

Assembly Planning Committee
Annual Report 2008

The Assembly Planning Committee is charged with coordinating various aspects of the assembly in cooperation with synod staff. The committee began planning for assembly 2008 before the year started but went into high gear in January with preparation of the initial call packet including forms for committees to request booths, lunch conversations and break out sessions. After the assembly in June, the committee focused on evaluation and plans for 2009, including a Fair Trade Fair and adapting to the changing status of Augsburg-Fortress. We submitted some guidelines to the Synod Council for allocation of space in Synod Assembly Celebration of Ministries area, which were approved in January 2009. We are exploring becoming a more “green” assembly through recycling efforts and anticipating the elections of a new synod vice-president in 2009 and bishop in 2010.

From June 5 through June 7, 2008, we gathered in Lexington, Kentucky under the theme “Living in God’s Amazing Grace: Faithful and Bold.” This was our first “digital” assembly including registration online and information sent to voting members on CDs. We collected materials and donations for Bluegrass Farms Chaplaincy and McCreary County Christian Mission. The three days of Synod Assembly provide a period of renewal of our common commitment to the vision and mission we share as a synod. Centered in worship, time is allotted also for fellowship, celebration of ministries and relationships, discussion of significant issues, important decision-making, and learning. The roles of the members of the Assembly Planning Committee reflect the diversity of activities at the assembly itself:

- Mike Anderson—ministry booths
- Randy Amos—technology and audio/visual
- Liz Michael—elections
- Ken Hall—pages
- Ted Miller—Synod Council Secretary
- Jan Philpy—chair
- Pr. Bill Gafkjen—Synod staff

These people, along with Synod staff, Synod Council and countless volunteers (organized this year by Walda Helvie) share their gifts and time so that all of us in the Indiana/Kentucky Synod may be renewed to proclaim God’s love for the world.

Submitted by
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