

Submitting Resolutions to the Assembly

Resolutions submitted to the annual assembly provide opportunity for the gathered people of God to discuss and debate important issues and to be moved to action for the sake of God's mission in the world. In order to provide orderly and appropriate exposure to all resolutions, the following guidelines and deadlines are to be followed.

- Congregations, conferences, ministeriums, synodical committees, synodical boards, and members of the Synod Assembly may submit to the synod's Reference and Counsel Committee resolutions to be considered by the Synod Assembly. Such resolutions must be submitted at least 45 days before the Synod Assembly. **For the 2009 Synod Assembly this deadline is Monday, April 20, 2009.** Resolutions submitted by this deadline will be provided in the Bulletin of Reports mailed to registrants before the assembly.
- Conference Assemblies have an exception to this requirement: resolutions endorsed by Conference Assemblies may be submitted not less than 15 days prior to the opening of the Synod Assembly. **For the 2009 Synod Assembly, this deadline is May 20, 2009.** This endorsement of the conference shall stand in place of 50 signatures, which shall not be required. Resolutions submitted by all others in accordance with the 45-day rule shall be provided with the Bulletin of Reports.
- Registered voting members of the assembly may submit to the Reference and Counsel Committee "resolutions of a general character not germane to a pending question or report supported by the signatures of at least 50 voting members of the Synod Assembly" **until 4:30 p.m. the first day of the assembly, Thursday June 4, 2009.**

The Reference and Counsel Committee reviews and organizes these proposed resolutions, in such a way as to facilitate consideration of the matters in question. Generally, the chair of this committee (or his or her representative) brings each resolution to the floor of the assembly – including any editing or other recommendations from the committee. Bishop Stuck, as the presider over the assembly, oversees the discussion of the resolutions as well as resultant votes on the resolutions. After the synod assembly the Synod Council reviews adopted resolutions and oversees each one's appropriate implementation.

The form included in this mailing may be used to submit resolutions.

Resolutions may be sent to the Indiana-Kentucky Synod office, c/o Pastor Rudy Mueller (rmueller@iksynod.org), 911 E 86th Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Pastor Mueller may also be contacted for questions about resolutions (317-253-3522). Synod secretary Ted Miller, tmiller5@fuse.net, may also be contacted.