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INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD COMMITTEE FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY 2009 INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

One of the best visuals coming out of campus ministry for me this year was the young adult student baptism that happened at Lutheran Campus Ministry, Bemidji State University, Minnesota. The school is located on Lake Bemidji. Campus Pastor Jim Holthus and student Tabitha “went into and came up out of the water” of the lake to experience and apply the waters of baptism. What a powerful symbol and reality of “drowning the old and rising to a new life” in Christ – a new member into the family of God’s people.



Each year ELCA campus ministries submit an annual report and the statistics are summarized for the church. One of the statistics compiled is baptisms. In 2007 there were eighty-five baptisms conducted in campus ministry, fifty-one of them adult. In

2008 seventy baptisms included thirty-one adults. **This is like a new congregation being birthed each year into the ELCA through campus ministry.**

Campus ministry is a crucial mission outpost of the church among the young adult populations, many of whom no longer walk or have never walked with the faith community

Your benevolence dollars support the campus ministries in Indiana and Kentucky served by

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Providing leadership for the Indiana-Kentucky Synod Committee for Campus Ministry are Rev. Mitch Phillips, Rev. Will Peugeot, Mr. Dale Austin, Ms. Julie Slavens, Mr. Eric Owen and Ms. Nancy Ensweiler.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to this vital mission outreach of the church.

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