the assembly. Presenter: Kate Knoerzer, I-K Synod Treasurer, and Kevin Bardonner, Finance Committee Chairperson

#### **Every Person a Missionary (EPAM) I: Materials & Processes for Your Congregation**

*Jefferson A*

Personal prayer, study and journaling; small group conversation, prayer and study; retreat models; on-line networking; downloadable resources...This session will focus on journaling and Bible study materials developed by A Renewal Enterprise in consultation with members of the I-K Synod for use in congregations, conferences, clusters of congregations, and neighborhoods to explore the key EPAM question: What is God up to in the world and how can I help? Presenters: Catherine Pate (ARE Staff Member) and Heather McCulloch, I-K Synod Director of Evangelical Mission

#### **Pending Resolutions**

*Calhoun Ballroom C/D*

Resolutions presented to the assembly are not just opportunities to vote; they are invitations to conversation and action in the name of Christ under the umbrella of our common mission to make Christ known. Participants in this breakout will have opportunity for discussion of those resolutions before this year's assembly, their background, implications of their adoption, and the nuances of the issues behind them. Presenters: I-K Synod Reference and Counsel Committee.

#### **Staying Connected in a Facebook World**

*Calhoun Ballroom B*

People are using all sorts of electronic social networking – Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, Ning and more. Our campus ministry staff members have some experience in navigating this digital frontier. During this breakout, the campus ministry staff will give a brief introduction to what these networks are, how they are being used in ministry on campus, and how they may be used in congregations as these digital natives move off campus and into our communities. Presenters: Pastor Mitch Phillips, IN-KY Campus Ministry Committee Chair, and the I-K Synod Campus Ministry Staff

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**How Has the I-K Synod Love Offering Impacted Lives In Indonesia?**

*Jefferson B*

Since the 2004 tsunami and 2005 earthquake that devastated the island of Sumatra in Indonesia, the IK Synod has been active in the relief, recovery, and reconstruction efforts by assisting our HKBP companions. During this breakout session, Global Mission Committee members will share stories and pictures of how the funds given through the synod have been used to change lives and bring hope following these devastating events. The Global Mission Committee has carefully stewarded these funds over the past 4 years and are in the process of allocating the final year of support for various projects. Presenters: Rev. Paul Harder (Valparaiso), Rev. Lowell Anderson (Crawfordsville) and Jean Eisen (Louisville)

**Your Pastor Takes Care of You—Who Takes Care of Your Pastor?**

*Harrison B*

This breakout will begin with a brief discussion of the major triggers of anxiety within a congregation. We will then look at how congregations respond to anxiety and move into a focus on supporting the spiritual, emotional and physical health of our pastors and their families. Presenter: Jeffery Gramza, chair of I-K Synod Conflict Management Team

**The Lost and Found Story**

*Calhoun Ballroom A*

The music and ministry of LOST AND FOUND is not easy to describe. Truth be told, all of us have a ministry, a “journey of faith” as it were, and few are easy to describe. LOST AND FOUND’s present journey began with an 8,000-mile bicycle trip around the United States. Originally from New York, they rode their bicycles (with no support vehicle) from New York to St. Louis, to Miami, to San Diego, to Seattle, and back to New York. LOST AND FOUND will share their story orally and through drawings, and perhaps there will be singing as well. Questions are welcome and encouraged as we all together make this journey. Presenters: Synod Assembly Musicians, Lost and Found

**Physical Barriers to Church Growth**

*Jefferson C*

As Church Building Consultants for the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA have the privilege of visiting many congregations across the country. Over time, we have come to realize that many of our church buildings have elements that act as barriers to church growth. In this breakout we will discuss ways to address these barriers and how our churches can become more effective tools for ministry. Handouts will be provided and the opportunity will be given for any congregation to request a visit from a Building Consultant. Presenter: Hank Wellnitz, Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA, Church Building Consultant