

# Synod Assembly Communication Opportunities

June 4-6, 2009 Fort Wayne, Indiana

## Breakouts

Due to space limitations and out of concern for the overarching vision of synod assembly those who desire to sponsor a breakout session are asked to submit a proposal to the director of Synod Assembly Planning. Proposals should contain a title for the breakout, a brief description of the content, names and background of presenters, and contact information for a response from the director. Most breakouts should focus on empowering, equipping, and encouraging participants for ministry in their home communities, not simply sharing information or pitching programs. In addition, breakouts should appeal to a broad range of assembly participants. Because rental of equipment is typically expensive on site, presenters are asked to provide their own projection equipment. Screens can be arranged through Bill Gafkjen on a cost-sharing basis. Proposals should be submitted to Pastor Bill Gafkjen no later than **Friday, April 3, 2009**.

## Mission Moments

Like breakouts, Mission Moments are “juried” for the sake of the overarching vision, agenda, and movement of synod assembly. Mission moments are no more than 90 seconds long and are presented from a floor microphone at the invitation of the bishop. Mission moments are intended to be part education, part invitation, part inspiration, and part thank you. Ideally, each Mission Moment will open possibilities for other ministries by sharing concrete examples of ministry that have effectively made Christ known in a particular context. Mission moments are also tentatively scheduled and presenters must be relatively fluid in their availability. This year we are looking for Mission Moments that provide testimony about how the speaker embodies missionary living in her or his daily life. Requests for Mission Moments should be submitted to Pastor Bill Gafkjen no later than **Wednesday, May 6, 2009**.



## Time of Voice

Times of Voice are brief, 60 second, opportunities to share something of interest to the assembly. Past times of voice have included a wide variety of experiences: a song, encouragement to support a particular ministry, the offering of resources, sharing news worth celebrating, and much more. These times are declared during the assembly by and at the discretion of the bishop who also moderates these times. Typically, each time lasts about five minutes and participation is in the order in which folks arrive at microphones. There is no opportunity to sign up or request a time slot beforehand.

## Lunch Conversations

Another appropriate way to stimulate conversation around particular concerns, especially those with a fairly narrowly defined audience, is through lunch conversations on the middle day of the assembly. Typically, the director of Synod Assembly Planning works with the assembly venue to assign rooms, as available, for those who request them. Announcements about the conversations are made in distributed material and via PowerPoint before and during the assembly. Participants simply grab their box lunch and head to the assigned room at lunch time on that day. Again those interested in sponsoring such conversations should contact Pastor Bill Gafkjen. Requests for Lunch Conversations should be made no later than **Friday, April 17, 2009**.



## Information Packet

The Synod Assembly Information Packet, which is assembled before the assembly and distributed at on-site registration to the voting members of assembly, provides opportunity for a wide variety of agencies and organizations to make assembly participants aware of mission and ministry opportunities, important information, and available resources. *Materials for this packet must be pre-approved by synod leadership* and 700 copies of approved materials must be provided directly to the congregation in Lexington that assembles and delivers the packets. Send electronic or printed preview copies of materials to Pastor Bill Gafkjen at the address or email below no later than May 6. Approved materials are then to arrive by May 22 at Messiah Lutheran, 7211 Stellhorn Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46815-5551; phone: (260) 485-8716.

## Celebration of Ministries

Space limitations and concern for the focus of synod assembly do not allow for all who desire to do so to have booths/displays as part of the Celebration of Ministries. In accordance with policy established by the IN-KY Synod Council in 2009, priority is given to synod committees and other synod entities, institutions and ministries directly related to or supported by the synod, and churchwide ministries. Others, including congregations of the synod and other ministries may request booth space as available and subject to the approval of the Synod Assembly Planning Team in consultation with the synod's director of Synod Assembly Planning and the Secretary of the Synod. Reservation requests for booths must be submitted to Pastor Bill Gafkjen no later than **April 17, 2009**. Reservation request forms and the synod's Celebration of Ministries policy are available from the synod office and may be downloaded through the synod's Web site ([www.iksynod.org](http://www.iksynod.org)).



## **Questions? Requests? Submissions?**

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